

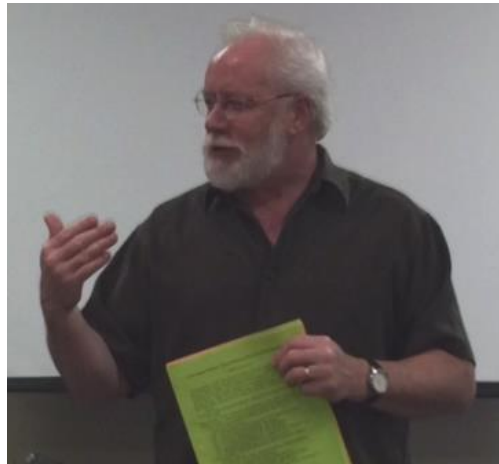


~ SPIRIT ~

Monthly notes and inspiration from Louisiana Spiritual Directors, Inc.
May 2015

2015 LASD CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

On May 22-24, 2015, 24 members of the LASD assembled at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, Louisiana for their Annual Conference. Serving as the main presenter was Dr. Gray Matthews, Thomas Merton Scholar from the University of Memphis. Through sharing relevant texts and images, he skillfully interwove his thoughts and research based on the life and works of Merton with the art and spirituality of spiritual direction.





This action-packed weekend held in this beautiful, peaceful space also included a business session, prayer sessions, worship, and time for networking. In addition, a new slate of officers was chosen for the coming year. Many thanks to outgoing board members, President Joan Broussard and Vice President Phyllis Pere for their great leadership over the past year. More information to come in our next issue!

Our board is already making plans for our 2016 Conference as well as other activities for the coming year. We will work very diligently to serve our membership as we all grow and evolve within our individual ministries. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance!



READER'S CORNER

My Neighbor's Faith: Stories of Intermingled



SOMETHING TO



TAKE NOTE

Encounter, Growth, and Transformation

- edited by Jennifer Howe Peace,
Or N. Rose, and Gregory Mobley

Many people have had the experience of attending an amazing conference, connecting with colleagues, friends, and like-minded souls, and then as soon as it is over, watching the sparks fizzle out. Fortunately, in some cases, the sparks keep glowing over time, and conversations, relationships, and collaborations grow and deepen further. Such is the case with the anthology, *My Neighbor's Faith: Stories of Interreligious Encounter, Growth, and Transformation*. This collection of essays was inspired by the Center for Interreligious and Communal Leadership Education (CIRCLE) in Boston, Massachusetts.



PONDER . . . A Short Prayer

"Get ready.
Prepare yourself.
Expect it.
Then accept it
Don't get too busy,
Too self-concerned
To miss it.
God loves to do
Great things in your
life."

- Susan R. Norton in
[Comfort Prayers](#) by June Cotner

his wisdom with participants of the 2015 Emerging Wisdom conference in Louisville, Kentucky, USA. He was unable to join the conference in person, but recorded a special message for participants. Conference spiritual directors Karen Erlichman and Valerie Brown helped process his message through small group discussions. Spiritual Directors International thanks Karen Erlichman, Valerie Brown, and Parker Palmer for enriching the conference through sharing their wisdom. In a very timely fashion for us, he makes reference to Thomas Merton in his presentation.

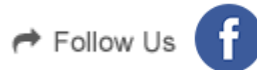
Palmer is the founder and senior partner of the Center for Courage and Renewal. He is a world-renowned writer, speaker, and activist who focuses on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality, and social change. He has reached millions worldwide through his nine books, including [Let Your Life Speak](#), [The Courage to Teach](#), [A Hidden Wholeness](#), and [Healing](#)



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