

Adult First Day School 7/10/22 – Inspiration

So... Why Are We Here?

Our goal is to go down, down, and down into our own inner beauty and love, to rest in our own depths. We commit, together in community, to being more and more ourselves, our real selves. ~ N. Gordon Cosby, *Seized by the Power of a Great Affection*

What if it was exactly at the point at which the words go wobbly, at which they start to slip through our fingers, that we might find ourselves able to take an unobstructed glimpse into holy truth? What if it was exactly at the point at which we consent to set aside what we've heard about the Holy that we are best equipped to see clearly the character of the Light we encounter? What if the setting-aside turned out to be . . . the single most important thing we need to do? ~ Richard Rohr

If you want to identify me, ask me not where I live, or what I like to eat, or how I comb my hair, but ask me what I think I am living for, in detail, and ask me what I think is keeping me from living fully for the thing I want to live for. Between these two answers you can determine the identity of any person. ~ Thomas Merton

Each one of us has lived through some devastation, some loneliness, some spiritual superstorm. When we look at each other we must say, I understand. I understand how you feel because I have been there myself. We must support each other and empathize with each other because each of us is more alike than we are unlike. ~ Maya Angelou

Simple living is not about elegant frugality. It is not really about deprivation of whatever is useful and helpful for our life. It is not about harsh rules and stringent regulations. To live simply, one has to consider all of these and they may be included to some degree, but simple living is about freedom. It's about a freedom to choose open and generous living rather than a secure and sheltered way. ~ Sister Jose Hobday

Discernment:

Does one of these speak to your condition more than others? If so, in what way?

Do any of the above thoughts lead you to want to add something? If so, what?