

## New Story Newsletter February 2024

The FMC New Story meets next from 7:00 to 9:00pm on Monday, February 26, on Zoom. Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. First timers are always welcome!

To participate in this event [click this link](#) or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225.

For more information and list of resources, please visit the New Story [web page here](#). To be placed on the email list for New Story News and announcements of future meetings contact your Newsletter Editor, Cornelia Parkes, at [new-story@fmcquaker.org](mailto:new-story@fmcquaker.org).

### Meeting details

At 7:00pm we will open with check-ins, introductions, and announcements.

Next, we will have a discussion led by Dave Damm-Luhr on the document “Initial Design of Multi-month Program.” Please take this opportunity to read this document on our [web page here](#) in advance and step into the new story. Think about future programs that you would like to create using this design. Are additional principles needed to guide developing an evening's program? If so, which? How can we update the resource lists to best support people considering leading an evening's program?

Then we will open a program on creativity by reading the poem *Passion* by Steven Longfellow Fiske and a few introductory words by Celeste Hogan and Cornelia Parkes. The rest of the evening is open for you to share your experiences of spirit led action (or not).

Thomas Berry writes, “... As a third general remark about energy I note that belief in a personal creative energy principle is the primary basis of western spiritual traditions. Thus, the creed opens with a reference to power as the distinguishing attribute of the creative principle of heaven and earth and all things. Unfortunately, western religious traditions have been so occupied with redemptive healing of a flawed world that they tend to ignore creation as it is experienced in our times. Consequently, one of the basic difficulties of the modern west is its division into a secular scientific community that is concerned with creative energies and the religious community which is concerned with redemptive energies. So concerned are we with redemptive healing that, once healed we look only to be more healed. We seldom get to our functional role within the creative intentions of the universe.” [“Creative Energy” by Thomas Berry, *Cross Currents Summer/Fall 1987*, pp179-186]

## Other New Story Happenings

**Sponsored by Quaker Earthcare Witness.** (Submitted by Holly Lapp)

“*Nothing Lowly in the Universe* (by **Jennie Ratcliffe**) Book Group” (Zoom)

This 5-Session Quaker eco-book group will be led by avid readers and devoted facilitators/educators Ethan Smith and Nathan Kleban. Alternating Mondays February 19 to April 15, 7:00-8:00pm. Read more about the book [here](#). Pay-as-led. [Register here](#).

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**Sponsored by California Institute of Integral Studies**

“A Conversation with **Thomas Hübl**” Thursday, February 29, 11:00 a.m. **PST**  
Join Thomas and internationally known speaker, writer, poet, and teacher **Drew Dellinger** for an empowering conversation on healing our world through understanding our interconnectedness and healing our individual, ancestral, and cultural trauma. Thomas shares insights from his work and his latest book, *Attuned*, which examines how our world’s profoundly complex challenges demand a new level of human collaboration. Sliding Scale: \$0–\$30. [Register here.](#)

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**From the [Deeptime Network](#)**

“The Ecozoic Way in Religion, Ethics & Law: Understanding and Applying the Essential Teachings of Thomas Berry”  
Eight Week Course with **Herman Green**, JD, DMin. Starts March 4<sup>th</sup>. Monday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 pm ET a good introduction for people new to the ‘New Story’ Early Bird Pricing till Feb. 26th! For more information and to register [click here.](#)

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**From the [Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology](#)** (Submitted by Jane Cutting “a good introduction for people new to the ‘New Story’”

"A Faith Perspective from Teilhard de Chardin and Thomas Berry"  
**Mary Evelyn Tucker** and **John Grim** have graciously permitted us to share with you the recording of their wonderful presentation. The recording, which is on Glastonbury Abbey's YouTube channel, is available to view now. [Click here.](#) (Please note: this recording is unedited; for personal use only; not for public broadcast).

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**Sponsored by the Findhorn Foundation**

“Foundation of Light Meditation”  
We are going to hold this guided meditation on the last Wednesday of each month at 5:00pm UK time for 30 minutes on Zoom. During our time together we will connect to the core impulse of the Findhorn Foundation and global Community and to the Network of Light we are all part of. In the silence we aspire to send our loving support to whatever wants to emerge in this Center of Light for the highest and best for all. [Sign up here.](#)

“The Great Turning: Thriving in the New World”  
An on-line, self-study journey featuring Andrew Harvey, Jude Currivan, Jeremy Lent, A'ida AL-Shibli, Michelle Holliday, Báýò Akómoláfé and Charles Eisenstein, with Host Mattie Porte.  
Our live journey ran from September to December 2023 and each of the eight videoconferencing sessions were recorded. Now we have made the program available in self-study format so that you can benefit from the rich course material and participate at your own pace, from the comfort of your own home. [Click here to begin!](#)

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From the [Artemis Rising Foundation](#) and **Moving Art** (Submitted by Patti Muldoon)

*Gratitude Revealed: Discover a Life of Connection and Joy.*

A full length movie from Louie Schwartzberg, the acclaimed director of *Fantastic Fungi*. Through intimate interviews with everyday people, thought leaders, and personalities, interwoven with gorgeous cinematography, Schwartzberg’s film shows how gratitude is a proven path to overcoming the disconnection we often feel in our lives. Gratitude can help us reconnect with ourselves, our planet, and each other. If you yearn for deeper connections and seek personal transformation, then sink into this film. [Click here to view the film.](#)

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**Sponsored by the Creation Spirituality Communities**

“Reimagining our Story: Hope for the New Humanity”

When you attend this year’s Creation Spirituality Gathering, you will not just refine your role in the evolving cosmos, you will add to its liveliness, potency, and the power of our expanding collective consciousness. May 32—June 2, 2024, Cape Cod. [Register here.](#)

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**Sponsored by the [JFK Peace Speech Committee](#) and the [Community Church of Boston](#)** (Submitted by Betty Kissilove)

“If You Love this Planet, Listen to President Kennedy” with Helen Caldicott

The event will run for 90 minutes. The first half-hour is a screening of JFK’s June 19, 1963 peace speech, followed by a presentation by Dr. Caldicott and then discussion/Q&A. [Recording available here.](#)

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**Sponsored by the [Work that Reconnects Network](#)** (Submitted by Gwen Noyes)

“Roots of Resilience for Uncertain Times”

In this 5-part “Work That Reconnects” online workshop, we grow our roots of resilience for these uncertain times as we move through the Spiral—beginning with Gratitude, then Honoring Our Pain for the World, Seeing with New and Ancient Eyes, and Going Forth. Join us for this life-changing group experience that will help you restore your sense of purpose and possibility to address the complex nature of our times. March 26 to April 30, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm CDT. 50USD – 200USD. [Register here.](#)

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**Research on Creativity** (Submitted by Alana Parkes)

*Creativity: The Science of Human Innovation* by R. Keith Sawyer. Oxford University Press, 2006.

*Sparks of Genius: The Thirteen Thinking Tools of the World’s Most Creative People* by Robert and Michele Root-Bernstein. Houghton Mifflin Company, New York, 1999.

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