

FMC New Story News August 2024

Editorial

My Garden

As I sat on my front porch this morning, I held the sorrows of the world in my lap and remembered Thomas Berry. He said something like, "The new world order comes into existence through shared dreams." But, I wondered, where does the substance of dreams come from?

I look at my garden. Some flowers are blooming and those that have already bloomed are holding their space with green foliage. The fountain is sparkling. Two little brown birds are playing in the water. I suspect they are laughing and daring each other to get wet. The sun is warm, but there is a breeze. A large oak tree shades the front of the house. I am at peace.

I am holding this reality so that others may dream of it. In places of strife and suffering a vision of such a garden may flow through their minds for a moment, and they may wonder, "Does such a garden of peace really exist?"

Cornelia Parkes August 10, 2024

Other New Story News



"Cosmology is.
It's neither religion nor is it science.
It is a mode of knowing."
~ Thomas Berry

Creation Spirituality in a Time of Apocalypse

September 9, 16, 23, 30 from 7:00-9:00pm ET

Join Theodore Richards, founder of the Chicago Wisdom Project and editor of the online Magazine/Podcast Re-Imagining as he takes us through 4 sessions exploring how Creation Spirituality can give birth to new stories during times of upheaval.

September Labyrinth Walk

Saturday, September 21 at 7:00pm ET

Our online Finger Labyrinth Walk for this year's profound time of the EQUINOX with Katie DesJardins Bull, MSW. The Equinox is an important time of balance and change.

In these extraordinary times of change and division, it is essential that we recommit to strengthening our practices so we can be a part of the Via Transformativa in a collective journey through this evolutionary shift.

[Click here](#) for the Creation Spirituality Communities September Newsletter for details on these two events.



Discover Hope for Humanity's Future: Science, Spirituality & the Noosphere

With Brian Thomas Swimme and Matthew Fox

Choose your preferred time and [register for this FREE online event here](#).

You will have the opportunity to explore the exciting potential of the noosphere and discover how science and mysticism converge in the evolution of human consciousness to deepen the meaning of our lives.

[The Need for a New Language](#)

With Brian Thomas Swimme and Matthew Fox

Why We All Need More Mothering

With Perdita Finn

Develop an enduring connection with all of your ancestral mothers to heal and empower you, gathering nurturing support and timeless wisdom for a more fulfilled, enriched, and spiritually connected existence. [Click here](#) for a 2-minute introduction. [Click here](#) for access to the new 7-Week Live Video Course on the "Magic of your Ancestral Mothers" that started Tuesday, July 30, 2024



[**Religion and Public Policy: Human Rights, Conflict, and Ethics**](#), edited by Sumner B. Twiss, Marian Gh. Simion, Rodney L. Petersen (Cambridge University Press, 2015)
[Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries](#) enews.

Civic Goals and Moral Vision

[**#3 in series**](#)

Rev. Rodney L. Petersen, PhD
CMM Executive Director Emeritus

The correlation of public theology in secular democratic societies with public policy means promoting the common good.

An Introduction to Multi-Track Diplomacy

[**#4 in series**](#)

Rev. Rodney Petersen, PhD
CMM Executive Director Emeritus

An enlarged understanding of the role of religion in today's world is playing into a growing awareness of the importance of religion in matters of diplomacy. Religion plays a key role in conflict in Israel and Palestine and lies behind the anger exhibited by both Hamas and Israeli self-understanding. Religious self-understanding can also be seen to be a factor in the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. <https://coopmet.org/>



The Omnicentric Universe & its Stunning Implications

[Video Lecture](#) with Sarbmeet Kanwal

Did the universe explode out of a single point far, far away. In actuality, it emerged from where each of us happens to stand right now, because each of these points in space was inside the tiny fireball when it flared forth. And the universe continues to unfold from every point in space even today. When we realize we are each a center from which the cosmos evolves forward in time, we feel energized and empowered to actively participate in its continual unfolding. This lecture was given during our Horn Antenna event in April of this year.

COSMIC MEDITATION: Listening to the universe using what?

Did you know the universe has a background temperature? In this video, **Orla Hazra** and astronomer **Stephan Martin** demonstrate how to listen, for real, to the background radiation of the universe that bathes everything. How? Using a radio. See how people react at the end. Subscribe to our [Youtube Channel!](#)



Cultivating Islands of Coherence in a Sea of Chaos

September 4 to December 11, 2024

Two live sessions per month

Together, we are those islands of coherence. Whilst chaos reigns supreme and failing systems wreak havoc in what Joanna Macy calls the Great Unravelling, we can gather and, through our energy and intention, cultivate a coherent, regenerative, life-affirming future that lifts us to a higher order in what Joanna calls the Great Turning. [Click here to learn more.](#)
