



## Monthly notes and inspiration from Louisiana Spiritual Directors, Inc.

September 2016

*The contemplative's inner stance is not one of being swept downriver along with everything else. The contemplative's repose is not a passive state but an engaged, silent receptivity, "an ever moving repose," as St. Maximus the Confessor calls it. Like a riverbed, which is constantly receiving and letting go in the very same moment. Vigilant receptivity and nonclinging release are one and the same for this riverbed awareness as it constantly receives all coming from upstream while at the very same moment releasing all downstream.*



~Marten Laird

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We are doing our best to ensure that all LASD members who have given permission to be included in the website directory are so listed. Please check at [this link](#) to see if you are indeed listed and that your information is correct. If not, please contact our Board Secretary, [Elsa Mendoza](#).

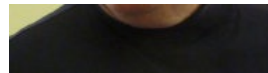
### REMINDER-REMINDER

Our 2017 Conference will be held February 17-19 at the Wesley Center in Woodworth. Presenter:

[Br. Don Bisson](#). Please mark



your calendars! Hope to see you there!



## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



## ARCHDIOCESAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER

### TWO SPECIAL WORKSHOPS

**#1: "Silent Music, Sounding Silence: The Poetry of St. John of the Cross"**

**Where:** New Orleans Archdiocesan Spirituality Center - open to the public

**Date:** Friday, September 30, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Cost:** \$10.00

**#2: "What an excellent place this is . . . advising souls . . . !" Guidance for the Spiritual Director from St. John on the Cross**

**Where:** New Orleans Archdiocesan Spirituality Center - for Spiritual Directors only

**Date:** Saturday, October 1, 2016

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Cost:** \$50.00

**To register:**

Call (504) 861-3254 OR email: [archspirctr@arch-no.org](mailto:archspirctr@arch-no.org) OR <http://asc.arch-no.org>



### READER'S CORNER

***Finding Peace through Spiritual Practice The Interfaith Amigos' Guide to Personal, Social and Environmental Healing***

By [Ted Falcon, Don Mackenzie, Jamal Rahman](#)

Within Judaism, Christianity, and Islam an increasing number of believers are feeling defeated and depressed in their efforts to heal the broken and battered environment, bring



### SOMETHING TO PONDER . . .

*"It is confirmation to me that beyond the material world of cause and effect, there is a dimension of spirit waiting for our recognition. We see such a small piece of all the*

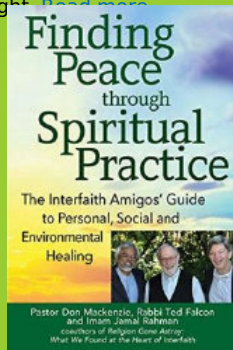


### TAKE NOTE

#### SDI New Contemplatives

Are you under the age of forty and called to the ministry and service of spiritual companionship? Would you learn best in a cohort of similarly called servant leaders? Perhaps you know someone under forty who would benefit from a full scholarship to the 2017 Seeking

about justice for all people, and forge a viable peace for our times. When asked to describe what this malaise feels like, they point to the kind of sadness and powerlessness that comes when hope is nowhere in sight. [Read more](#)



wonder surrounding us." [~ Paula D'Arcy](#)



Check out her newest book, [Stars at Night: When Darkness Unfolds as Light](#)

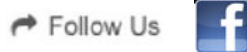
Connection conference? The New Contemplatives Initiative seeks to illuminate the web of connections with and among young spiritual companions in hopes of creating more opportunities for spiritual guidance and contemplative formation for those in the first half of life. [Read more ...](#)



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