



Circle of Love

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Gathering
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Circle of Love Gathering
University of British Columbia
Okanagan, Canada
August 17 -21

Treatment

Step out of the circle of time and into the circle of love.

Rumi

Beloved, There is only One here: One Power, One Presence,
One Love.

That which is, I AM. In this moment that which is infinitely
compassionate, infinitely kind, infinitely generous fills my heart
with joy. As this Oneness flows to me, through me and all around
me I have stepped out of the circle of time and into
the circle of love.

From this circle I perceive and receive all that life has available.
As I gather with lovers and friends known and unknown we share
the sweetness of this time and space. As we return to our homes
we take back with us a greater knowing of the One.

My consciousness is forever changed by this week, this experience
and these Beloveds and I give thanks for this gathering, these good
and faithful servants who have shared their wisdom and love and
look forward in celebration for the gatherings to come.

Whatever fears or doubts which left me separate in the past
all dissolve in this circle of love. In this love I am transformed
and whole. In this love I am free.
For this I am overjoyed, for this I am grateful.

And so it is.

Welcome

Canada, August, 2009

Dear Friends,

This gathering promises to not be like any conference you have ever attended.

At each Circle of Love Gathering, joyous and sacred music and words are interwoven in an experience of deep love. You will hear profound speakers. You will hear incredible music. You will experience deep understanding.

Because everything that happens flows from the theme of Love, each event is a unique, experiential retreat from the moment you arrive until the moment you leave. It is a mystical exploration of the Soul.

The Circle of Love is an adventure in self-discovery. Each gathering is not so much a conference, as it is a falling into the deep well of Spirit, which is pure Love.

Dr. Ernest Holmes, the founder of the Science of Mind philosophy, once stated that he had spent most of his time and focus on the Spiritual Laws of the Universe. As he approached the end of his life, he expressed regret that he had not devoted more time to Love, which he believed to be the Creative Force of all Life. The Circle of Love picks up that thread.

“What draws people each year is the love – the fire of the Love.”

Thank you for being here,

Rev. David Leonard

And The Circle of Love Staff

Monday, August 17

9 a.m. - Noon • REGISTRATION • *Foyer of Student Services Building*

Noon - 1 p.m. • LUNCH • *Cafeteria*

1:30 -3 p.m. • WELCOMING CEREMONY • *SSC 121*

Lisa Ferraro - Music Director:

Erika Luckett, Barb Samuels, Anthony Burbidge

Jack Fowler, Anna Beaumont, Susan Hodge

Stefan Mitchell, Martin Kerr, Nathen Aswell

Scott Gamble, Jim Ryan

3:30-5 p.m.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

SSC 121 • Patrick Cameron: "Blind Tasting," an experiential workshop where trust is awakened with much laughter and joy.

Arts 204 • Dale Jukes: "Juggling" Discover the juggler within and liberate the child within as the soul is set free to play

Arts 206 • Jill Brockelhurst: "Free To Be Me" The one thing we must do in this lifetime is "be ourselves". If you are not living your life, whose life are you living?

6 - 7 p.m. • DINNER • *Buffet Outside of Cafeteria*

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

EVENING PROGRAM • *SSC121 - Sunroom*

MUSIC: Stefan Mitchell Featured and with the entire band

Patrick Cameron: Presides

Linda Finley: Opening Treatment

David Leonard: "Awakening the Heart of the World."

Rick Moss: "How Did The Rose Ever Open Its Heart."

Tuesday, August 18

7 - 8 a.m. • **MORNING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**
SSC 121 - Sunroom • Meditation and Treatment
David Leonard and Erika Lockett

8 - 9 a.m. • **BREAKFAST** • *Cafeteria*

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • **MORNING SESSION** • **SSC121**
MUSIC: Anna Beaumont and Anthony Burbidge
Carol Carnes: Presides
Kim Brown: Opening Treatment
Margaret Starbird: "Sacred Reunion"

Noon to 1 p.m. • **LUNCH** • *Cafeteria*

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. • **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

Arts 214 • Margaret Starbird: "Mary Magdalene, Bride and Beloved"

SSC 121 • Lisa and Erika: "Awakening Creativity"

Arts 204 • Linda Finley: "Embracing Change"

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. • **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

Arts 214 • Margaret Starbird: Mentor Series

SSC 121 • Rick Moss: "Finding And Overcoming our Personal Resistance to Love"

Arts 204 • Terry Shea: "The Dharma of St. Benedict"

6 - 7 p.m. • **DINNER** • *Buffet Outside of Cafeteria*

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

EVENING PROGRAM • **SSC121 - Sunroom**

MUSIC: Sue Hodge and Jack Fowler

David Leonard: Presides

Jill Brockelhurst: Opening Treatment

Terry Shea: The Love That Never Goes Away

Carol Carnes: "From Fate to Destiny"

Wednesday, August 19

7 - 8 a.m. • **MORNING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**
SSC 121 – Sunroom • Terry Shea and musician

8 - 9 a.m. • **BREAKFAST • Cafeteria**

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • **MORNING SESSION • SSC121**
MUSIC: Ruby Lisa Ferraro & Erika Luckett
David Leonard: Presides
Connie Phelps: Opening Treatment
Kabir Helminski: “The Knowing Heart” with music by Ruby

Noon to 1 p.m. • LUNCH • Cafeteria

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. • **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

SSC121 • Kabir Helminski: “Lover and Beloved - The Essence of Rumi”

Arts 204 • Connie Phelps: “The Game of Life and how to Succeed”

Arts 206 • Carol Carnes: “From Fate To Destiny” an interactive workshop. You are not a victim anymore!

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. • **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

SSC121 • Kabir Helminski: Mentor Series (Satsang/Sobet)

Arts 204 • Rick Moss: “The Necessity Of Forgiveness”

Arts 206 • David Leonard: Affinity Circle

6 - 7 p.m. • **DINNER • Buffet Outside of Cafeteria**

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

EVENING PROGRAM • SSC121 – Sunroom

MUSIC: Martin Kerr and Nathen Aswell

Jill Brockelhurst: Presides

Dale Jukes: Opening Treatment

Patrick Cameron: “The Invitation”

Linda Finley: “The Gift of the Butterfly “

Thursday, August 20

7 - 8 a.m. • **MORNING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**
SSC 121 – Sunroom • Carol Carnes and musician

8 - 9 a.m. • **BREAKFAST • Cafeteria**

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

MORNING SESSION • SSC 121

MUSIC: Ruby, Entire music team

Zikr Meditation Service: “Diving Deep into the Heart of the Beloved” music, meditation,

Noon to 1 p.m. • **LUNCH • Cafeteria**

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. • **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

SSC 121 • David Leonard: Affinity Circle

Arts 204 • Kim Brown: “Living with Grace” Embracing the challenges of life with surrender and trust.

Arts 206 • Patrick Cameron: “Blind Tasting,” an experiential workshop where trust is awakened with much laughter and joy.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. • **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

SSC 121 • Rick Moss: “Stepping Out of Our Story”

Arts 204 • Lisa Ferrero and Erika Luckett: “Finding Our Creative Voice”

Arts 206 • David Leonard and Terry Shea: Mentor Series

6 - 7 p.m. • **DINNER • Buffet Outside of Cafeteria**

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Thursday, August 20 (continued)

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

EVENING PROGRAM • SSC121 – Sunroom

MUSIC: Barb Samuels leads the ICSL Kelowna band for the Dancel!

Patrick Cameron: Presides

Terry Shea: Opening Treatment

Kenn & Deborah Gordon: “How Two Hearts Express as One”

8:30 p.m. - until • DANCE • SSC121 – Sunroom

Friday, August 21

8 - 9 a.m. • BREAKFAST • Cafeteria

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

MORNING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES AND FAREWELL CEREMONY • SSC 121 – Sunroom

Presenters

Kabir Helminski - Keynote Presenter

Kabir Helminski is a Shaikh of the Mevlevi Order of Sufism. He is the Co-Director of the Threshold Society, a non-profit educational foundation that has developed programs that provide a structure for practice and study within Sufism and spiritual psychology. Their goal is to facilitate the experience of Divine unity, love and wisdom in the world

For more than twenty years, Mr. Helminski's focus has been developing and sharing a contemporary approach to Islamic concepts and practice, both within the Islamic community and outside of it. He is one of the signatories of A Common Word Between Us and You, an open letter by Islamic scholars to Christian leaders, calling for peace and understanding.

In 2001 he was the first Muslim to deliver the prestigious Harold M. Wit Lectures on Spirituality in Contemporary Life at Harvard Divinity School. His lectures are to be published as a book by The Paulist Press.

He has translated many volumes of Sufi literature, including many works of Rumi, and is the author of two books on Sufism: Living Presence and The Knowing Heart. His books have been translated into Spanish, Italian, Dutch, German, and Turkish.

From 1980 until 1999 he was the director of Threshold Books, one of the foremost publishers of Sufi literature. Between 1994 and 2000 he toured with the whirling dervishes of Turkey, bringing the spiritual culture of the Mevlevis to more than 100,000 people. He has an M.A. in psychology and an honorary Ph.D. in literature from Selçuk University, Konya, Turkey.

Helminski lives with his family in Santa Cruz, California, and now focuses on Sufi music, writing, teaching, and developing a program of spiritual education with an international team of scholars.



Margaret Starbird - Keynote Presenter

Roman Catholic scholar Margaret Starbird's extensive study of history, symbolism, medieval art, mythology, psychology, and the Bible uncovers new and compelling evidence that Jesus Christ was married to Mary Magdalene. Starbird's investigation calls for a restoration of the feminine principle to its intended place in the canon of Christianity.

The former University instructor set out to refute the suggestion that Jesus Christ was married, but instead found compelling evidence in support of the forgotten Bride of Jesus.

Starbird's research traces numerous legends, works of art, and artifacts of medieval Europe that clearly reflect a widespread "alternative Christianity" brutally suppressed by the Inquisition beginning in the mid-13th Century. The heresy survived in an underground stream of esoteric wisdom guarded by artists, artisans, poets, and alchemists.



Presenters

Margaret Starbird holds BA and MA degrees from the University of Maryland where she concentrated in comparative literature, medieval studies and German language, studies she pursued on a Fulbright Student Grant at the Christian Albrechts Universitat in Kiel, Germany.

She taught German language classes at the University of Maryland for four years and for one year at North Carolina State University. She later studied theology at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN.

Margaret Starbird has lived and traveled widely in Europe including pilgrimages to Black Madonna and Mary Magdalene shrines and Cathar citadels in Provence. Starbird presents frequent lectures nationwide as well as international seminars and retreats honoring the Divine Feminine and the Sacred Marriage at the heart of Christianity.

Starbird and her husband of 39 years currently reside in the Pacific Northwest. They have five grown children. Her book titles include *The Woman with the Alabaster Jar*; *Mary Magdalene, Bride in Exile*; *The Goddess in the Gospels*; *The Feminine Face of Christianity*; *Magdalene's Lost Legacy*, *The Tarot Trumps and the Holy Grail*; *14 Steps to Awaken the Sacred Feminine*.

Dr. Rick Moss - Keynote Presenter

Dr. Rick Moss has been in the field of spiritual awakening and self-development for over 25 years, including 14 years as a teacher of meditation and 14 years in the development of Pre-Cognitive Re-Education (Pre-Cog). Moss developed this work after years of teaching meditation and realizing that the wholeness experience alone does not change subconscious patterns and is not enough for transformation.



Moss explains the basis for his process as: That which dispels illusion and therefore heals and transforms is God energy - especially in the form of Love and the Certainty of Truth. Illusions and limitations cannot stand in the light of God. They will be dispelled and the Real You will be experienced underneath.

He has an international practice and travels around the country offering seminars and also training people to do this work either personally or professionally.

Louise Hay has said of Moss, "You have a wonderful gift to offer to the world."

Dr. Bill Little, Minister of the Pacific Coast Church says, "Rick's work is simply the essence of power and precision in mental work."

He is the author of *The Light-Traveler's Notebook* and 18 clearing CDs. Moss has a Ph.D. in education from the University of Texas at Austin and is a minister of Religious Science. His work may be experienced at his web site: essentialpathways.com. Contact Rick Moss at his home in Carmel Valley, CA (831) 659-2313 or by email: rmossphd@aol.com

He loves being in a truly loving relationship, is dedicated to personal growth, both his own and his clients, and is one of the clearest people you could ever meet. He loves traveling to new places, hiking, jazz, and is passionate about playing tennis. The power of a word aptly spoken at just the right time is a generous gift Moss offers to those dedicated to awakening.

Presenters

Rev Dr. Kenn Gordon - Presenter

Dr. Kenn is Co-Pastor with his wife Rev. Deborah, of the Centre For Spiritual Living, Kelowna. Rev. Dr. Kenn's career has included everything from the corporate to the creative. In the late 1970's and early 1980's, he was the president and general manager of a large and innovative restaurant conglomerate.

Following that, he spent several years travelling throughout Canada as a development manager for one of Canada's largest franchise organizations, building and developing restaurants.

As an independent consultant, he wrote and implemented restaurant training and operation manuals for several major organizations.

In the early 1980's he moved to Southern California where he began a successful farm producing primarily alfalfa hay products for the local polo and equestrian communities. With his educational background in political science and philosophy, it was natural for him to discover and begin to pursue Religious Science with Dr. Tom Costa at the then Religious Science Church of the Desert.

In 1993, he and his partner of thirty-five years returned to their original home in Kelowna, B.C. and began their own spiritual community, the Kelowna Centre for Spiritual Living. He has spent the fifteen years since nurturing and growing that work into one of Canada's leading New Thought organizations.

Over the years Dr. Kenn has focused his attention on innovative and transparent models of leadership. Joining the Board of Directors of the International Centers for Spiritual Living in 1999, he currently serves as President of that organization and has been instrumental in every step of its transformation progress.

He is a well-known and well-loved speaker and teacher and has presented in his unique, humorous and insightful style hundreds of presentations and classes. He has received and been recognized with numerous awards both locally and internationally.

He is well known for his extraordinary vision and leadership and is a catalyst for evolution and change in every area of human development. A strong believer in spending yourself and giving back to life, Dr. Kenn has three major ideals in mind in everything he does, inclusivity, communication, and principle.



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