

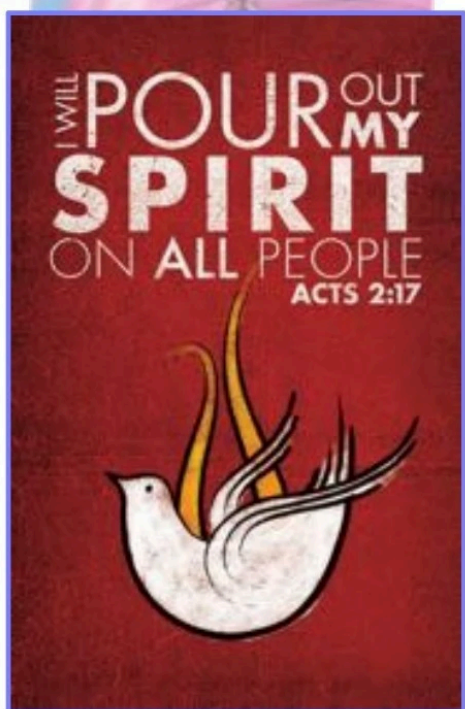


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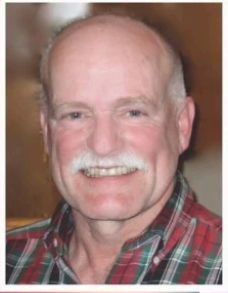
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**TOM STRICKER
CHAIRPERSON**

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To Everything There Is A Season

A life well-lived ... As I write this, we are celebrating Easter so I felt it appropriate to begin by speaking of the death and rising of **Michael Keefe**. Ironically, it was in this very issue of the Newsletter in 2015 when we learned he was stepping down as Vice President of the Mountains and Plains Region due to his illness. Recently there was a celebration of Michael's earthly life and his eternal spirit in a service led by **Christy Howard-Steele, Richard James** and **Tom Cusack**. I am grateful to have had Michael in my life. I know he truly blessed me and sincerely believe he left this world better than when he entered it.

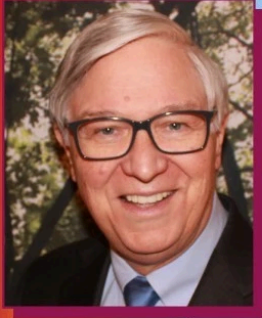
Passing the FCM torch... I am excited to welcome **Christy Howard-Steele** as our new **Chairperson**. Christy brings to this position a wealth of experience, institutional knowledge and most of all heart. Christy's term will begin at the end of the July 2019 Circle Meeting. She carries with her our blessings and prayers.

Tracy Peterson was nominated and chosen by her fellow members in the Pacific region to be their new Vice President. Though relatively new to the organization, Tracy brings a great enthusiasm and willingness to serve and I am pleased to welcome her to the Circle of Directors.

Richard James was likewise designated for a second term as Vice President of the Mountain and Plains Region. I appreciate the leadership he has given to FCM and in particular his recent effort of encouraging and organizing individuals who are interested in being area representatives. Developing this important volunteer capacity is an essential part of connecting and communicating with the membership, particularly in a geographical area as large as the Mountains and Plains Region. Please contact your vice president for information on serving FCM in this worthwhile manner.

Sharing our wisdom, building the future... As you are aware we have recently completed a monumental project to connect with and tap into the ideas and energy of our entire membership, beginning with phone contact and continuing through our survey. Thanks to the time and generosity of our volunteers, we were able to reach well over half of our members with personal phone calls. Over 280 members – a significant percentage of our roster – responded to the follow-up survey conducted from April 1st to April 15th. The success of this effort was due in large part to our dedicated team led by **Mary Vidas** that included **Lindsay Butler, Ryan Mulkowsky, Conner Sims,** and **Christy Howard-Steele**. The fantastic response is a compliment to the vitality of FCM. It is energizing to have so many who are interested in providing guidance for the future direction of our organization. Over the next several months we will be reviewing the survey responses and will devote a significant amount of time to them at our Circle Meeting in July. Soon afterward we will be sending out the fruits of that conversation via Realm so stay tuned.

I leave you with this Easter thought: it is my sincere belief that miracles and vision necessarily go together. The season teaches that both are ever at hand though I do not always perceive their presence, standing as I sometimes do in the darkness. I need to remember to stand in the light that no darkness can overcome. It is only there and then that I am able to have the vision to see the miracles that are always around me.



**TOM CUSACK
PRESIDENT**

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Where Worlds Collide

In **the Little World** of FCM, life is good. Under the leadership of chairperson **Tom Stricker** and with the professional help of **Mary Vidas** and other talented members, the **FCM Survey** is gathering many responses. Voting on vice president for our Mountains and Plains and Pacific regions is now concluded, and several administrative posts have been filled with those generous members soon taking their place on the *Circle of Directors*. We are pleased to include another *faith community member*, this one in New York City and we welcome them and their leader **Mike Lopez**. All this indicates the health and vitality within FCM.

With that said, I'm not very happy with the way things are going in **the Big World** around us. There are continuing challenges to the values that were lived and taught by Jesus during the occupation of Judea by the Roman Empire. We find his teachings regarding "the least of my brothers" (Mt. 25:40) to be ignored at our nation's borders. We find his compassion disregarded in our country's bloated military budget and internal reliance on weapons for security (cf. Mt. 26:52). His ministry of healing fails to inspire those who would remove health care from the poor and marginalized. We have a long way to go in meeting the needs of the Big World, a task that requires all of us within FCM along with millions of others in a multi-generational effort.

All this means that **the Divine World** definitely needs our full attention and if we make that our first concern, the other two worlds will reap the benefits. This means a mind-set which is in constant reference to the Divine, making the singular request: "Show me what you want me to do and how to do it in the way you want me to, and I will be your partner on earth." Of course, this is a big request and a big commitment, but by following through in our personal spiritual lives each day with spiritual exercises of prayer and meditation, all the while seeking that guidance it will be fulfilled. We need only put in the time and focused effort.

So, I will return here to my standard plea: once you have got a good handle on taking care of the Divine World by prayer and meditation, contemplation and good works, carve out four minutes per day for FCM. Use two minutes of prayer and two minutes of meditation for the good of FCM (2 x 2 4 FCM). On Tuesdays do 10 for FCM. By filling the Divine World with our attention, the needs of the Little World and the Big World will surely be answered. Thanks for praying.



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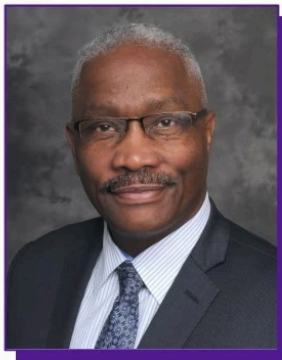
2019 FCM Election Results

Term July 2019 - 2022

Congratulations!



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Vice President
Mts. & Plains Region



Tracy Peterson
Vice President
Pacific Region

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FCM Communicating



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AMY SIMPSON

FCM Members Let's Get Connected



REALM

The Federation of Christian Ministries recently updated the administrative tools our Circle of Directors use to run the daily operations of our organization AND we added more ways for our members to communicate and connect with each other. This new program is called **Realm**.

What is Realm? *Realm is a real ministry tool.*

Realm is an online ministry tool designed for real time connection. It helps FCM connect with you and you connect with us. Realm allows you to manage your personal information and who is allowed to see it, and keep in touch with the groups that matter to you.

Why use Realm? *Realm strengthens FCM connections.*

Realm helps us serve you better. Everyone can be connected from anywhere at any time, right from our mobile devices. It engages everyone in the life of FCM by supporting the healthy relationships essential to our mission. We'll stay organized, and you'll stay informed about all of the opportunities for fellowship. When we share life together, we will grow together.

What about my privacy? *Realm is safe, private, and secure.*

Your privacy is one of our greatest concerns. Realm is only made up of the people in FCM, it's not like a social network that's open to everyone. Realm keeps your data safe and gives you control over what information you share and who can see it.

How do I start? *Follow a few simple steps.*

1. Use the link in your email invitation and follow the steps to create a password.

You will receive an email invite to create an account in our new online community, Realm. Use the link in that email and follow the steps to create a password.

2. Log In.

Log in to the Realm site using your email and the password you created in step 1.

3. Update your profile.

Every FCM member gets a unique profile. Check to make sure that we have your address and other personal information entered correctly under My Profile. If anything is incorrect, you can change it.

3. Get the Mobile App.

The easiest way people in FCM will access Realm is with their mobile device. Although it's not required, it certainly is a popular and convenient way to connect. Stay connected to FCM wherever you go by downloading the free Connect – Our Church Community app for iPhone and Android devices.

Note: *Your Realm login works on your home computer and on your mobile devices, so when you sign into Realm, use the login you created in step 1 for the computer or the app.*

If you have any questions, contact **Amy Simpson at connect@fcmmail.org**.

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Hearing Her Voice: A Revised Lectionary

BY JANE VIA WITH NANCY CORRAN

(Editor's note: As most members are aware, the Lectionary provides a structured selection of Bible readings arranged for use at Mass throughout the year. Thanks to Jane Via and Nancy Corran from our Pacific Region for their ground-breaking ministry and for sharing their efforts with FCM.)

When **Mary Magdalene the Apostle Catholic Community** was born in November 2005 in San Diego, I accepted the responsibility for rendering the readings for our liturgies in inclusive language. I soon discovered the content of the lectionary raised some serious questions, particularly with regard to the gospel passages. As a former professor of New Testament Studies I was familiar with gospel narratives and so recognized that the passage from the previous week and the one for the coming week were proceeding through the gospel in a somewhat orderly fashion from beginning to end. At the same time, I realized that with some regularity the Lectionary for Sundays and Major Feast Days (SMFD) skipped over verses about women. With the exception of the Gospel we call "Luke" there are limited narratives about women anyway, so the absence of these narratives in the Sunday lectionary became glaring.

Consciously or unconsciously, the roles of women in the Bible were being withheld from wider Christian consciousness of Scripture which is created through the Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass.

That initial observation caused Nancy Corran and me to scrutinize the other Sunday readings. We realized that important passages about women were excluded from the SMFD Lectionary while some negative passages were included. That led to a careful review of the passages in the Hebrew Bible included in the SMFD Lectionary. Again, it became clear that narratives involving women were conspicuous in their absence.

Initially, I began to address the issue by revising the canonical (lectionary) gospel reading to include any passage about a woman that had been dropped. When Nancy took over the lectionary project, she began the work of bringing passages about women from the wider New Testament and the Hebrew Bible into the framework of the lectionary. Over time, we realized that the exclusion of passages about women in the Roman Catholic Lectionary was systemic. Consciously or unconsciously, the roles (especially the positive roles) of women in the Bible were being withheld from wider Christian consciousness of Scripture which is created through the Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass.

Here are a few examples:

(1) *The canonical reading of God's visitation to Abraham and Sarah, which ends at Genesis 18:10a, eliminates Sarah's presence, words and her unmediated conversation with God. The CCL restores Sarah's part in the Biblical narrative by adding Genesis 18:10b-15 to the canonical reading.*

(2) *In Hannah's story (1 Samuel 1:1-2:21), Hannah's husband tells her to do what she thinks is best and remain home from a return trip to Shiloh (1 Samuel 1:23). The singular verse in which Elkanah affirms Hannah's authority in their family is excluded from the canonical reading which occurs on the Feast of the Holy Family (1 Samuel 20-22, 24-28).*

(3) *The entire Book of Ruth, in which two women are the protagonists, is excluded from the SMFD Lectionary.*

(4) *In John 20:11-18, Jesus makes his first resurrection appearance to Mary Magdalene and sends her to announce the good news to the brothers (arguably meaning brothers and sisters). Despite Pope Francis' decision to honor Mary as an apostle of the church, this passage is excluded from the lectionary's readings for Easter as well as any other Sunday.*

(5) *Luke 13:10-17, the narrative about the Bent Over Woman, is excluded from the canonical Lectionary, although the passages which precede it and follow it are included. In that narrative, Jesus heals a woman on the Sabbath during a synagogue service, calling her to him while he was teaching.*

(6) *The story of Lydia and the synagogue of women which Paul visited (Acts 16:11-15, 40) is excluded.*

Recognizing and correcting these omissions over twelve years has led us to the creation of the Comprehensive Catholic Lectionary (CCL), presented in the familiar three-year cycle for Sundays and major feast days. In 2018, we offered the result of our work to the Women's Ordination Conference (WOC) as part of their fundraising efforts. Nancy and I work as volunteers and all monies received go to WOC. We update the lectionary by season, attempting to stay far enough ahead that independent Catholic communities can plan comfortably for their liturgical celebrations.

The purposes of the CCL are:

(1) to generally follow the Roman Catholic Lectionary for SMFDs but to *add every significant story about women in the Bible not included*, namely those that appear in gospel texts, other New Testament texts and texts about significant women in the Hebrew Bible.

(2) to *eliminate exclusive language* for God and human beings. In the CCL, masculine language for God is often substituted with gender neutral words and when the original Biblical language warrants it with feminine words.

(3) to expose and/or familiarize believers with *the entire spectrum of Biblical readings and history*, from the foundational stories of the Hebrew Bible to the end of the NT period where doctrinal or dogmatic interests do not dictate text selection.

(4) to educate believers on *the broad and diverse spectrum of Biblical theologies*.

(5) to select passages from Biblical books which honor the most *important literary and theological contributions* of the writers, especially the Evangelists.

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The CCL seeks to correct this major deficit of the Roman Catholic SMFD Lectionary and its accompanying implication that there were no women in Biblical history whose lives matter with respect to the contemporary church or the faith of the contemporary believer. If they do not hear about the strong women of the Bible and their leadership in Israel's faith, about the many women disciples' in Jesus' life who shared his ministry and accompanied him on his journey to Jerusalem and to his death, believers are easily convinced that women have no place in ordained ministry or in leadership within the church. Simply put, it is easier to maintain the second-class status of women. The canonical lectionary leaves women, especially young women with few if any role models for ministry and leadership in the Church. To make matters worse, insofar as the second-class status of women is presented through the lectionary as divinely inspired, the exclusion of narratives about women and girls feeds the connection between Christian faith and the physical, emotional and sexual abuse of women and children.

The CCL includes readings rendered in inclusive language with as much attention to the literary style and meaning of the ancient text as possible. We hope you will take the time to explore the CCL on the WOC website <https://www.inclusivelectionary.org/> and that if you are part of an independent Roman Catholic community or parish, you will consider adopting the CCL in your worship. And please, if your community can afford it contribute to WOC which makes publication of the CCL possible.



Memorial Day 2019



ARLENE WEBB

Our Beautiful Home

(Editor's note: As part of FCM's commitment to earth care and in particular the devastating reality of global warming, we are grateful to Northeast member Arlene for the following crucial information and her accompanying poem.)

I believe our Creator desires 1) that we orient ourselves toward the Good Future to which our Creator has consistently beckoned us and 2) that we endeavor to boldly and confidently move in that direction. I further believe that the *ONE* *G*O*D* of the Multiverse is helping us and desires to help us even more. If you so desire, you may review some background information on the poem that follows.

CO2 in the Troposphere: The Troposphere is the layer of Earth's atmosphere where the different types of greenhouse gases collect. For the sake of brevity, I reference only the most prevalent of these: CO2.

Parts per million: This measurement is what scientists use to quantify the various gases in our atmosphere. In the early stages of the world's 'Carbon-Heavy Industrial Age', specifically around 1880, the tropospheric CO2 level was in the neighborhood of 278 PPM. By 1958, it was 317 PPM. In the mid-to-late 1980's we crossed 350 PPM and we now stand at 411 PPM.

Global Mean Surface Temperature: With an average rate of 0.07 degrees C per decade since 1880, and 0.17 degrees C per decade since 1970. Doesn't sound like much, but it takes a lot of energy to heat this entire planet.

Warmest years on record: The warmest 19 years have all occurred in the past twenty years. The warmest of the warmest are 2015, 2016 (the highest), 2017, and 2018. Have to go back to pre-1978 to find years that are not at least nominally warmer than the 20th Century average.

Paradise: The retirement town decimated by the extreme behavior of California's 2018 Camp Fire. Weather-related events such as wildfires, extreme precipitation or lack thereof, heat waves and record cold spells are exacerbated by, and among the many effects of, global warming.

Biblical allusions and quotes: Revelation 1:8, 22:13, Matthew 11:15, 13:9, 13:43, Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22, Isaiah 32:3, Joshua 24:14-15, Deuteronomy 11:26-28, 31:19-22, Joshua 24:15, Jeremiah 31:3, John 3:16, Isaiah 43:1-7, Numbers 14:18, Luke 6:36-42, Micah 6:8, Romans 4:16-18, Luke 17:5-6, Matthew 17:20, John 8:31-32, Jeremiah 27:5, Psalm 98, Psalm 138:7-8, Exodus 6:6-7, Matthew 28:18-20, Genesis 1:26-31.

This Rock We Call Earth

PART I

WHAT DO YOU SAY ALREADY
TO PEOPLE WHO KNOW FACTS:
CO2,
PARTS PER MILLION,
GLOBAL MEAN
SURFACE TEMPERATURE,
WARMEST YEARS ON RECORD?
WHAT DO YOU SAY ALREADY
TO PEOPLE WHO LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD
REDEEMER SUSTAINER CREATOR
ONE WHO IS HOLY
ALPHA OMEGA
WHAT DO YOU SAY?

PART II

I SAY
TELL THEM THEY'RE LOVED BY GOD EACH DAY.
HAVE EARS TO HEAR AND EYES TO SEE.
THESE ARE THE TIMES:
CHOOSE NOW WHERE YOU STAND.

PART III

ONE THING IS CERTAIN ABOUT EARTH'S FUTURE:
HARD, IT WILL BE.
WE'VE PAST A POINT OF NO RETURN.
GOD -
STEADFAST, MERCIFUL,
PATIENT, SLOW TO ANGER,
FORGIVING, LOVING,
WILLING TO LET US
EXPERIENCE CONSEQUENCES.
IN PARADISE SHE SAW,
THROUGH HER VERY OWN EYES, A LEVEL CATASTROPHIC
OF HUMANITY'S DESTRUCTION.
I MEAN, HARD IT IS, EVEN NOW.

PART IV

WHAT DO WE DO? CAN'T GO BACKWARD. CAN'T GO SIDEWAYS.
CAN'T STAY THE SAME. HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD.
WE WILL NOT BE DESERTED IN OUR TEARS -
GREATEST HOURS OF NEED.
NO WAY. WILL NOT HAPPEN.
GOD'S NOT THAT KIND OF GOD.
GOD LOVES US.
GOD HELPS US.
GOD UPHOLDS US
WITH GOD'S VICTORIOUS, OUTSTRETCHED (PROVERBIAL) ARM.
PERSEVERE THROUGH THE STRUGGLE.
GAIN STRENGTH. WORK TOGETHER.
BE COURAGEOUS. BE FAITHFUL. BE MERCIFUL. BE TRUE.

PART V

OF ALL THE PLANETS CIRCLING SUNS,
THIS ROCK WE CALL EARTH IS
GOD'S FAVORITE ONE.

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TOM LEONHARDT

The Challenge of Moving Toward Non-duality

(Editor's note: The following is the first of a two-part essay, the latest by Great Lakes member Tom Leonhardt on spirituality in the 21st century. We encourage all members to send poetry, essays and other submissions on spiritual topics for consideration to newsletter@fcmmail.org)

There appears to be more reference in our contemporary discourse about consciousness, awareness, waking up than ever before. It is not unusual to hear of Westerners seeking teaching and teachers in the East—Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, etc. Something is stirring! Perhaps this phenomenon is related to a feeling of emptiness experienced by so many in our unproductive obsession with "STUFF," physical stuff or mental clutter. A friend told me that her eight-year old grandson said to her, "Gramma, you gotts too much stuffs!"

In our society we place great importance on success. Because of our upbringing the importance of results even permeates our spiritual/religious expectations leading us to think that "success" in practices such as meditation "should" result in "spiritual experiences," which, as mystics assure us are *passing, impermanent* like everything else and actually not significant in themselves. Yes, there may be consequences from experiences which transform a person's life, but the experiences themselves need to be let go, not sought after as ends in themselves. "When Shunryu Suzuki was once asked why he never referred to his enlightenment experience, his wife, who was sitting in the back of the hall, stood up and said, 'Because he never had one!' The recognition of our true nature is not an exotic experience. Indeed, it is not an experience at all."¹

Rupert Spira speaks of "the essential non-dual understanding that lies at the heart of all the great religious and spiritual traditions."² They all call us to waking up, consciousness, awareness. Essential non-dual understanding means: we are all one—not separate as it may appear.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus prays "that all may be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you...that they may be [one] in us..." (Jn. 17: 21) This prayer is not some romantic utopia of a universal hug among separate beings. It is a realization that all seemingly separate beings are but a manifestation of the ONLY BEING. Richard Rohr states: "God is not a being among other beings, but rather *Being itself* revealed for any mature seeker."³ It is my observation that the implication of this saying in John's Gospel has never been taken to its conclusion in mainline Christianity!

The invocation of Hazrat Inayat Khan who brought Sufism to the West from India in 1910, speaks to this: "Toward the One, the perfection of love, harmony and beauty, the only Being, united with all the illuminated souls who form the embodiment of the Mystery, the Spirit of Guidance." Then there is the Gayatri Mantra from the Rig Veda, in written form 2,500-3,500 years old (possibly more than 6,000) which might be translated as: "**All-pervasive Consciousness** is worthy of being sought. We are devoted to that Divine Light which bestows understanding. It energizes, guides, and inspires our intuitive grasp of reality."

In Islam, the earliest criterion of orthodoxy was the phrase, "there is nothing but Allah, God, Oneness, Unity." From another source: "The words 'Allah' and 'God' refer to the ineffable reality, the essence of all things. Allah includes everything and depends upon nothing for existence."⁴ In another source, Richard Rohr writes: "The brilliant word, non-duality (*advaita* in Sanskrit), was used by many in different traditions in the East to distinguish from total and perfect absorption or enmeshment. Facing some of the same challenges of modern-day ecology and quantum physics, they did not want to say that all things were metaphysically or physically identical, nor did they want to separate and disconnect everything."⁵ And from another source stated even more clearly: All things "have no independent existence of their own. They are neither identical to nor distinct from the essence."⁶

This depth, this heart lying at the center of all the great religious and spiritual traditions, all of which have their own mystics who know this bottom-line truth about oneness and non-duality presents a serious challenge to institutional religions as they are. Institutional religions create separateness as soon as doctrines or dogmas are established. Dogmatic or doctrinal fundamentalism leads to extremes. If you accept the doctrine or dogma, you are in; if you do not accept the doctrine or dogma, you are out. Other religious traditions are more often than not seen as false. Although this does secure a sense of safety, of "being sure" it also results in distinction. God is seen as separate and as judgmental, ready to punish deviant behavior.

Transformation happens one person at a time, which requires time and patience and love. It is up to us whether we wish to join the swell of growing consciousness and to invite others to join as well.

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Rohr offers a completely different understanding: "Any talk of anger in God, 'wrath' in God, unforgiveness in God, or any kind of holding back whatsoever, the Cappadocian mystics would see as theologically impossible and forever undone in a Trinitarian notion of God. Nothing human can stop the flow of divine love; we cannot undo the eternal pattern even by our worst sin."⁷

In our growing up and adulthood we heard plenty about sin. Rohr writes: "Sin is the state of being closed down, shut off, blocked, and thus resisting the eternal flow that we're meant to be."⁸ This Trinity is a constant flow of giving and receiving, which dynamic actually characterizes the whole universe. "What could have been a Divine Wave, we have for the most part related to as a static particle god."⁹ With such a god patriarchy has, can and does thrive. A major obstacle to entering into the growing swell of awareness is that institutional, patriarchal religions very quickly interpreted mythology in literal terms, losing the rich and lasting meaning in the stories whether or not the stories are historically based.

The challenge of addressing patriarchy for institutional Christianity as well as for other religious traditions is gargantuan. What needs to happen will not happen quickly but neither did the unfolding of the Universe. The appearance of life was a trial and error process and once it appeared for the first time, it lasted only a moment, but eventually life held on and here we are, part of this awesome green planet.

Transformation happens one person at a time, which requires time and patience and love. It is up to us whether we wish to join the swell of growing consciousness and to invite others to join as well. Systems change as individuals change, one person at a time. This change is also greatly enhanced as folks gather in loving, sharing communities and as communities interact and communicate with other like communities.

We are challenged to chart a path in our spiritual journeys which will prove useful to the authentic growth for which we all yearn. What might a process of transformation from literalism and separation to awareness of our oneness look like? It begins with the understanding that change and growth happen as part of life. Karl Jung said that human beings grow only in relationship. For the process of transformation, we need to begin at the beginning: as children in atmospheres of love, support and trust.

For example, most children in the West believe in Santa Claus. Caring adults know that the Santa story has an historical base in St. Nicholas. They indulge the Santa fantasy to give joy and excitement to their children. At the right time they guide their children to the awareness that the story has the meaning of "giving and receiving."

Even if Santa as such actually existed, his existence would be quite irrelevant since it is the meaning which makes the difference, in this case the meaning of "giving and receiving." The loving, supporting community of family helps children to transition and grasp the meaning of Santa Claus. This provides a model of what needs to happen as a person grows older.

The community further provides the context of love, safety and trust as one's education proceeds. Here is another example: The Buddha was an historical figure. He is said to have stated: "If you meet the Buddha on the road, kill him." It is the rich tradition that he taught which, if practiced can lead to transformation, not his historical existence.

The Jesus tradition is another rich tradition, the teachings of which can lead to transformation. But the "practice" is not about external exercises like attending church services and performing external actions, or rote recitation of prayers. External behavior by itself, does not transform. Jesus had plenty to say about the external observances of the Pharisee sect of the time! The danger of compromising the Jesus tradition's potential for transformation of consciousness lies in taking the story literally rather than grasping its authentic intent. The intent is transformation of consciousness, coming to the awareness that we are in God and God is in us, that we are not identical to God's Essence but neither are we distinct from that Divine Essence! Is this not the Good News? Again John 17:21, as cited above "that all may be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you...that they may be [one] in us..." The Book of Acts tells of Paul's discourse to the people of Athens. Paul speaks of an altar inscribed "to a God unknown...in whom we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:23 and 28.

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Region Celebrates New Commissions



CARL YUSAVITZ
VICE PRESIDENT



ABOVE....
RECENTLY COMMISSIONED AT GEISINGER MEDICAL CENTER IN DANVILLE, PA WERE RON CYKTOR JR. AND JONI JOHNSON (CENTER) PICTURED HERE WITH CARL YUSAVITZ, NORTHEAST VP AND UNIDENTIFIED FCM CHAPLAIN COLLEAGUES.

ABOVE....
ELRICA ADAMS-FINNEY (CENTER IN RED STOLE) WAS ALSO COMMISSIONED RECENTLY IN A CEREMONY AT MORAVIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN BETHLEHEM, PA. PICTURED WITH ELRICA ARE HER PROFESSORS, CHAPLAIN COLLEAGUES, AND CARL YUSAVITZ.

NORTHEAST REGION

Registration for the
2019
Northeast Gathering
is on the
next page....



With Deepest Sympathy

Long time FCM member, George LeBlanc passed into spirit after a brief illness, on March 26, 2019, at the age of 92.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife Valerie and his extend family.

Celebration of Life took place on April 15, 2019
Best Funeral Services, Peoria, AZ
Mass of the Resurrection on April 16, 2019
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Glendale, AZ.

A celebration of George's life will also be held in New Jersey at a later date.

Expressions of Sympathy:
Valerie LeBlanc
10215 N. 108th. Avenue
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Regional Gathering Returns to Eddy Farm

October 11-13, 2019



Eddy Farm is a Christian retreat and conference center located approximately 85 miles from New York City. FCM has met there twice before and found it accessible for most of our Northeast members. The center is situated on 100 acres of property on the Delaware River near where New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania meet. Visit at: www.eddyfarm.com

Room descriptions & weekend rates (below) are for 2 nights lodging, with 6 meals, and the use of all amenities, as well as 1 night's lodging, with 3 meals.

Standard Rooms with Private Bath - These are basic rooms with private bathroom and air conditioning. They are located in The Main Inn, The Lodge, or The Annex.

Standard Single Occupancy = \$253 per person (or \$126.50 per person for 1 night)
 Standard Double Occupancy = \$198 per person (or \$99 per person for 1 night)
 Standard Triple Occupancy = \$178 per person (or \$89 per person for 1 night)

Deluxe Rooms - These are bigger rooms with private bathroom, air conditioning, telephone, and limited Dish television. These rooms have outside balcony, suite, or a porch. They also have a view of either The Delaware River or our beautiful recreational fields.

Deluxe Single Occupancy = \$297 per person (or \$148.50 for one night)
 Deluxe Double Occupancy = \$242 per person (\$121 for one night)
 Deluxe Triple Occupancy = \$218 per person (\$109 for one night)
 Deluxe Quadruple Occupancy = \$194 per person (\$97 for one night)

Not staying overnight? - Single meals prices are \$35 for one meal and \$45 for two meals, and \$55 for three meals) FCM has been offered a 50% discount for full-time ministers and their spouses. (Please note: the facility policy recognizes full-time ministers to include chaplains, pastors, or Christian counselors and does not include those whose ministry is limited to weddings).

REGISTRATION FORM FOR FCM NORTHEAST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY.....OCTOBER 11-13, 2019

IF YOU ARE STAYING BOTH NIGHTS, CIRCLE ONE: **STANDARD** **DELUX**
 CHECK ONE: SINGLE OCCUPANCY ___ DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ___ TRIPLE OCCUPANCY ___

IF YOU ARE STAYING ONLY ONE NIGHT, CIRCLE ONE: **STANDARD** **DELUX**
 CHECK ONE: SINGLE OCCUPANCY ___ DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ___ TRIPLE OCCUPANCY ___

IF YOU ARE A FULL-TIME MINISTER AND WANT TO CLAIM THE 50% DISCOUNT (SEE ABOVE), LIST YOUR MINISTRY POSITION AND CHURCH OR AGENCY YOU WORK FOR:

IF YOU ARE NOT STAYING OVERNIGHT, BUT JOINING US FOR 1, 2, OR 3 MEALS, YOUR MEAL COST = _____
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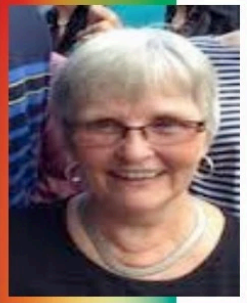
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SEND TO CARL YUSAVITZ, 7128 CRITTENDEN STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19119

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 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

ANY DIETARY NEEDS? _____
 WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP PREPARE OUR GATHERING? _____
 WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP FACILITATE OUR GATHERING? _____
 WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO DO A WORKSHOP? _____

CUT AND MAIL

NORTHEAST REGION
2019 Gathering



DIANE DOUGHERTY
VICE PRESIDENT

SOUTHERN REGION

Regional Activity Includes Area Gathering

Communicating is what we're good at... A note of thanks to all who called to interview members for our online survey. It was good to hear the voices of so many of you and gather information for our organization. The feedback was very helpful, and I was grateful to hear from those who volunteered to be on the National Planning Committee for 2020 in Chicago: **Dennis O'Keefe, Ryan Mulkowsky, Michelle Mehan, Laura Callendar, Shelley Gilchrist, Frank Piscioti, Tom Wilt, Lee Breyer, Sandra Tracy and Lisa Koch.**

Facing challenges with Realm... Out of our 88 members, only 21 have registered to date. Many have noted great frustration. I share the feeling, but we will persist. I will be giving you a call.

A warm welcome to these new members



REBECCA BASS

BETH KNIGHT

VIRGINIA HAGEN

JOSEPH MUSKO

WENDY TINGLE

Rebecca Bass, Clearwater, FL Rebecca is a Chaplain in a large continuous care retirement community and has served as a Spiritual Director in private practice for 10 years.

Beth Knight, Clermont, FL Beth is a deacon in a small contemplative network of house churches. She has served for 15 years as a Spiritual Director and is a pastoral counselor at Central Florida Psychological Consultants.

Virginia Hagen, Gainesville, FL Virginia is an RN at a Psychiatric Hospital who cares for people with serious mental and substance abuse issues. She leads spirituality and Bible study groups and counsels people who cannot afford services.

Joseph Musko, Dunedin, FL Joe has been in ordained ministry for many years and is transitioning to a new community. He is hoping to be commissioned and endorsed through FCM.

Wendy Tingle, Buies Creek, NC Wendy is a hospice chaplain with Kindred Hospice where her primary responsibility is bereavement. She is a deacon at her church and a youth leader and acts as a group leader with Spiritual Life for undergraduates.

Edward Haggerty, Towson, MD A long-time member, Ed has moved to Maryland from Detroit. He lectured through Loyola University and has officiated at wedding, funerals and attended to the sick. (no photo)

Commissioning and endorsement questions? If you are seeking FCM commissioning, please contact me with any concerns doughertyadd@gmail.com If you are seeking endorsement, contact Jeanne Hale jeannehale18@gmail.com Please note: the deadline is June 1, 2019.

Oh happy day! Miriam Picconi and Wanda Russell have offered their home in Palm Coast, FL as a location for a Regional Meeting, June 27-29. Please consider this opportunity to gather. Also be thinking about volunteering to work with a team to organize the day – more information to follow.



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RON DAVIS
VICE PRESIDENT

GREAT LAKES REGION

Keeping Connections Strong



Pictured left to right....PHIL MARCIN, LINDA MARCIN, CAROLYN HORVATH, TOM LEONHARDT, SANDI SCHMIDT, CHARLOTTE NICHOLS, ELISE LEITZEL, PAMELA MEYERS, ANTOINETTE MAROLD, BILL & PATTY WISNIEWSKI.

Cleveland, Louisville gatherings well attended... Area get-togethers continue to be an important aspect of our regional identity. The Cleveland community met on Sunday, March 31st, and although they received six inches of snow that day, ten members shared **Antoinette Marold's** hospitality. Each shared an update on their lives and ministry and Pamela offered a meditation.



The Louisville Group met on Saturday, April 13th. Their reflection centered on a reading from Radical Amazement by Judy Cannato and the group shared how they are aware of, connected with and transmit the energy of love. Those in attendance included: (FRONT ROW) KERRY WENTWORTH, RENEE YARMUTH, RAPHAEL MACARANAS, PEGGY HOLTHAUS, AND TONY HEITZMAN ; (BACK) ANNE WALTER AND SHANNON QUEENAN. THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN BY WISTON CRUZ .

Commissioning services scheduled... Several members confirmed at February's Circle meeting will celebrate with family and friends in the upcoming months, beginning with:

Will Grinstead's service on April 29th at I U Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, IN.

Phillip Green's service will take place at 2pm on Saturday, May 18th at my home in Springfield, Ohio. Following the service we will share a pot-luck and a time of fellowship that members are welcome to share.

Suzanne Ujvagi's service will take place at 5:45pm on Friday, May 31st at Trinity Episcopal Church, Toledo, Ohio.

Shanon Sterringer will be commissioned on August 3rd (Feast of Lydia) in Austria.

Mary Eileen Collingwood will offer Shanon her Commissioning Certificate in the service.

Will, Phillip, Suzanne, and Shanon are very excited to share this special event with family, friends, colleagues and of course FCM members who are able to attend.

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Great Lakes..Keeping Connections Strong cont'd.

Survey, Realm enrollment update... I am grateful for **Shannon Queenan, Tom Stricker, Jim Carter** and **John Shultz** for working with me on phoning the region's members as part of this important effort. One of the chief goals of the phone calls was to discover if each member has accepted the invitation to join Realm, a very helpful tool for communication, management of FCM, and maintaining data on many aspects of our ministries. There is still work to be done on this project. If you have not yet registered with Realm or have questions about enrollment, feel free to contact me.



Maria Stein gathering scheduled... Members and friends are encouraged to save October 4 – 6 for our popular weekend at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein in St. Mary's, Ohio. The theme of the weekend comes out of our new mission statement: **The Federation of Christian Ministries responds to the Divine Call by empowering and nurturing those inspired for inclusive ministry.** Over the next two months, I will be talking to some of our newly commissioned and endorsed ministers about offering presentations on inclusive ministry topics. Our presence together will be an opportunity to celebrate our new ministers and grapple with the challenging issues of inclusivity at this time in American history.

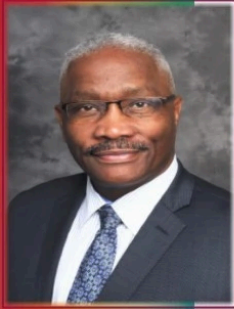
In addition, we will have a service for those who will be commissioned at the July Circle meeting, and as always there will be time to relax and enjoy one another's company. Watch for registration information in June.



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**RICHARD JAMES
VICE PRESIDENT**

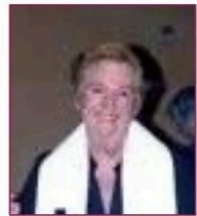
Area Reps Energize Region

With gratitude for an abundance of help both divine and human, I look forward to continued service as vice president of our region and to serving the membership by listening, encouraging, supporting, and representing our members. Three goals will guide my efforts: first, to contribute to the Circle of Directors' conversations that shape and promote our mission: "The Federation of Christian Ministries responds to the Divine Call by empowering and nurturing those inspired for inclusive ministries." Second, to contribute to the increase of our membership and the support of those applying for FCM commissioning and endorsement. Finally, to improve communication and relational activities as a faith community throughout the seven areas of our region. I am particularly thankful for the help of our newly appointed area representatives in this effort and am pleased to introduce them to you.

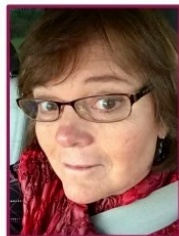
MTS. & PLAINS REGION



Dan Hoard, Chicago Daniel currently serves as a chaplain at RML Specialty Hospital Chicago. He resides in the Albany Park/Lincoln Square area of Chicago with his wife Jodi and their 9-year-old German Shepherd/Black Lab, Mia. Daniel is very pleased to serve as a regional representative and hopes to partner with all in the Chicago area and beyond to foster community, supportive networks, and friendships for FCM members looking to develop a connection to one another in meaningful ways. He invites any and all to reach out to him with any concerns or questions.



Marybeth McBryan, St. Louis Marybeth is a Roman Catholic Woman Priest ordained in November 2009. She has two adult sons and a 12-year-old granddaughter. She belongs to a weekly Ecumenical Lectionary Group and hosts most of the St. Louis FCM gatherings at her home. Her community of worship is Reaching Out made up of former priests, religious, spouses and others who all participate in leading the liturgy.



Linda Mayes, Milwaukee Linda was born in Long Beach, California and was raised in a traditional Protestant church-going family. Although it took time to expand her worldview and spiritual consciousness to see the fullness of the divine, she is grateful for each step of the journey, especially this new chapter with FCM. She describes a sense of divine invitation that drew her to various parts of the world including Mexico, Trinidad, Taiwan and the Philippines. Returning to the US, Linda sensed the loving call of God to transition into chaplaincy and is currently working at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, WI. She is grateful for FCM and the opportunity to be a member and commissioned minister serving those in my community and looks forward to connecting with other members in the days ahead.

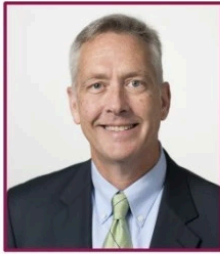


Conner Joseph Simms, St. Paul Conner Simms lives in the Twin Cities but hails from the Chicago area. Endorsed by FCM and the International Council of Communities Churches, Conner is the Surgical Intensive Care Unit Chaplain at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN. He is also a Staff Chaplain with the 934th Airlift Wing of the United States Air Force Reserve. He resides with his wife Mayme and their infant daughter Sydney in Minneapolis.

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James Hayes, Des Moines

Jim and his wife live in Des Moines with their two children where he is the executive director of the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center. His life has been blessed with opportunities to teach, counsel, write, minister, preach, lead retreats and provide spiritual direction. He also has experience in non-profit administration, motivational speaking, pastoral and campus ministry, facilitating workshops, adult learning and training programs, civic engagement advocacy, strategic planning and consulting. Throughout his career, Jim has dedicated himself to building up individuals and institutions for positive community engagement, whether across the street or around the world.



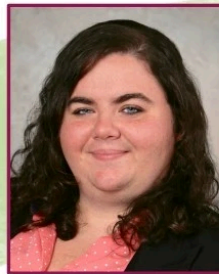
Peter Streng, Denver

Peter has been a member of FCM since 2010. Having been commissioned and endorsed, he is grateful to serve in the ministries of spiritual care and clinical pastoral education as an ACPE Certified Educator and the director of Fort Collins Clinical Pastoral Education in Fort Collins, CO. Peter recently accepted the opportunity to serve as a member of the Specialized Ministries Committee for the Mountains & Plains Region, supporting members who are serving as chaplains, educators, and counselors in specialized ministry settings. A spouse, parent and grandparent, he is thankful for the support of family, friends, and colleagues, and for the opportunity to serve in ministry.



Zachary Wheat, Dallas

Zack grew up on the shores of North Florida and later found himself in Austin, Texas by way of North Carolina and Indiana. He currently works at Dell Children's Medical Center as the Hematology/Oncology and Pediatric Palliative Care Chaplain. He is thrilled to be serving in the role of area representative and looks forward to connecting more with people across the region and especially in Texas.



*Introducing newly-commissioned member **Anitta M. Milloro...** Anitta earned a BA from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois and an M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. Her ministry experience began as a chaplain's assistant while in college, and she has also served as an Interim Coordinator of Children's Ministries at First United Methodist Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois and as the Director of Children's Education at St. Elisabeth's Episcopal in Glencoe, Illinois. Anitta later served as a Chaplain Resident at UnityPoint Health in Des Moines, Iowa where she gained her current position as a Critical Care Staff Chaplain. She continues to toward FCM Endorsement and becoming a Board-Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains.*

Anitta describes her pastoral and personal identity as a "lover of people who exist on the margins of society: the sick, the lonely, the queer" with a "significant emphasis on the pastoral care of community." She has incorporated pastoral images such as the "intimate stranger, the wounded healer, and the story-hearer" into her ministerial identity. Anitta proclaims "In my stranger-ness, I offer a sense of security and safety. In my wounded-ness, I offer empathy and humanity. In my hearing, I offer reflection and invitation."



With Deepest Sympathy

Long time FCM member, Michael Keefe passed into Spirit on March 22, 2019 in the presence of his wife Alejandra, son Marcos and his extended family.

Michael was the former Vice President of the Mountains & Plains Region and a member of the FCM Ethics Committee.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife, son and extended family. Let us remember them as we grieve in healthy ways, giving thanks to God for the life and ministry of Rev. Michael Keefe, FCM

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Woodmar United Methodist Church, Hammond, IN

Expressions of Sympathy can be sent to:
Alejandra Keefe and Son
1643 174th. Street
Hammond, IN 46324-2903

We would like to encourage all of the Federation of Christian Ministries' members to notify the FCM Membership Office or the Central Office concerning the death of any member. In this way we can respond in a timely fashion with prayer support and providing a FCM Representative to attend the wake and service. We are a family and we want respond to our FCM members in a compassionate way.



DONNA SCHREIBER
VICE PRESIDENT

PACIFIC REGION

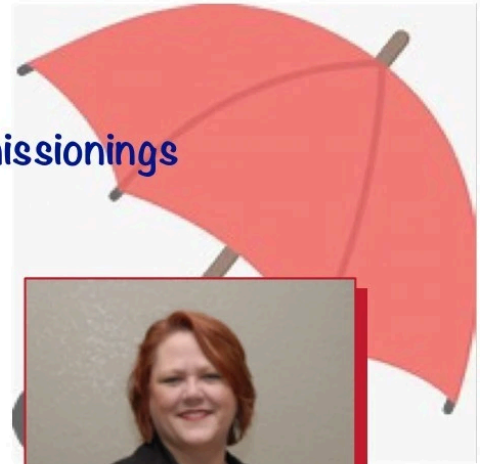
Region Celebrates Commissionings



Katjarina Hurt was commissioned April 1st at the beautiful Seattle Mountaineers' clubhouse. As director of Wilderness Chaplains <https://www.wildernesschaplains.org/> it was a fitting venue for someone serving in this capacity with wilderness rescue organizations.

Trained in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), these ministers are part of the team that focuses on caring for their fellow first responders in wilderness and remote environments.

Katja also works part-time as a Behavioral Technician at Ashley House in Federal Way WA. where she is responsible for working with behaviorally challenged individuals that may have medical challenges as well. She is an Alpine Patroller and CISM Coordinator at Boyne Resorts Summit at Snoqualmie Pass and volunteers with the Snoqualmie Pass Ski Patrol. In the past she has been a volunteer chaplain for the fire department in Waynesville, MO. along with a number of other employment and volunteer positions. We are grateful for her ministry and for being a part of FCM.



Members are invited to **Tracy Peterson's** upcoming Commissioning Service on Saturday, May 4 at 11 am at Hope Covenant Church, 1770 S. Dobson Rd. Chandler, AZ 85286.

Congratulations to Tracy who will begin serving as Pacific Region vice president following the Circle of Director's meeting in July.

Our regional Zoom get-togethers

will continue on the first Saturday every other month **with the following time change: 9:00 am (PDT) beginning June 1st.**

It is always a blessing to keep in touch and these sessions give us the opportunity to enjoy one another's fellowship and discuss concerns on anything from ministry to commissioning or endorsement.

Just go to Zoom.com and click on "Join Zoom Meeting" with the Meeting ID 3113725040. You may also join at

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3113725040>

Please let me know of any questions or concerns.

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Qualified FCM members may apply for "Religious Body Endorsement" for the specialized ministries of Chaplaincy, Pastoral Counseling, and Clinical Pastoral Education. Such endorsement is required by professional certifying organizations and many institutional employers. The FCM Circle of Directors acts on endorsement applications twice yearly. Endorsement application materials are available for downloading on the FCM website at: www.federationofchristianministries.org
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