

A Contemplative Community for Au

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# Come away...

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## Dear Friends of The Anchorage,

I hope this letter finds you in a place of rest and peace, especially after this year in which so many are experiencing change or fear in the face of world events and a pandemic! In the midst of my own personal transition including a move and a shift in life stage, The Anchorage has offered me a place to find serenity and community. I wanted to share a little of my experience and to ask for your prayerful consideration to undergird this ministry through prayer and financial support.

The Anchorage ministry has impacted me at different times in my life and in various ways. My first connection came after googling "spiritual direction in Greenville" when I wanted to meet with someone during our furlough from Eastern Europe. That summer was my first retreat with Catherine. Since then, I have experienced various touchpoints. After a move back to Greenville, the past few years have been my most consistent. In each season I have valued the encouragement to reflect on God's love and presence in my life. Maybe there are parts of my own experience with The Anchorage to which you relate?

As someone who works in missions, my husband and I also have a partnership team standing with us financially and in prayer. I recognize the incredible difference it makes not to be alone in ministry - to have a community that anchors the work through their giving and commitment. This was my desire in making a pledge to The Anchorage - to be a part of the community who stands with and upholds this ministry. I invite you to take a moment and consider what part The Anchorage has played in your own journey. In your reflection, take a moment to consider if the Lord is currently inviting you to pledge a monthly or quarterly gift of \$50, \$100, \$150 or another amount.

Thank you for taking time to consider this request. Your gift will go to fulfill the fiscal budget for 2021-22 and is tax deductible. You can use the enclosed envelope to respond. We are grateful for you and for your part in being an anchor for this ministry in whatever way the Lord leads. If you were a part of our zoom friend/fund raiser on April 27 and have already made a pledge, please know how thankful we are for you!

A kindred contemplative soul, Susan Rice Servant Leader, The Anchorage

