



My dear friends,

I am writing to let you know of an important decision that has been coming to birth in my heart over the course of the last year and a half.

In September of 1978, when I first opened the Spiritual Renewal Center with a small group of supporters, I had no idea what the future would hold. I had just turned 27, and God had placed this dream in my heart, and I was passionate about seeing it realized. I have never doubted the call; I have never questioned my vocation. It's now been over 42 years of ministry as director of the Center, and they have been very happy years, grace-filled years, and I have been profoundly blessed in them.

But (if you've done the math...) this coming July I will be turning 70 years old, and I believe that would be a good time for me to step down as Director of the Center. I have no intention of retiring from ministry, but only from the growing administrative and organizational responsibilities that "being in charge" entails.

I fully intend to continue to do spiritual direction, and teaching and retreat work, and hopefully to explore some new avenues of ministry. I hope to adopt a more contemplative pace and have more time to spend with the people I love. I look to this next chapter of my life as a time of greater freedom, creative possibilities, and opportunity to deepen my own walk with the One whose servant I am.

I will be working closely with our board of trustees and staff to hire a new director for the Spiritual Renewal Center. I am aware that the transition from a founder-led organization to a second-generation of leadership can be difficult, but there is no one who desires to see this work continue and thrive more than I do. I trust that you and all those who have been part of the life of the Center will continue to support the Center, and welcome and support my successor. We'll keep you informed of developments over the coming months.

With deep gratitude, in Christ,

Jim Krisher
Director

A note from Sally Manahan, chair of the board of trustees:

It is with profound admiration and deep respect that we announce that Jim is stepping down as Director of the Spiritual Renewal Center. Jim's creative energy and deep personal spirituality have brought so many closer to understanding God's activity and call in their own lives. As he approaches this new chapter in his life, we wish him good health, contentment, and many blessings in the years to come and we offer our gratitude for his many years of faithful service to the Spiritual Renewal Center and our community.