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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to recommend the Center for Renewal for both personal and group retreats. I have enjoyed meeting with God there in both ways and have found my soul refreshed each time.

Personally, I use the Center for Renewal one day a month for a focused time of prayer with the Lord. I begin by meeting with Bob Japenga for a brief period of time to get myself oriented towards meeting with God. It is also at this time that we determine the question(s) that I will be holding out before the Lord during my stay.

I then will pursue the Lord through a variety of means: worship, prayer, reading, silence, walking through the wooded trails which surround the Center, etc... I have found that the Lord meets me in a special way that just doesn't seem to happen elsewhere. I journal what the Lord speaks to me and then pray to close the time. Bob usually meets with me again at the end of the day to review what I heard from the Lord.

As a busy pastor, I can't tell you how much I've come to rely on this time with God. I have received tremendous renewal and guidance that sustains me through the monthly pressures of ministry. Some months, the pressures keep me from coming...and I pay the price of exhaustion and discouragement.

I urge you to set aside time, regularly, to meet with God in solitude, to have your heart bathed in His presence and to receive needed direction. The Center for Renewal is one place where I know I receive all these benefits and more.

Gratefully,

Pastor Andre Riendeau