



CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF ATLANTA

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NEWSLETTER

We embrace the process of transformation in Christ both in ourselves and in others, through the practice of Centering Prayer.

Contemplative Outreach is a network of communities and individuals seeking the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit and to contribute to the renewal of the Christian contemplative tradition through the practice of Centering Prayer. Vision Theological Principal 1



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& THE WORLD
COMMUNITY

FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION (WCCM)

invite you to a **SPECIAL TIME OF PRAYER AND MEDITATION WELCOMING MEMBERS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES** 29th September 2018, 3.00-4.00pm (UK) 10.00-11am (EST). The World Community and Contemplative Outreach invite their members around the world **to join this special online session to pray for Fr. Thomas Keating in our spirit of friendship.** We will also celebrate the work achieved in the church, in interreligious dialogue and society at large through the inspiration of John Main and Fr. Thomas over many years. Not least, we will celebrate the friendship that has grown and continues to grow between our communities in a common contemplative mission. To join in prayer, register by going to

<https://contemplativeoutreach.org>, click on Special Event, then register in middle of page by clicking on the word "here."



Update Fr. Thomas is receiving 24/7 care and is resting comfortably as his diminishment continues at the monastery in Spencer, Massachusetts. He is trying to walk a little every day and is still amazingly clear-minded.



Introduction to Centering Prayer at Saint Anna's Catholic Church, 1401 Alcovy Street, Monroe, Georgia 30655
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday, October 20, 2018. \$35 includes box lunch. Register at <https://www.contemplativeoutreachatlanta.com>.



Laura Wittke and Maggie Winfrey completed the first phase of training at the **Introductory Workshop Presenter Formation Retreat**

at the Benedictine Sisters of Florida's Holy Name Monastery in St. Leo. They joined a network of group leaders from Philadelphia, North Carolina, and Florida reviewing the newly revised presenter materials that offer brilliant insights for new participants. Laura and Maggie will be commissioned in the second phase of their training by presenting an Introductory Workshop. Rev. Stephen Hoffman and his wife Christine led our groups with skill, compassion, and wisdom.

We now have a website! Check it out! You can schedule any events and sign-ups under the heading **Upcoming Programs.**
<https://www.contemplativeoutreachatlanta.com>



Silence Solitude Solidarity Service



Please pray for our past Coordinator Rusty Weitzel, who has been diagnosed with cancer.



We invite you to a unique opportunity to share your vision and imaginative ideas at our **Chapter Planning and Discernment Day at Ignatius House**, 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, November 17th, facilitated by Marie Howard of Contemplative Outreach Ltd. Marie will guide us to tap into our most creative thoughts that will envision new directions for Contemplative Outreach

Atlanta. Cost is free. Make your reservation now at <https://www.contemplativeoutreachatlanta.com>

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 636 W Ponce de

Leon Ave, Decatur, GA 30030 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 8, 2018. \$35 registration includes box lunch. Register at <https://www.contemplativeoutreachatlanta.com>



Meditation Chapel

An interfaith online meditation community



Pray in silence and share the journey with practitioners from all over the world. Centering Prayer groups are forming on this global video platform. *"I see this new medium as a way of not only praying together, but of breaking down ...obstacles that tend to separate us. It helps me to realize... from an experiential way of knowing, that we are all God's creation, we are truly all One."* (Ken Dreiling) Find the schedule and link by going to <https://contemplativeoutreach.org/> and clicking on the Meditation Chapel link.

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Intensive/Post Intensive Retreat at Holy Spirit Monastery – October 24 to 28, 2018 has very few places left. Call 770-760-0959 to register. Scholarships available. To apply, contact Maggie.



The water I give will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life John 4:14



Beyond the Basics Retreat: Our Hearts in Advent: A retreat for Wisdom seekers of all levels. **Southeast Arising Wisdom School** at St. Mary's Sewanee Ayres Center for Spiritual Development on Thursday, November 29 to Sunday, December 2, 2018. Led by Wisdom Teachers who have trained with Cynthia Bourgeault: Jeanine Siler Jones (Asheville), Rebecca Parker (Atlanta), and Laura Copeland (Nashville). Register on Events page at silerjonescounseling.com.



Does your worship community want to know more about centering prayer?

Contact us to schedule an Introductory Workshop with six weekly follow up sessions at <https://www.contemplativeoutreachatlanta.com>



