

*From May 2017 to May 2018, The Anchorage is celebrating 20<sup>th</sup> years of quiet, safe space to "Come Away, Anchor Deep." Is God calling you?*

*"We turn our **pain** into narrative so we can bear it.*

*We turn our **ecstasy** into narrative so we can prolong it.*

*We tell our stories to live." John Shea*

## **"My Story, Our Story, The Story"**

**Fri. August 11 – Sun. August 13**  
**arrive by 4 p.m. – leave by 11 a.m.**

Human beings make meaning through stories. Jesus answers questions with stories because narrative or metaphor is the primary way to articulate our deepest faith. We will be encouraged to tell our own stories, so we will hear our own faith and be able to share it with others. Faithful storytelling is a genuine and effective invitation into the Christian life and community.

To share our faith is to tell our story. During this retreat Porter and Arthur will teach us the skill of personal story telling and show why Jesus is at the center of our lives and why Church makes a difference. They teach us how to focus on the stories of our faith around such themes as wonder, surrender, resurrection and forgiveness. Telling our story invites others into the never ending story of God. Together Porter and Arthur assert that this way of spreading the good news is a skill that can be taught.

Our rhythm will include silence from evening prayer through morning prayer. We will enjoy some non structured time to nap, read, walk, sit by the lake and just 'be' with God and each other.

**Location: Montreat Conference and Retreat Center, Black Mountain, NC (with a lovely lake)**

**Fee: \$395** (includes 5 meals and single room with communal bath) **Reg. (\$10) by June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Our space at Montreat is limited, so please register early!

**Led by: Porter Taylor and his son Arthur Taylor** Porter is the retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. He holds a Ph. D. in Theology and Literature from Emory University and has been presenting workshops for over twenty years. In 2015, he devoted a sabbatical to studying story telling as a vehicle to spread the Good News. In the fall of 2017 he will join the faculty of the Wake Forest University School of Divinity.

**Arthur** is a psychologist working at the Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta. He holds a Ph. D. in Psychology from New York University. He teaches graduate level courses in forensic and spiritual issues in therapy. A focus of his practice is contemplative psychology seeking to help people address the bigger questions that usually go hand in hand with periods of emotional and spiritual anguish.

**Registration Form** ..... **Please detach here and mail** .....

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**August, 2017 "My Story, Our Story, The Story" Retreat**

Non-refundable deposit enclosed (\$10 each) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please know that all are welcome, regardless of ability to contribute financially.*

*Contributions above and beyond the suggested fee are also gratefully received.*