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Dear Friends of The Anchorage,

The primary goal of The Anchorage is to provide opportunities for people to be with God in meaningful ways. There are so many tempting distractions in our world today that it is very easy to be lured away from spending time with God, even though that is the one thing we all need most. During these nearly two years of life in a pandemic, having time with God during the Desert Days, retreats or individual spiritual direction has truly been a life saver for some participants. During times of isolation and anxiety, being able to spend time, even virtually, with others who seek a deeper relationship with God has proven to be that "anchor" that they needed.

I expect we all receive lots of requests for donations to various worthy causes and we know that we cannot support them all. So how does one decide what to support? I try to look at several questions: Does this organization serve a real need? Does it participate in the work of God? Would my contribution be used wisely? Having had the privilege of being involved with The Anchorage since its beginning, I can assure you that the answers to these questions are yes, yes, and yes.

As a past member of the Servant-Leader group (board) of The Anchorage, I can also assure you that your contribution or pledge will be spent prayerfully and carefully. While we are continually seeking new ways to help people draw near to God, every decision is only made after much prayer for discernment.

On a more personal note, I confess that I am not a natural contemplative type. I tell people I am a "contemplative wanna-be." My participation in The Anchorage over these many years has taught me so much about not only the need to take time to "anchor deep" in God's love but being part of The Anchorage community has also helped me learn valuable lessons from some of the great contemplative saints of the church.

So, as you consider your support for The Anchorage, I pray that you will be led to make a pledge or a donation to help maintain this ministry.

May God bless you, Peggy Dulaney, a pledger and friend of The Anchorage

