

## Closing Words

Humbly we stand in the face of death,  
Confidently we stand with Life.  
Our strength is the strength of many.  
Indeed, it is the strength of all humanity throughout all time  
Because we share one fate and a great compassion.

May understanding go with us, and peace too,  
That we may live together in charity, compassion, peace, and joy.  
In this spirit let us – individually and together – go forth to live and to love.

May we share this journey together towards greater wholeness as a congregation and as a religious movement, with hope and with love.

*Edward Searl*

If we are proud of this spiritual community, let us make it a higher personal priority.  
If we are concerned for its future, may we help to realize its vision.  
If its values resonate with ours, may we live them out with daring and devotion.  
This church cannot prosper, nor fulfill its high purpose  
Without our faith  
Our support  
Our witness.  
Its destiny and its bright promise  
Depend on the many, not just the few.

*Michael A. Schuler*

As we bring to a close our tribute to the journey we have made through the years, let us be mindful of the enduring bond that keeps us together.  
Let us remember those who went before and paved the road for us to travel.  
Let us remember our pioneers with admiration and gratitude, with honor and with joy. Memories are for us to cherish and to share; the future is for us to mold together.  
Let us be about that work.

*Priscilla Murdock*

Reminded that we are part and participants of the Universe, let us go forth from the quiet of this hour encouraged to strive toward faithfulness to the best in ourselves, in others, and in the whole creation.

*Norman V. Naylor*