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Members and friends of our CFDM Northwest Regional Network,

I am writing to you today with some sadness. Julie Anderton, who has served so capably as the Regional Director of CFDM Northwest these past six years, is finally ready to retire, effective June 30, 2010. I say “finally ready” because Julie has already “retired” a few times from several vocations and avocations, and is ready to do so once again.

Julie has been instrumental in establishing programs in Christian Formation and Spiritual Guidance in the Northwest, from which scores of people have graduated and gone on to influence their churches and communities toward a deeper formation in Christ. We all owe a debt of gratitude for what she has done, and, God willing, there will be an opportunity in the near future to thank her and celebrate her more fully. Julie extends her own greetings and news in the following paragraph:

“Over the last eight years, during which time I have had the privilege of being a part of CFDM, I have cultivated, weeded and watered already-existing programs and have also had the fun and satisfaction of creating new programs with others and watching them grow. I am particularly appreciative of all those who, over the years, have worked alongside of me and those volunteers who have so generously given of their time and resources.

I feel good about things continuing under another’s leadership and am looking forward to a bit more personal life and extended ministry in my church and being with those I see individually for spiritual guidance. I will also have the time to do some creative things I have postponed for quite a while.”

As to the future, it seems wise for CFDM Northwest to take at least a short break, in order to evaluate what’s happened in the past, to plan effectively for the future, and especially to identify capable leadership to help us build on the foundation that has already been laid.

This means new offerings of the current programs in Christian formation and spiritual guidance will not happen this fall, but we do hope that similar programs will be offered again in the future, as early as a year from now. In the meantime, if you have questions to ask or suggestions to make, please be in touch with me at the contact information below.

In Jesus love,

Douglas Gregg [and Julie Anderton]

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