

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Mt 6:21



To our Linwood family,

First of all, thank you! Thank you for coming through our gates. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your trust to keep you safe and serve you as we have for 57 years here on the Hudson. We are blessed and humbled that you continue to find Linwood Spiritual Center a place of sanctuary and healing.

Together we have learned to not only survive this pandemic but to thrive. We hope and pray that our message of unconditional love, acceptance, and compassion for all creation continues to travel with you beyond our gates.

A year ago, we reopened to welcome you to our Advent retreat to not only prepare for the Divine Light, but prepare for 2021. We did just that. We have been open and busy throughout the year. We may only be at 70% capacity but the joy exhibited by our guests coming through the door cannot be measured. Often temperature checks and Covid questionnaires are interrupted by shouts of excitement and masked hugs as friends reunite.

Much of what we hoped to achieve a year ago is now part of how we operate:

- Going beyond guidelines to ensure the health of our beloved Sisters of St. Ursula, guests and staff.
- Incorporating Zoom programming and collaborating with regional retreat centers.
- Outside dining and even new hammocks! (We can't wait for spring.)
- Double rooms in the Guest house and main house.
- Greater use of the pavilion with Sunday afternoon concerts and local worship services.
- Continuing the highest standard of hospitality, dining, and grounds.
- A new *Linwood Spiritual Center* sign on the entrance wall.

Naturally the needs of an ancient landscape and aging structures do not respect our decline in revenue. The rising costs of *everything*, equipment upkeep, tree removals, repairs and replacements in all areas, have required substantial outlays.

Most of you know our retreat fees do not cover our expenses. Our 2021 appeal has two main goals:

- 1) Not increase our rates for 2022. Even with our scholarships many of our guests struggle with the costs.
 - 2) Keep our salaries competitive. The staffing landscape has shifted and we want to keep the best of the best.
- As you weigh your gift amount, perhaps consider a matching contribution. Or ask your employer to name Linwood Spiritual Center as an option for charitable donations.

2022 will again be filled with your favorite programs and retreats. You will find them listed on the back of this letter. Please share them with the men in your lives. These days have been rough for everyone and our guys need community and support too. Keep this letter for easy reference. There will be no other brochure. We are striving to be *Stewards of Creation*. Check our website and provide us your email so we can keep you updated on changes. We must all do what we can to preserve and enhance God's gift of our earthly home for future generations.

Throughout the coming year let us hold one another in prayer and bring a loved one to visit! In a time when so much remains uncertain, may you be assured that Christ's peace and solace is as close as your heart.

Christmas Blessings,

Terence McCorry

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MY GIFT TO LINWOOD SPIRITUAL CENTER'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

Yes, I will help Linwood Spiritual Center “to companion people on their spiritual journey as they seek God and to foster spiritual freedom and growth” especially during this challenging time.

Linwood Spiritual Center is a ministry of the Society of St. Ursula.

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