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Dear Friend,

Unity has always been elusive. Maybe people long for it so much because it is so rare. Today, unity is especially hard to find. The world is distressed by war and threats of war, and not only in places far off. Here in the USA, we are so torn that some people think that we have reached the end of our great democratic experiment.

Yet, we Christians hope. We trust that the one God who created us in the Divine Image will bring us into unity. The Lord Jesus prayed that we might all be one as he and the Father are one. The love that binds the Father and the Son is that same love that God dreams will draw everything together.

The Community at the Crossing is a group of people who freely give one year of their lives to God's project of unity.

You are reading this because something about what we are doing in the Community at the Crossing has sparked an interest in you. We are grateful.

What we are doing is simple. We are creating a space where young people can dedicate a year of their lives to finding God. God has already found us. From all eternity, God knows us and loves us. For us, however, it takes work to know and feel God's saving embrace, and then to welcome others to find it, too. The Community at the Crossing is a year of silence (that rare and beautiful thing), of shared table, shared household work, and shared household fun. It is a time of liturgical prayer, serious study, and ministry away from the Cathedral, partnering with people in deep need. It is, as the Archbishop of Canterbury says, a year in God's time.

Come and see if a year like that is the next thing for you. Please pray that those who complete the year will return to their "normal" lives changed. Pray that they will be equipped to bring change to whatever occupation they choose and to all the relationships they find. As St. Paul says, pray that they will be ambassadors for Christ, helping a divided world to be reconciled to itself and to its God (see 2 Cor 5:20).

Grateful for your interest,

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