“We Shall Not Cease From Our Exploration”

A Photographic Reflection Engaging the Beauty of the Earth

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Rivers Edge Conference Center

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This exhibit is an invitation to an open hearted engagement with the beauty of the earth and the beauty you are. The beauty that is outside us continually flows inward to help form our lives, and the beauty that we are, flows outward to help and shape our part of the earth. Ultimately this is one truth. With our guide we all live in this one flow of the evolution of our self and the earth and our communities.

Our traditions invite us to be awake to this continual interchange, living in ways with our guide to shape and form that are life giving.

We carry burdens and failures and loss. In this exhibit photography and poetry and the photographer’s reflections invite you to pause… before the images of beauty… and be refreshed with open hearted hospitality for yourself and your community and the earth’s habitats.

Pause… breathe deeply… linger.

Adapted from A Hidden Wholeness by Parker Palmer

We live the paradox, the opposites of life, somehow. We don’t know how this happens, except that this is the great mystery in which we live. Several earth images are opposites and therefore placed next to each other; a striking sunrise through the fog of a tree next to a soft morning fog in the hills near Malabar Farm; the soft flowing cascades of the Queoc Falls in Michigan beside the crisp racing waters of North Carolina.

The poetry reflects this season of “Sweet Darkness” by David Whyte and the essays by the photographer, opening to his guide and the preciousness of life.

We shall not cease from our explorations

And in the end of all our exploring

Will we arrive where we started

And know the place for the first time. T. S. Elliot