



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

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*Come away...*

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Dear Friends of The Anchorage,

A few years ago, I was invited to a centering prayer retreat, where a small group of people gathered for a day apart, to enter into silence, to pray and to listen. And so, began my contemplative journey.

When I found myself in a time of discernment about where God was calling me next, I decided to go on a silent retreat. I joined Catherine and other retreatants and worshiped and prayed through five days at The Ignatius House near Atlanta, listening even more deeply. It wasn't my first encounter with The Anchorage, silence or spiritual direction but the experience was significant because through it, I was invited to trust what was unfolding ahead of me, instead of trying to plan or engineer an outcome, even one I thought God would approve!

Throughout my faith journey, I have marveled at the way God places people in our paths. As I became more involved with The Anchorage, I discovered that I knew other former servant leaders through my ministry both in the Lutheran church and as a hospital chaplain. Each of us was drawn to The Anchorage for different reasons but at the center was a desire to connect with God.

The chance to come away, to rest and be restored and to listen to God is a unique and precious gift offered by The Anchorage and through ministry events and programs we are building a community that reaches farther than you might imagine. One of the few gifts of the pandemic is that we are learning to connect digitally and across distances, allowing greater participation in ministry opportunities.

If you have been one who has soaked in the quiet of a Desert Day or walked on the South Carolina beach in January, you know personally the gift that The Anchorage offers. The Anchorage needs partners like you – people who appreciate and desire the contemplative life. While your presence in person or online at events is cherished because it is in community that we often hear God speak with greater clarity, this ministry also needs your prayer and your financial gifts.

Will you please join me in making a commitment that will ensure The Anchorage will be here to offer places and spaces where each of us can know God's love more fully?

In Christ,  
The Reverend Christina Auch  
Participant, Donor, Servant Leader, The Anchorage

