Dear colleagues, probably confined!

In those times of turmoil and isolation, your union offers you a window on the world, on a world full of courage and dignity.

First of, a good news - re-usable indefinitely -: let us remind ourselves that every and each ILO worker is a vibrant link of the solidarity between workers!

Be uplifted by this idea!

Thanks to you, workers’ struggles, old and current, often wild, for survival and social justice, find a shoulder, support, protection and even sometimes laws...

But always a beating heart!

This week, we invite you to a jewel of a movie, full of light, authentic and moving:

« The salt of the earth (1954) ».

Troubling illustration of the heroic commitment of those who melt and shape the gold of solidarity, of whom we are the proud servants. To watch here

Those heroes are not superheroes, they are real.

Their vision of solidarity and emancipation gives them the strength to put their own lives at risk for their fellow workers from the present and the future, who all can enjoy the fruits of their exploits, while, for a century, the ILO and its employees collect the seeds and grow them.

Working conditions in mining were among the first struggles to which the ILO brought its support. They are beautifully illustrated by various artists, who can be discovered here.

To have an idea of what it means to be a miners nowadays, a documentary to watch online, here

In music, it would sound like this

To finish in style, a song for miners, which became popular thanks to Nelson Mandela, who was singing it with his fellow inmates while crushing stones in prison. It speaks of the daily lives of the miners going to work.