January 17, 2025
Dear Friends,
On this Martin Luther King Jr. Day of 2025, I am mindful of uncertainties and anxieties in our nation and in
the world – the ongoing wildfires in California that have engulfed entire neighborhoods and continuing hostil-ities in Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan, though with a fragile ceasefire hopefully emerging in the Holy Land.
I am also reflecting on the recent passing of President Jimmy Carter and his ties to Rev. King. Perhaps that is
what drew me to this MLK quote from his famous “I have a Dream” speech, which also inspired his statue at
the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, D.C.
“Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope.”