

Meditation

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Every beginning is an ending

Every ending is a beginning.

And we continue in the spiral,

constantly connecting and reconnecting.

Through each meeting we remain ourselves

Through every greeting we find ourselves

Through every connection we are transformed.

We dwell in one place and travel to gather together here and now.

There are moments when a new connection is the best thing that's ever happened to us

There are times when all we are leaving looms far larger than all we are moving toward.

There are days of packing and unpacking, sweating and squeezing, losing and finding and passing on.

These are the hours of settling and discovering; hoping and wishing; sharing and listening.

Some of what we have been is discarded;

Some of what we will become is just being imagined

Together, we meet in the middle, ending a time, starting a time

Passing markers in our own lives and in the lives of all who gather

In this our beloved community, which comes together only this once each year,

We celebrate what has been done this year

We give thanks for opportunities for service, for reaching out, for breaking down barriers

We know that needs remain and will remain and with them new chances for service,

New people to call

New needs for help and comfort

New opportunities to offer a hand of ministry to one another.

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Each of us, at every moment, may, like the chrysalis, become a butterfly

May each of us choose transformative connections

As we discover the path laid before us.

Amen.