

In a world of noise, confusion and conflict it is necessary that there be places of silence, inner discipline, and peace. In such places love can blossom.

Thomas Merton (1915–1968)



### **Mission and Vision**

Pathways Retreat is a contemplative spiritual retreat center in the midst of the city for rest, reflection and renewal with God. As Pathways lives out this mission, personal and community well-being expands as people experience deepened connections with God, self, others and creation.

### **Thank You!**

Two years ago, Pathways Retreat's Board of Directors decided to test what it thought was God's next invitation—to expand Pathways' ministry by enlarging the Retreat House. It did this by sounding a call for donations of time and finances toward this capital project.

And you responded!

Pathways gratefully received financial donations from 139 individuals, 7 churches and 17 businesses. The Community Foundation of Elkhart County pitched in with a grant for furnishings. In addition, volunteers donated at least 790 hours.

### **Why Donate to Pathways?**

Because what Thomas Merton said (above) is true, perhaps even more so today than when he wrote it.

### **Looking Ahead**

The Board of Directors senses God's invitation:

- to *expand hospitality* by being a welcoming place for all God's creatures and creation;
- to *deepen spiritually* through a regular rhythm of prayer and experiences in community;
- to *provide a safe place* of deep healing where personal and community well-being expands;
- to *be good stewards* by maintaining facilities and managing the woodlands that God has entrusted to our care;
- to *become sustainable* for future generations.

Your ongoing support of Pathways Retreat is deeply appreciated.

May love blossom.

# Photographic Review of 2016



Retreat House Expansion Open House, January 31



Commissioning of Evan Miller as Co-director, May 22



Rest, Reflection and Renewal



Outdoor Hospitality Project, May—October



Tending the Soul  
Connecting with God, self, others and creation

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