



~ SPIRIT ~

Monthly notes and inspiration from Louisiana Spiritual Directors, Inc.

March 2017

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year
~ From "A Prayer in Spring" by Robert Frost



MEET YOUR 2017-2018 LASD BOARD MEMBERS

Board members elected for the 2017-2018 term at our recent conference are, L-R: Malinda LeBlanc (Secretary), Pauls Hymel, Yvonne Hymel, Elsa Mendoza (Treasurer), Brad Leger, Jane

Hebert (President), Sr. Kathleen Stakelum, Denise Donahoe, and Robin Hebert (Vice President). Also elected but not pictured was Charlene Rovira. Welcome to our new board members!



COMMENTS FROM CONFERENCE ATTENDEES:

"My first conference--outstanding and valuable."

"This conference is such a blessing to me and is a great resource for my ministry of Spiritual Direction."

"I have appreciated the retreat and time for prayer and reflections!"

"This was a great conference and retreat! Brother Don is a true walker of the talk! He took me a step (or more) further."



ANNOUNCING OUR 2018 LASD CONFERENCE PRESENTER: REV. BILL REDFIELD

Bill Redfield recently retired as rector of Trinity Church, Fayetteville, NY, three years ago after nearly 20 years. Besides being an Episcopal priest for over 40 years, he is also a licensed clinical social worker and has worked in private practice in Central New York and Maine. He has had a lifelong interest in the intersection of spirituality and the inner life. He is the creative force behind the birth of Wisdom House, Fayetteville, NY. Bill is a student of and a collaborator with Cynthia Bourgeault, the author of many books on Wisdom Christianity and contemplative spirituality.

Currently, Bill working to proliferate the concepts and practices of contemplative Spirituality and Wisdom Christianity through workshops, retreats, and Wisdom schools!

SAVE THE DATE!
April 20-22, 2018
Wesley Conference Center
Woodworth, Louisiana

UPCOMING RETREATS

Finding God in Our Everyday Lives: The Art of Discernment in Marriage

Robin and Easton Hebert
April 21-23, 2017

St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center
3167 Old 51 S.
Chatawa, MS 39632

Reservations: Call Sr. Helen Roper, SSND at 601-783-0801 or email at about:email_retreatcenter@ssndcp.org

Questions? Contact Robin at about:email_robinabear@yahoo.com

Finding God in All Things: Encountering the Living God in Our Everyday Lives

Robin Hebert
Thursday, May 25 - Sunday, May 28, 2017
Jesuit Spirituality Center
313 E. M.L.K. Dr.
Grand Coteau, LA 70541
[Click here for registration information](#)

WONDERFULLY MADE: A weekend retreat for LGBTQI persons, their friends, and family. Rooted in the Catholic tradition. Open to all.
Fr. Buddy Noel, Kurt Bindewaid, Dr. Bradley Leger, and Robin Toler
Friday, May 26 - Sunday, May 28, 2017
Rosaryville Spirit Life Center
39003 Rosaryville Road
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
[Click here for registration information](#)

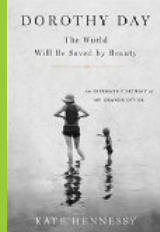


READERS'S CORNER

Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty - An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother

~by Kate Hennessey

When Dorothy Day was 79, she said, "I feel like an utter failure. The older I get the more I feel that faithfulness and perseverance are the greatest virtues -- accepting the sense of failure we all must have in their work, in the work of others around us, since Christ was the world's greatest failure." These bold words sting the soul and challenge us to keep on keepin' on. [Read more ...](#)



SOMETHING TO PONDER...

"As we enter the path of transformation, the most valuable thing we have working in our favor is our yearning."

~Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault



TAKE NOTE

SDI Learns from ... Michelle Gorman, RSM, and Coleen Gregg, MA

Michelle Gorman, RSM, and Colleen Gregg, MA, talk about the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius for our times. [Read more ...](#)



Keeping your membership current...

Let's not forget that our membership status is concurrent with the fiscal year which runs from July 1 - June 30. To access a membership form, please click on [this link](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Elsa Mendoza](#).

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