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*The most important thing for organizers to have,
I believe, is faith: This belief that we can win,
that we can change the world, that we can be better.
– Terry Marshall, in “Emergent Strategy” by adrienne maree brown*

They say, faith is the assurance of things hoped for.
They say, faith is the conviction of things not seen.

What is the conviction of things not believed?

Here is what I believe:

Hope is not assurance of...
Hope is not conviction of...

Hope is not knowing outcomes,
but holding fast and keeping going

Here is what I believe:

Hope is weary, but that is not the point.
Hope is holding fast and keeping going.
And somewhere finding a place for laughter.

Here is what I believe:

I am alive right now, and so will do something: of hope.
Anyway. In spite of.
I won't *not* do.

Maybe we need to have faith to believe we can win.
I don't know. Maybe I'm not brave enough for faith.

But what I do know, what I do believe, is that the most important thing for me to have is hope.
The most important is to hold fast and keep going.

They say, faith, hope and love abide.
They say, love is “the greatest of these”.
I say hope is a close second.



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