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Happy Diwali!

We salute all members and their families and communities who celebrate Diwali and the Festival of Lights and especially in this time of struggle.

Every autumn in the northern hemisphere

Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Newar Buddhists celebrate Diwali, making it one of the most popular festivals for many south Asians. Each faith marks different historical events and stories, but for everyone the festival represents the symbolic victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. Temples, homes, shops and office buildings are brightly illuminated.



The festival climax, Amavasya, is on the third day this year, November 7. *Amavasya* (Diwali night) is relevant to postal workers and anyone seeking social justice. Its spirit is a message of right defeating wrong, shared wealth over greed, and knowledge over ignorance. These are important values to celebrate in building solidarity during our collective struggle for workplace dignity as sisters and brothers.

Diwali is an official holiday in about a dozen countries but celebrated around the world. The festival is an annual homecoming and bonding period for families, as well as for communities and associations. Another aspect of the festival

is remembering ancestors who came before us. The youngest members in the family visit their elders, such as grandparents and other senior members of the community.

At some point, we all get lost and we all need guidance. Together, we can make a difference in our lives and workplaces. Support our comrades in their commemoration at this reflective time, learn from their example, and strive for unity and light together as one human family in solidarity.

Everyone is invited to shine a light in the darkness and contemplate justice overcoming oppression, misery and greed. Light a candle! And create a better world for all. The struggle continues.

In solidarity,

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