

## A LEADERSHIP MEDITATION

There is a sense among all of us  
that we are on the brink of a future that is at once known and unknown  
linked with our present experience  
yet beyond it and different from it.

We have tapped our roots and found them rich and deep  
We have made promises and traveled miles to keep them.

We have been touched, called, challenged by God and each other  
to a future of constant journeying into wilderness that  
like the Biblical desert  
is not desolate but rich.

### IT IS A JOURNEY

**DEEPER INTO LIFE** plunging us into the human in new ways  
involving us more deeply with our sisters and brothers  
entering us more fully into the reality  
that we are at once servants and leaders  
whose decisions have profound significance  
for those we serve.

### IT IS A JOURNEY

**DEEPER INTO SERVICE** away from paths well known and tested  
into days and nights lived in good weather and poor  
exhilaration and weariness  
delight and pain.  
It is a terrain of beauty and fear  
full of discovery and uncertainty.

### IT IS A JOURNEY

**DEEPER INTO GOD** for the wilderness is holy ground  
the tenting place of Yahweh become human.  
It is not a time to be endured but a life to be embraced  
a life of nourishment, growth and dynamism.

Paths in the wilderness are beaten, not discovered.  
They are created by the feet of the travelers along the way.

Our choice along the way creates and shapes what we discover at the end.  
What happens on the journey is what human kind will become.