



# Seeking God in the 21st Century

*An Education for Christian Formation*

## A THREE YEAR PROGRAM THAT EXPLORES:

- ◇ The Heart and Depths of the Christian Tradition
- ◇ Christianity's Importance in a Post-modern and Pluralistic World
- ◇ Spiritual Practice and Formation
- ◇ The Radical Call of Christian Discipleship

September, 2007

Dear Seeker:

In this third year of Seeking God in the 21st Century: *Circle of Friends: Faces in the Well*, we will continue to deepen our practice, our contemplative listening and speaking, further integrate discernment guidelines, and take our sacred calling the next step.

This year will not emphasize spiritual direction per se but will continue to deepen our understanding of what it means to recognize the many ways that Spirit moves us and directs us on our Way. We will practice what it means to be in community and become more skilled in helping each other discern the many voices that seek our attention. We all long to be in better communion with that Sacred Voice that wills us toward our "True North."

Included with this packet is a course description and registration information. You will notice that for Year Three attendees we are including an Enneagram workshop with Dale Rhodes and a lecture weekend with Jim Finley. The Enneagram is a fascinating and I think very helpful tool for discernment. Jim Finley will lead us into Teresa's Interior Castle, which is our own as well. Please look over the enclosed material and call our program administrator, Ellen Morrison, (503) 478-1218 with any questions you may have. If you would like to enroll in SG21 and begin (or continue) your exploration of spiritual practice and formation please return the enclosed registration form along with a \$100 deposit or payment for the program. If you require a scholarship please contact Ellen. We will honor as many scholarship requests as possible.

We are looking forward to this year and weaving in worship and ritual, silence and conversation, reading and reflection. If you have any questions about this year's program, do not hesitate to contact me. See you Saturday October 13, 9:00am at our first gathering in the Morrison Room.

Until then,

*Marianne Wells Borg*

The Rev. Canon Marianne Wells Borg  
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*Seeking God in the 21st Century (SG21)* is intended for all who seek a deeper understanding and awareness of what it means to be Christian in the 21st Century. Each year is a stand-alone offering. We encourage participants to take these courses sequentially.

## **IN 2007-08 THE CENTER WILL OFFER YEAR ONE & YEAR THREE**

### **YEAR ONE-SHAKING THE FOUNDATIONS: THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW CHRISTIAN PARADIGM**

This class will provide an in-depth re-education for those seeking to explore the heart of the Christian tradition, its radical claims on our lives, and the challenging “good news” of the Christian message for the world. We will explore the historical setting of Jesus, the nature and study of the Bible, how concepts of God and Jesus shape our worldview and our understanding of discipleship. An introduction to spiritual practice is part of this program year. This course is a must for every Christian or seeker who wants to look afresh at the riches and depths of the Christian tradition. This class is taught by Dr. Marcus J. Borg and The Rev. Canon Marianne Wells Borg.

### **YEAR THREE-CIRCLE OF FRIENDS: FACES IN THE WELL**

This class will build upon contemplative practices and “sacred conversation” introduced in Year Two. We will continue to explore and integrate our experiences of the presence of God in ourselves, in the everyday, and in community. In this year it is our hope we will come to know the significance and truth of St. Paul's shimmering words: “And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed from one degree of glory to another, for this comes the Lord, the Spirit.” Our emphasis this year will be to live our lives, our practice, and our vocation for the common good. Co-led by Canon Marianne Borg, Khadim Chishti, and Jack Kennedy.

## **IN 2008-09 THE CENTER WILL OFFER YEAR ONE & YEAR TWO**

### **YEAR TWO-ENCOUNTERING DANGEROUS BEAUTY: TRANSFORMATION FOR LIFE**

This class will explore more deeply the importance of spiritual and contemplative practices, the art of listening and discernment, and further examine how our perceptions of the world are shaped by our understanding and relationship with God. We will also reflect on the profound relationship between practice and the imperatives of justice and peace. Co-led by The Rev. Canon Marianne Wells Borg, Khadim Chishti, and Jack Kennedy.



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## *Year Three - Circle of Friends: Faces in the Well* Schedule, Fee Information & Registration

### MEETING SCHEDULE

Saturdays, 9:00am - 3:00pm  
The Bishop Scott Room

Fall Term Oct. 13, Nov. 10 & December 8, 2007  
Winter Term Jan. 12, Feb. 8 & March 8, 2008  
Spring Term April 12, May 10 & June 7, 2008

#### *Additional Meeting Times*

Friday Evening Lecture and Contemplative Practice  
Day with James Finley

*Teresa of Avila: The Interior Castle*  
May 16 & 17, 2008

Enneagram Lecture & Workshop with Dale Rhodes  
Nov. 2 - Introduction, 6:30pm, Bishop Scott Room  
Nov. 3 - Workshop, 9:30am - 4:30pm, Kempton Hall

### PROGRAM DISCOUNTS

Center Lecture/Workshop Weekends

Lecture: \$10

Workshop: \$35 (includes lunch)

Trinity Bookstore

10% discount on all required SG21 books.

### FEE

Full Year

\$800 - paid-in-advance by October 9, 2007

Per Term

\$300 - each term

*Due Dates:*

Fall Term October 9 2007

Winter Term January 5, 2008

Spring Term April 8, 2008

#### *Enrollment Deadline*

September 28, 2007, \$100.00 deposit due with enrollment (credited to Full Year or Fall Term payment)

#### *Scholarships*

A limited number of scholarships are available for the program year. Please contact The Center, (503) 478-1218 for application process.

### 2007 - 2008 Registration Form Year Three

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Registration (choose one)

Deposit - \$100 (*credit to program year fee*)

Full Year: October 13, 2007 - June 7, 2008 - \$800

Fall Term: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 4, 2007 - \$300

Winter Term: Jan. 12, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, 2008 - \$300

Spring Term: Apr. 12, May 10, June 7, 2008 - \$300

Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment

Check (*payable to The Center at Trinity*)

Visa/MasterCard

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail completed form to:*

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**Deadline for Registration is:  
September 28, 2007**