

Words at the Threshold

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We are here
at the threshold of Starr King School

We are here
We who have crossed many thresholds already
to arrive at this space and time

Coming out – from identities and locations that
didn't embrace the fullness of who we are

Coming across – distances, boundaries,
discoveries, that have beckoned us to deeper life
and challenged us to change

Coming with – our loves, our partners, our children,
our memories, our knowledge,
our wisdom, and our willingness

Coming to – our senses, our awareness
of the critical issues that threaten the well-being
of earth's creatures, communities, and cultures

Coming again – to decisions, commitments, hopes,
determinations that we know matter

We are *here* at this threshold,
the threshold of a house of study,
where minds and heart are on fire
the threshold of a house of spirit
where prayer and contemplation
take us deeper
the threshold of a house of hope
for greater justice and compassion in the world
the threshold of a house of history
with archives, and books, and memories
that can inform our present lives
and link us to a communion that
crosses the boundary of death
the threshold of a house of preparation
for the thresholds we will lead others to cross
for the thresholds yet to come
for the thresholds the world stands on –
poised, now, as always
between the possibilities of violence
and the possibilities of peace.

Come, let us cross this threshold
together.