Again this year, we invite you to conversation on matters that commenting on the present—paying attention.

Suddenly wakeful, we think of where we stand, where we have been, and where we may be tending. Are we in the right place and our best teachers bring light into our shadows. In each case, consideration strikes me as excellent fare for a thoughtful this time and place?

Chesterton, these moments of lucidity are like lightning over a forgotten our names. We stumble along toward those stunning

Frederick Buechner, in

One of those artists attentive to the possibilities of place,

G.K. Chesterton goes so far as to say that “we have all been the subject of two film documentaries: PBS Frontline’s

Tomatoes fromAFrica, March 4, 2013

Jennifer Pharr Davis

Monk Elia Khalifé

Doug Worgul

Leonard Pitts

Grady Bogue

Kenda Dean

Caryl Griffin

Thomas Lynch

Emanuel (Manny) Mandel

Michael Perry

Quicksilver

“Fishermen at Sea” frames the storm-tossed sailors, Elgar’s “Severn

Gifted folks of every sort—artists, preachers, writers, teachers—

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to drop on in.

To wakefulness. That’s what we are up to here, clarifying our invitation to keep the investigation invigorated, an exhortation.

Such considerations strike me as excellent fare for a thoughtful this time and place?

“How do we come to know our own history? What are the places toward which we travel, what might be over

the cultures that have shaped us. That is memory, the past. We consider the places toward which we travel, what might be over

the next horizon, around the next bend. That is anticipation,

Among those artists attentive to the possibilities of place, one of the most remarkable is Thomas Lynch, a founding member of the Buechner Institute. Lynch is a novelist, poet, and essayist who has been an important figure in the


since its inaugural lecture by Frederick Buechner in January 2008, the Buechner Institute has celebrated its January birthday with the Buechner Lectureship. In 2009, Barbara Brown Taylor was the

with a deepening sense of gratitude.

Kathleen Norris, one of Buechner Advisory Board member Kathleen Norris, one of

Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer’s Life

have appeared in

received wide critical acclaim and was on the

The Cloister Walk

in 1996, and

The Dakota: A Spiritual Journey,

extended periods at Saint John’s Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota.

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in 1974, and in Moveen, County Clare, Ireland, where he keeps

at Assumption Abbey Richardton ND in 1986, and spending

at that of Thomas Merton. Norris entered a new, non-fictional

The Undiscovered Country III

in 2010 to critical acclaim. Lynch’s work has

appeared in

New York Times

America’s preeminent literary voices, will deliver our 2013 lecture.

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Blessings,
Dale Brown
Director, The Buechner Institute

For Buechner and Chesterton, those moments of lucidity are like lightning over a landscape.

Suddenly wakeful, we think of where we stand, where we have been, and where we may be tending. Are we in the right place or the wrong one? And what is the speed weight of a particular time and place?

Place is more than geography, of course. We ponder the places we have been, the people and the cultures that have shaped us. That is memory, the past. We consider the places toward which we travel, what might be over the next horizon, around the next bend. That is anticipation, the future. And we get up most mornings wondering about

the next horizon, around the next bend. That is anticipation, considering the present—paying attention.

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