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“HOME” ... 🏠

What signifies “home” can be different for each one of us. For some it is a particular place – the HOUSE in which we grew up, perhaps. Or it can be a FEELING we have in a place where we are loved and accepted.

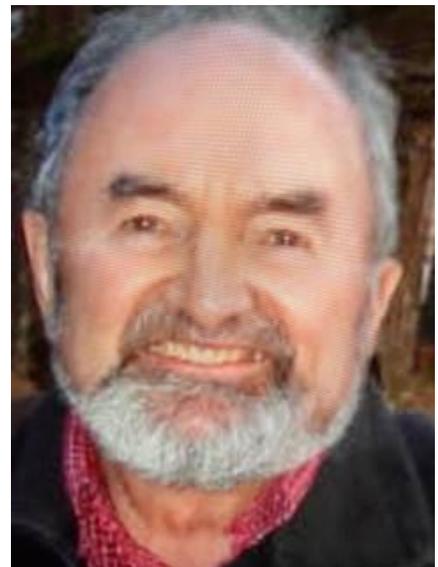
After the final dinner at our favorite Isles of Shoals retreat center everyone sings together – “Star Island is our spirit’s home, our spirit’s home – Hurrah!”

Where does YOUR spirit call “home?”

In 2001 composer Stephen Paulus (1949 - 2014) asked poet Michael Dennis Browne to write words for an old tune from SOUTHERN HARMONY (1835) which he had arranged in four parts with a solo soprano descant on verse 3. After living with the melody for some time to see what it might be trying to say, Browne came up with three verses of stunning words and entitled it THE ROAD HOME ([click here to listen](#))



Stephen Paulus ( 1947-2014)



Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)

It begins:

“Tell me, where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago?  
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know.  
There’s a way, there’s a road that will lead me home.”

Verse three speaks as the Divine Voice might speak to each one of us as we pursue our life's journey to find our "home..."

" Rise up, follow me. Come Away is the call.

With the love in your heart as the only song;

There is no such beauty as where you belong:

Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home."

When we gather at NMCC on Sunday – our own faith community's special "home" – you will be treated to our own choir singing this wonderful anthem! As you listen to them sing, ponder where it is that God might be leading you?

