



*The Anchorage:*  
*A Contemplative Community for All*

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*Come away...*

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Dear Friends of The Anchorage,

It is hard not to think of this passage from Hebrews 6 whenever I consider the images evoked by the ministry of The Anchorage: restoration, community building, reconnection, soul care, contemplation, refuge. For me, these images connote not only a place to retreat but also to return, ports on our spiritual journeys for both directions.

If hope is the anchor, and community is the anchorage (lower case A), the space through which all of those things happen, then The Anchorage (uppercase A) is an example of how a community can hold two roles of discipleship in Holy tension: the provision of space for moving closer to God, where we are drawn, and also a line leading back to the reality of a broken world, where we are called.

As we navigate the rhythm of being drawn to God on the mountaintop and being called to join God out in the world, community helps us access that hope, gently invites us to clear time on our calendars and gather at the foot of the mountain, walking alongside us on our way up ... and there to greet us on our way back down, newly and spiritually refreshed for resuming holy work in the world.

As Catherine puts it in the chapter on Teresa of Avila in *Make Your Home in My Love* (the book she was able to help God write):

“After we discover this place of union with our holy and loving God, we love as God loves, and that will throw us back into the world as we are now fully equipped to love God’s people with God’s love alive in us.”

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as a Servant Leader with The Anchorage, and in this third year as the board’s chair. It is also my honor and privilege to acknowledge in words the many ways that you support and encourage the work and ministry of The Anchorage. So, thank you!

As a non-profit contemplative community who values each person as a beloved child of God, connection with God, soul Care, and prayer, and who continues to be creative in removing obstacles that limit participation, including financial ones, it relies on the gifts of resources, presence, and prayer to effectively carry out this ministry.

As you discern your place in this contemplative community, will you consider joining me in continuing to support The Anchorage financially and in order to do our part to help provide space for God to work in our lives?

In Christ,  
Matt Rollins, Chair, Servant Leaders (Board), donor, participant