



Christian Camp & Retreat Center

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Dear Friend,

For over a year now Tilikum's staff, Nathan Foster and I have been working together on a proposed "Christian Writers Cabin." This is an idea whose time has come. It is a contemporary expression of the ancient practice of a patron of the arts.

In contemporary society, film is the medium with the greatest impact; the Internet is the medium that is the most pervasive; but the written word is the medium with the greatest precision and permanence, and, when done correctly, can have enormous influence upon both film and the Internet.

Today, writers of Christian conviction really do need our support and encouragement. They need space and time that is free from distractions. They need uncluttered opportunities to think, to pray and to write. They need the vision to wrestle honestly with the complexities of the human condition. And, they need the skills to articulate those realities in ways that are crisp and clear and imaginative.

I know personally how difficult it is to create an overall environment that is conducive to writing. The "Richard J. Foster Writers Cabin" can become a wonderful resource for serious writers by creating just such an environment. I hope you will help bring Tilikum's vision into reality.

Peace and joy,

Richard J. Foster

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