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Dear Friends,

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A few weeks ago, I was honored to lead a Desert Day for The Anchorage. Eight of us from various ages and stages of life gathered on a beautiful spring morning with a desire to set aside our busy schedules and experience the "unforced rhythms of grace." Throughout the day, the Spirit gave each of us a gift as we rested in the presence of Jesus. We sensed being held, led, comforted, and deeply loved. While I was the designated leader for the retreat, it was not about me; it was much more about providing space and time for each individual to listen to that quiet voice of God in the sound of gentle silence.

At the recent friend-raiser, I was moved by The Anchorage's profound impact on individuals. Whether it was through a Desert Day, the beach retreat, or the book study, each person expressed a deep sense of gratitude to The Anchorage. They shared how they felt God's welcome, formed rich friendships in a like-minded community, experienced a first-time opportunity to receive rather than give, and found a space that felt like "home." In our fast-paced modern world, finding moments of peace and contemplation can feel like a luxury. Yet, these moments are not just a luxury, they are essential to our mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. The Anchorage provides a unique and much-needed space for this in today's world.

I am writing this letter because, with your support, you can be a part of The Anchorage's life-giving fruit.

First, we ask that you pray for The Anchorage so that we can continue to be true to our vision that "thirsty souls may experience a welcoming, safe space with unhurried time to be with God." Next, we ask that you get involved as you become aware of opportunities through The Anchorage. You may find that need in your own life and discover that spiritual direction or a retreat is something you need for yourself. Finally, we need your financial support. Your gift can enable The Anchorage to minister to others.

Will you join us in helping The Anchorage continue to be a grounding for those whose hearts are restless? Your one-time gift or monthly donation pledge can make a significant difference. It is through the support of people like you that The Anchorage will be able to continue to remind people that there is a contemplative dimension of the Christian life that we really need and the world really needs.

If you know of others who share in the Spirit of The Anchorage, please share this word with them.

Thank you for your support, Angie Gage, Chair, The Anchorage Servant Leaders