



# *Coming Home to the Cosmos*

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL EVENTS

Vancouver Metropolitan Area, British Columbia, Canada

April 11-15, 2007



# Spiritual Directors International

18th Annual Leadership Institute and Conference

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We welcome everyone interested in the ministry of Spiritual Direction including spiritual directors, students-interns-discerners, ministers and faculty, chaplains and hospice workers, campus ministers, and other spiritual care providers.

*For more detailed information and on-line registration visit our Web site at [www.sdiworld.org](http://www.sdiworld.org)*

## Pre-Conference Leadership Institute (formerly Symposium), April 11-12, 2007: *Journey to the Margins: Inviting the Exiled Home*

**Don Bisson, FMS, DMin**, will facilitate the pre-conference Leadership Institute, April 11-12, 2007.

The focus will be an examination of the challenges our enrichment, formation and training (EFT) program participants encounter when they offer spiritual direction in non-traditional places and with people who are marginalized.

What support do we offer spiritual director interns who accept the challenge and gift of ministry in the margins of our world ... with the homeless, refugees, and people living with HIV/AIDS, in hospices, prisons, and immigrant neighborhoods? Innocence and goodwill are not good enough preparation. Being present at the margins is the start of a journey to the shadow places not only in society, but within ourselves. Bisson's extensive experience in EFT programs, spiritual direction, and supervision, as well as his Jungian work, will offer participants a panorama of the challenges to be faced and the responsibilities of programs to prepare and support spiritual directors who take this ministry out beyond traditional settings. The Leadership Institute is open to EFT faculty, staff, and anyone planning to start a new program to form spiritual directors.

## Conference Keynote Presenter



**Dr. Brian Swimme** is an internationally known mathematical cosmologist on the graduate faculty of the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco, USA. Swimme's primary field of research is the nature of the evolutionary dynamics of the Universe, and he brings a meaningful interpretation of the human as an emergent being within the Universe. His scientific perspective and understanding have enhanced his awe of the Source of Life, and this deep appreciation is palpable in his presentations. His central concern is the role of the human within the larger Earth community. Toward this goal, Swimme founded the Center for the Story of the Universe.

## Conference Spiritual Director

**Alexandra Kovats, CSJP, PhD**, has been a spiritual director and retreat facilitator for over thirty years. She is adjunct instructor at the School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle University, USA. Through her teaching and journeying with people of different ages, lifestyles, cultural and ethnic backgrounds, she has strengthened her commitment to facilitate them toward a fuller and freer life. She is the author of *Prayer, a Discovery of Life*. Over the years, Kovats has worked extensively with Brian Swimme, making her an ideal bridge between Swimme's ministry and our own.



# 2007 SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS INTERNATIONAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

## Leadership Institute (formerly Symposium)

### Wednesday, April 11

9:00 AM Institute Check-In  
9:30 AM New Trainers/Programs Meeting  
NOON Meal Break/Institute Check-In  
2:00 PM Opening Session  
6:00 PM Meal Break  
8:00 PM Social & Book Celebration

### Thursday, April 12

9:00 AM Session  
NOON Meal Break  
2:00 PM Session Resumes  
6:00 PM Adjourn  
5 - 8 PM Conference Check-In  
7:00 PM Welcome to Conference until 9 PM  
(snacks with no host bar)

## Conference

### Friday, April 13

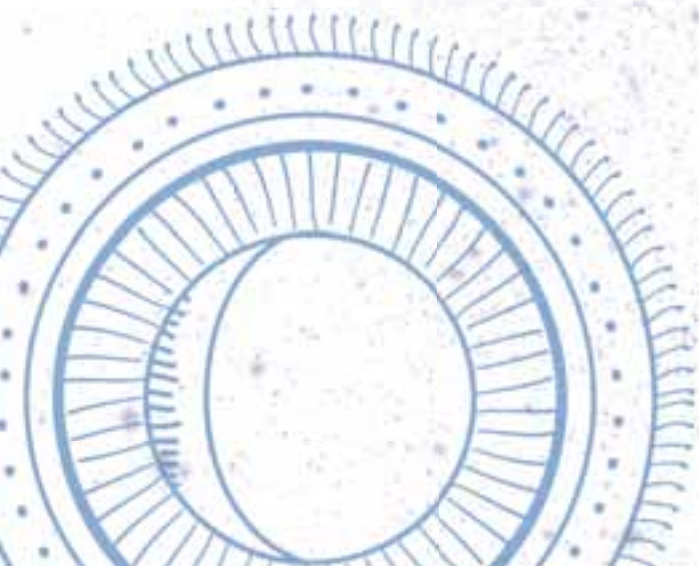
7:00 AM Morning Prayer (optional)  
9:00 AM Opening Ritual  
10:00 AM Keynote & Process  
NOON Meal Provided:  
First Attendees & Old Friends  
2:00 PM Workshop I (90 minutes)  
3:30 PM Break  
4:00 PM Workshop II (90 minutes)  
5:30 PM Meal Break  
7:30 PM Free Evening with Optional Activities

### Saturday, April 14

7:00 AM Morning Prayer (optional)  
9:00 AM Opening Ritual  
9:30 AM Keynote & Process  
NOON Meal Provided: Networking/Topics  
2:00 PM Workshop (3 hours)  
5:00 PM Meal Break  
7:30 PM Free Evening with Optional Activities

### Sunday, April 15

7:00 AM Morning Prayer (optional)  
8:00 AM Brunch Provided until 9:45 AM  
Regional Coordinators Gathering  
Spiritual Affiliation Gatherings  
10:00 AM Plenary Session (Acknowledgement &  
Membership Moments)  
10:30 AM Evaluation/Break  
11:00 AM Keynote & Closing Ritual  
1:00 PM Adjourn



# CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

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## Friday Workshops: One and a Half Hours (choose two and one alternative)

### F1. Supervision for Self and Others

Learn a simple tool describing the spiritual direction process and skills needed to reverently attend to another in a spiritual direction conversation or in supervision. Reflectively engage in a self-evaluative process using one of your own spiritual direction conversations. 40%, 40%, 20%.

**Lucy Abbott Tucker, MA** teacher, spiritual director, and supervisor at the Institute for Spiritual Leadership, USA. Contributor to *Guidelines for Ethical Conduct*, *Sacred is the Call* (2005), and *Presence* journal.

### F2. Berur: How Do You Know if It's God?

Kabbalah, the Jewish mystical tradition, refers to the process of discernment as *Berur*: identification, extraction, and liberation of sparks of godliness embedded within the busyness of our lives and the darker motivations of our psyches. With group exercises, textual study, and discussion, explore concepts and actual discernment practices. 33%, 33%, 33%.

**Rabbi Howard Avruhm Addison, PhD**, a founding teacher of the Lev Shomea Institute for Jewish Spiritual Direction, USA. Author of *The Enneagram and Kabbalah*, and co-editor of *Jewish Spiritual Direction*.

### F3. Self-Emptying Love in a Global Context: Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and the Environment

Experience God's self-emptying love as empowering the free decisions of human beings and the spontaneity of non-human creation. Ignatian spirituality highlights the importance of the earth and its fruitfulness as a sign of our human covenant with God. 50%, 50%, 0%.

**Joseph A. Bracken, SJ**, Professor Emeritus of Theology at Xavier University, USA, author of books

and articles on Trinitarian theology, process theology, and comparative religions.

**Robert T. Sears, SJ**, adjunct professor in the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University, USA, spiritual director, and writer. Co-authors of *Self-Emptying Love in a Global Context: The Spiritual Exercises and the Environment*.

#### **F4. Spiritual Direction with Survivors of Suicide**

Over a million people die of suicide worldwide every year. Their deaths release a primal scream of anguish into the atmosphere by those they leave behind. You will be acquainted with the unique dynamics of suicide grief and the spiritual challenges that survivors face. 50%, 30%, 20%.

**C. Karen Covey Moore, DMin**, ordained United Methodist minister and spiritual director, USA.

**Anne Cronin Tyson, MA**, spiritual director, USA. Both lead survivor retreats and educational workshops for professionals who work with survivors.

#### **F5. Biblical Archetypes and Return to Essence**

Returning to one's essence is an integral part of coming home to the cosmos. Learn how biblical spirituality is oriented to a new creation. Reflect upon three characters from the Judeo-Christian biblical tradition in an ongoing search for truth, wisdom, and wholeness. 25%, 50%, 25%.

**Bishop Remi De Roo** and **Pearl Gervais**, experienced Canadian presenters on spiritual issues, biblical themes and the Enneagram; with **Diane Tolomeo**, co-authored *Biblical Characters and the Enneagram*.

#### **F6. Finding God in the Heart of the Other**

This workshop offers a unique opportunity for interfaith dialogue and healing. Using prayer, chanting, sacred text, contemplative silence, and interactive discussion, we will experience directly the unique spiritual gifts that come as we encounter the "Other" with an open heart. 20%, 30%, 50%.

**Karen Lee Erlichman, MSS**, licensed clinical social worker providing psychotherapy and spiritual direction, USA. Award-winning article *Cultivating Compassion* addresses prejudice and stereotyping in the wake of September 11, 2001.

#### **F7. Sufi Mystical Psychology**

Explore two interrelated Sufi models of spiritual psychology and implications for spiritual direction. "Transformation of the self" includes work with a *sheikh* (or guide) remembrance, and service. "Inner evolution" looks at gifts of each soul and how to balance the energies and motivations of our seven souls. 70%, 20%, 10%.

**Robert Frager, PhD**, Director of the Spiritual Guidance program at the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, USA, a *sheikh* or Sufi spiritual guide for over twenty years.

#### **F8. Exile and Homecoming in Thomas Merton**

Exile can be political, cultural, or, as in Merton, a kind of spiritual alienation. Hear what Merton says about exile, reflect on your own experiences of exile and homecoming, and discuss how these primal themes affect those with whom we work and companion. 33%, 33%, 33%.

**Don Grayston, PhD**, Anglican priest, retired academic, Merton scholar, and director of the Pacific Jubilee Program in Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Direction, co-sponsored with Vancouver School of Theology, Canada.

#### **F9. Canku Wakan (Sacred Road): Coming Home to a First Nations Cosmology**

Traditional Native ceremonies are integral for the lifelong traveler on the Red Road, but they are not for everyone. Principles which underlie ceremonies form a basis for an inclusive approach to spiritual direction, called *Canku Wakan*, the Sacred Road, enriching to all travelers. 65%, 15%, 20%.

**Rev. Tim Iistowanohpataakiiwa, MA**, Episcopal priest and traditional Native healer from the Pacific Northwest, has conducted spiritual direction within Christian and Native traditions for four decades.

## **F10. Spiritual Direction and Eldering: Two Ways to Serve**

The archetype of elder is a model for a spirituality of the second half of life. Reflect upon the qualities of spiritual direction that reveal elder-like expression. They include mentoring, “earth-keeping,” “wisdom-keeping,” and being a source of blessing. 33%, 33%, 33%.

**Terry Jones, DMin**, retired psychotherapist, founder and president of the Elderhood Institute, USA. Spiritual director and author. His most recent book is *Elder: A Spiritual Alternative to Being Elderly*.

## **F11. Star of the Sea: The Inner Artist as Pilgrim Guide to the Cosmos**

Focusing on the use of art as a means of discovering personal symbol, Mickey McGrath will offer several practical exercises which can be used by spiritual directors, especially those who feel “artistically challenged.” 50%, 25%, 25%.

**Michael O’Neill McGrath**, award-winning artist, writer, frequent presenter and keynote speaker, serves as spiritual director at the Grunewald Guild, an interfaith art guild, USA.

## **F12. Dying to Live: Beyond the Fear of Death and Dying**

In coming to terms with our mortality and helping others to do so, death and dying are revealed as a sacred healing process in the human journey. We discover that by compassionately embracing our dying, we can fully experience, at last, our living. 50%, 25%, 25%.

**John Pollard, MA**, spiritual director and psychotherapist, teaches at Transformational Arts College, Canada. He is a long-time volunteer at Casey House Hospice.

## **F13. Being Sensational: The Taoist Perspective**

The Taoist perspective helps us to experience living in the present moment with vibrancy and fullness of life. In this workshop we shall learn how to mindfully experience taste, sound, movement, art, and smells in order to really wake up to abundant life. 20%, 20%, 60%.

**Patricia Roberts, MA, MRE** returned to her hometown of Arequipa, Peru, after forty years abroad, to finish her heroic journey. She is regional coordinator for Peru.

## **F14. The Power of Shame**

As a hidden dynamic, shame blocks one’s ability to see reality clearly. However, when shame is discovered, a new awareness of God and self become available. Learn ways to identify shame, understand the importance of awareness of shame, and journey with a directee toward healing. 33%, 33%, 33%.

**Kathryn Royer, DMin** presents spiritual formation workshops and seminars across the United States. She is director of Innerbalance.org.



## **Friday Evening Optional Activities (choose one and one alternative)**

### **FE1. Soul Shapes: Knowing Body, Earth, and Universe as Home**

Through gentle body movement, sound, silence, and reflection, we will explore the ‘shapes,’ rhythms, textures, and dynamics of our human journeying.

**Alexandra Caverly-Lowery, MDiv, MTh**, Canadian liturgical dance artist, therapist, and spiritual director with ongoing work in “Theology, the Body, and Healing.”

### **FE2. The Integration of Nurturing Touch with Spiritual Direction**

Learn how nurturing touch can heal trauma, stress, and reveal suppressed and repressed emotions concealed in the body.

**Peggy Dawson, CMT, CHTP**, Diocesan Lay Minister, spiritual director, New Zealand International trainer with “Service Through Nurturing Touch.”

### FE3. Body Prayer

Experience an embodied form of spiritual discernment and prayer through the practice of yoga and meditation.

**Ingrid Hauss**, certified Yoga teacher, works internationally with ministers, spiritual directors, and youth, Canada.

### FE4. Creating Space for God: The Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project

Overview of theological perspectives and spiritual practices informing the work of the Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project and its effort to promote a contemplative approach to youth ministry.

**Michael Hryniuk, PhD**, teacher, writer, consultant, retreat leader, and director of Theosis Ministries, Canada, a network of spiritual directors and teachers promoting contemplative formation in churches, seminaries, and denominational bodies.

### FE5. Experiencing Tibetan Singing Bowls

Tibetan singing bowls, with their lingering and penetrating sounds, will offer us an invitation to experience the open and accepting vibration of the Cosmos.

**Ann Kulp, DMin**, spiritual director, leads workshops and retreats, on staff at Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation, USA, author of *Spirit Windows: A Handbook of Spiritual Growth Resources for Leaders*.

### FE6. The Tree of Life Pointing the Way Home: Guidance from the Teachings of Kabbalah

You will be introduced to Kabbalistic teachings, practices and music that offer spiritual direction to the soul in its journey home to a state of harmony and well-being.

**Rabbi Itzchak Marmorstein, MSW**, author of *Mila Yomit: The Torah, Word By Word*, teaches

Kabbalah, *Ophanim* a recently emerged Kabbalistic Yoga, and the teachings of Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook in Jewish and non-Jewish settings worldwide.

### FE7. Manspeak: Sharing Sacred Stories of Male Spirituality

An exchange and stimulating conversation where men can speak freely, listen compassionately, and honor each others' words will help us discover deeper paths to the soul.

**Jim Neppi**, spiritual director, executive mentor, retreat facilitator, and mediator, offers Corporate Spiritual Consultant partnering with businesses and organizations to develop healthy work cultures through corporate spirituality, USA.

### FE8. Adventures of the God Detectives: Spiritual Discernment for Children

Hear stories, sing songs, remember, and share your childhood experiences with the Holy, and explore issues around accompanying children on their spiritual journey.

**Nancy Reeves, PhD**, clinical psychologist, spiritual director, author, poet, and international speaker in areas of grief and loss, and spiritual discernment. Adjunct faculty member at University of Victoria, Canada. **Linnea Good, MRE**, singer-songwriter specializing in Music in Christian Education, tours internationally; most recent CD was nominated as Outstanding Children's Album of the Year in Canada.

### FE9. Coming Home to Our Sacred Female Bodies

Our bodies are as sacred and miraculous as any part of creation. Come to a safe environment to explore questions, share stories, and experience embodied prayer and healing ritual.

**Rev. Dr. Anne Simmonds**, a United Church Minister, spiritual director, and workshop facilitator in Canada and Belize, former nurse, and hospital chaplain.

*Wonderful sense of sacred community.* — Elizabeth Fowler, MD

## FE10. Coming Home to the Songs of the Cosmos

Learn simple, lyrical chants drawn from a wide range of faith traditions, including Buddhist, Bahá'í, Christian, Hindu, Indigenous peoples, Jewish, and Muslim to lead us home to the Divine.

**Nancy Watters, MA**, a Bahá'í and founding director of Sacred World Song™, a project that activates human nobility through multi-faith “chantshops.”



### Saturday Workshops: Three Hours (choose one and one alternative)

#### S1. Cosmic Desire: The Beauty of the Holy

Consider the centrality of desire in the life of the human spirit and of the cosmos, using sources from Plato, Buddha, the gospels, and insights drawn from the sciences of cosmology and psychoneuroimmunology. We will ask how we may reclaim desire as pure spiritual energy, to be fanned into flame. 33%, 33%, 33%.

**Dr. Anne Benvenuti**, professor of philosophy, religious studies, and psychology, clinical psychologist, international presenter, post-doctoral work in psychoneuroimmunology. **Dr. Elizabeth Davenport**, Episcopal priest, Associate Dean of Religious Life at University of Southern California, USA.

#### S2. Letting God Guide: A Contemplative Approach to Spiritual Guidance

Explore the spiritual terrain of the “inner cosmos” and our willingness to allow God to guide us. Through prayer, experiential activity, and plenary conversation we will learn diverse ways in which God works through our personalities to attend to the Spirit in holy conversation. 30%, 20%, 50%.

**Martha Campbell**, Director of the Spiritual Guidance Program at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation, USA. **Bill Dietrich**, Executive Director of the Shalem Institute. **Rev. Catherine Powell**, Founder and Executive Director of The Anchorage, a Ministry of Spiritual Direction and Contemplative Retreats, USA.

## S3. Awaken Your Senses: Creating Sacred Circles and Gardens

Experiential workshop consists of meditation, art making, and a sharing circle. You will create a mandala, a symbol of the human experience found in all cultures. Using your sacred, intuitive way of knowing, the mandala and the theme of gardens will connect you with your greatest gift ... imagination! 25%, 50%, 25%.

**Rev. John Griffith**, director of Spiritual Directions, Canada. **Straja Linder King**, Registered Art Therapist, creates and delivers programming at The Strawberry Tree Art Studio, Canada.

#### S4. Points along the Way: The Solar Year as Template for Spiritual Guidance

“Navigating the spiritual journey” is a worthy metaphor for the work of spiritual direction. Given that navigation is linked to the heavens, the observation of our experience of the cosmos can enlarge our sense of vocation and inform the work of providing guidance. 40%, 40%, 30%.

**Rev. Dr. Murray Groom**, spiritual director, Canada, lifelong amateur astronomer. Acting Director/staff member of Pacific Jubilee Program in Spiritual Direction.

#### S5. SH'MA! The Soul of Listening

Discover how we may become more open to the transformative power of listening to ourselves, our directees, and to God. Learn more about our inner landscape so that we can traverse holy territory using all of our experiences as “Sh'mas!”—calls to wake up to the holy gift of listening soul-to-soul. 33%, 33%, 33%.

**Sandy Jardine, MS, LPC**, interfaith spiritual director and licensed professional counselor, directs Connecting to God program in group spiritual direction, Temple Chai, USA. **Ann Kline**, spiritual director, and author, leads workshops and retreats for the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation, Elat Chayyim Jewish Retreat Center, and Christian and Jewish congregations, USA.

## **S6. Animals in our Midst: Companions for the Journey**

Animals and animal imagery can be touchstones to establish and strengthen relationship to all beings, the Sacred, and our innermost selves. We will explore the human-animal bond, grief related to pet loss, and methods to incorporate animal wisdom as a tool in spiritual direction. Bring a personally significant animal-related object or picture. 33%, 33%, 33%.

**Carrie La Jeunesse, DVM, CG-C**, spiritual director, USA, Certified Grief Counselor, ER/Critical Care veterinarian, consultant, wife, mother, and inveterately hooked pet “mom.”

## **S7. Creation Awaits Your Homecoming**

How is spiritual direction a journey into the heart of our Creator God? Each of us seeks a path through the rhythm of our lives, through yin and yang, light and darkness, and our humanity and divinity to arrive in harmony with ourselves, with Creator God and creation. 25%, 15%, 60%.

**Elizabeth Lim, RGS, MA**, regional coordinator in Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia, Spiritual Direction Formation Programme Director, Singapore, Christian mediator. **Francisca Tan, RC, MA** offers ministry in spiritual direction and formation programs, retreat direction, and is a graduate of Spiritual Direction Institute, USA.

## **S8. Supervision: Contemplating Reality in a Multicultural, Multifaith Context**

Contextual realities for supervisors today include the challenge of cultural dynamics within the spiritual direction session. Sensitivity is called forth on the part of the supervisor. Participants are asked to bring reflected spiritual direction experiences and to participate in group dynamics including role demonstrations, real plays, and supervision. 30%, 50%, 20%.

**Dr. Kathleen McAlpin, RSM** and **Maureen McDonnell, DMin** offer adult faith formation, spiritual direction and work with ministry programs and the Spiritual Direction and Supervision program at Regis College, Toronto School of Theology, Canada.

## **S9. Writing the Sacred: Psalm-Writing and Sacred Poetry for Embracing the Cosmos**

Writers and those who have never put pen to paper can articulate soulfulness through the aliveness of language. Explore thanksgivings, laments, and vision for renewed relationship with the Holy as we seek to come home to the cosmos. 35%, 30%, 35%.

**Ray McGinnis**, Canada, has taught over 5,000 people the power of writing as an aid to spiritual growth and healing, author of *Writing the Sacred*.

## **S10. Money, Work, and Identity**

Life crises can be occasions for awakened interest for spiritual exploration as one copes with transition, change, and meaning. This workshop will provide an opportunity for reflection on meanings of money and work as we find them in our culture and clients. 40%, 40%, 20%.

**David William McKay, MTS**, Canada, credit counselor work opened an understanding of how financial crises are rooted in spiritual values and practices.

## **S11. The Promise of Interfaith Spiritual Direction**

Discover crucial teachings from Judaism, Christianity, and Islam that relate to living with an expanding spiritual awareness, helping individuals learn to better assist those seeking to walk their spirituality into the world with compassion and love. 33%, 33%, 33%.

**Rabbi Ted Falcon, PhD** guides Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue, USA, author of *A Journey of Awakening*, co-author of *Judaism For Dummies*. **Rev. Don Mackenzie, PhD**, Minister and Head of Staff at University Congregational United Church of Christ, USA. **Jamal Rahman**, Muslim Sufi Minister of Interfaith Community Church, adjunct Faculty at Seattle University, USA, author of *The Fragrance of Faith: The Enlightened Heart of Islam*.

*The cosmological powers of the Universe are coursing through us moment by moment. To become aware of these powers is to touch the Source of Life.* — *Brian Swimme*

**S12. “The As If Relationship”:  
Transference and Counter-Transference  
in Spiritual Direction\***

Deepen your understandings of Transference and Counter-transference in the spiritual direction relationship. Particular emphasis will be on expectations of directees related to the director’s spiritual qualities and presence. You are encouraged to bring examples or case material with you.

\*For experienced spiritual directors. 40%, 30%, 30%.

**Dr. Janet Ruffing, RSM**, professor in spirituality and spiritual direction at Fordham University, USA. Author of *Uncovering Stories of Faith; Spiritual Direction: Beyond the Beginnings*; and *Selected Writings of Elisabeth Leseur*, an important and neglected figure in lay spirituality.

**S13. Cosmic Story—Spirit Path:  
Deepening the Practice of Story  
in Spiritual Accompaniment**

As practitioners of story we can transform our relationship with those who come to us for accompaniment and direction on their spirit path. Enter into a story circle, telling pieces of our experience as a way to appreciate how story can deepen our living and our accompaniment. 25%, 25%, 50%.

**Tim Scorer**, Canadian educator, writer, spiritual director and retreat guide, thinks in story, illuminating journeys of individuals and groups through metaphor and narrative.

**S14. Expanding Circles of Compassion:  
Coming Home to the Cosmos**

Through language, reflection, and silence we will open to a place within us that knows more than we

are aware of. Discover yourself as ‘the other,’ in each and every aspect of the Cosmos. Dare the possibility that you exist as an interpenetrating and co-arising participant of Reality. 20%, 30%, 50%.

**Sally Taylor**, 15 year practitioner within the Tibetan Buddhist Gelugpa Tradition, hosts “Hermitage Cottage” in Northern Ireland, and administers two charities that benefit Tibetan Refugees in India and Mongolians living in great need.



**Saturday Evening Optional  
Activities (choose one and  
one alternative)**

**SE1. Dancing the Cosmic Dance: Accessing  
the Art of Movement in Spiritual Direction**

Explore simple movement and InterPlay exercises that can help you and your directees become more comfortable with the gift of the body as instrument of prayer, expression, discovery, and discernment.

**Betsey Beckman, MM**, spirited dancer, storyteller, teacher of SpiritPlay, and dancing spiritual director, USA.

**SE2. The Journey of Coming Home  
in Our Inner Cities**

Hear the story of “The Listening Post” in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside, in the heart of the inner city.

**Kathi Bentall and Lorraine LaMarre, SSA**, spiritual directors and retreat leaders, created the Listening Post in Vancouver in 2000.

### **SE3. Reiki: A Spiritual Doorway to Natural Healing**

Discover the potential in Reiki for healing and renewal of body, mind, and spirit.

**Eileen Curteis, SSA**, published author, poet, and educator, teaches and offers Reiki, Canada.  
**Karen Williamson, MCM, DASD**, spiritual director and trainer.

### **SE4. *Turangawaewae*: Coming Home to the Cosmos in a South Pacific Context**

The diverse landscape of New Zealand and the Maori concept of *turangawaewae* (a place of being) will provide the starting point for a dialogue with the internal landscape of the soul.

**Dr. Anne Hadfield** assists others in exploring landscape of the soul through SoulScape. Founding member of Spiritual Growth Ministries, an ecumenical Christian organization in New Zealand.

### **SE5. Conversations with Dorothy Day**

Come sit with Dorothy for a while as she shares the story of her conversion and the founding of the Catholic Worker.

**Sharon Halsey-Hoover**, storyteller, actor, retreat presenter, spiritual director, adjunct staff at the Center for Spiritual Development, USA.

### **SE6. Weaving a Web of Light: A Movement, Meditation and Prayer Workshop**

By using the creativity of our bodies to pray, we collaborate deeply with that in ourselves which is divine and can direct this energy to the outer world.

**Tannis Hugill, RCC, RDT, ADTR**, dance and drama therapist, creator of ritual theatre, and community movement rituals in Canada.

### **SE7. Caribbean Women and Spiritual Exile**

Take a concrete look at Caribbean culture, music, and dance forms as a source for exploring and engaging a spirituality of homecoming in response to women's experiences of exile.

**Rev. Vivette Jennings**, lecturer in Christian Spirituality at Codrington College, Barbados, and regional coordinator for many Caribbean Islands.

### **SE8. Accessing Cosmic Unity with Wordless Song using *Nigunim* from the Jewish Mystical Tradition**

This workshop will teach a few simple Jewish *nigunim* to help enhance our connection to cosmic unity and our work companioning others.

**Wendie Bernstein Lash, MA**, co-director of Yedidya Center for Jewish Spiritual Direction, chanting service leader, faculty of Morei Derekh Jewish Spiritual Direction Program, USA.

### **SE9. Coming Home to the Cosmos According to Harry Potter**

Through journaling, artistic expression, and shared experiences we will explore the themes and values that Harry Potter suggests are needed to live wholesomely in our world.

**Sharon Miller, CSJ, PhD, Mary Jane Wilson, CND, MA, and Bill Wilson, SJ, PhD**, minister in Canada offering spiritual companioning, and retreat and workshop facilitation.

### **SE10. Audio Divina: A New Contemplative Practice for Spiritual Direction**

Experience how music can be a guide into sacred silence and learn beginning principles of music selection for creating *Audio Divina* music programs.

**Mary Terry Rankin, MA**, registered counselor and spiritual director, USA, author of *Audio Divina: Introducing a Contemplative Practice for Contemporary Times*.

*A great, moving event – beautiful flow, ambiance, spirit!*

— Lucia Van Ruiten



## Other Information...

**Hotel Information.** The events will be held at the Best Western Richmond Hotel & Convention Centre, 7551 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC V6X 1A3, Canada. A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the conference rate of CAN\$119 (approximately US\$105 as of July 06) per night for single and double occupancy. Be sure to mention Spiritual Directors International to get this special rate. Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible by **calling 800-663-0299 or 604-273-7878; faxing 604-278-0188 or e-mailing reservations@richmond-hotel.ca. Outside North America, make your hotel reservations via e-mail or by calling the local number (1-604-273-7878).** Visit the hotel on-line at [www.richmond-hotel.ca](http://www.richmond-hotel.ca). Reservations must be made by March 11, 2007. After this date, or once the group block is filled, the prevailing rate will apply.

**Ground Transportation.** The Richmond Hotel & Conference Centre provides free airport shuttle from Vancouver International Airport (YVR). The shuttle runs 24 hours, every half hour on the hour. Hotel parking is complimentary for all participants.

**Discounts.** *Students and discerners*, 10% discount on tuition. Send proof of status with registration. *Group discounts*, 10% discount on tuition available for groups of five or more registering at the same time.

**Scholarship Information.** Partial scholarships and work-exchange scholarships are available to those who have been members of Spiritual Directors International for two years or more. **To apply for financial assistance, the following information must be e-mailed to [events@sdiworld.org](mailto:events@sdiworld.org), or faxed 925-449-6907, to the Events Coordinator, Sue Espinosa. You need to receive notification of your award from the Event Coordinator before you register.** 1) dollar amount requested; 2) statement describing how this event will benefit your ministry and Spiritual Directors International in your region. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis for as long as funds are available.

**Scholarship Donations.** For many of our members, especially international members and those on fixed incomes, the Conference is out of their financial range. To apply for financial assistance, the following information must be sent to Sue Espinosa at [events@sdiworld.org](mailto:events@sdiworld.org) or faxed to (925)449-6907. You need to receive notification of your award from the event coordinator before you register.

**Worship and Ritual.** Spiritual Directors International is an increasingly diverse spiritual learning community. Throughout the Conference individual participants might feel called to go offsite to local houses of worship. We will provide local worship information, however, offsite worship is the individual participant's responsibility. During the Conference, we will share sacred time together and participate in rituals designed specifically to celebrate our diverse Spiritual Directors International Conference community.

## Exhibitor, Program Reunion, and Networking Opportunities

A limited number of tables are available for display and sales at the Spiritual Directors International Annual Conference, April 13-15, 2007. The expected attendance is 500+. The Conference runs its own bookstore. A covered table with two chairs (or equivalent space if you have your own set-up) is US\$200. For information and reservations go to [http://sdiworld.org/2007\\_event/display/exhibit-information.html](http://sdiworld.org/2007_event/display/exhibit-information.html).

Participant Share Tables are provided, free of charge, for members bringing information to share with others. During the Conference, program alumni reunions and topical networking are encouraged. Alumni reunions, topical gatherings, and spiritual affiliation groups will self-organize on-site.



## Post-Conference Tour:

### *Celebrating Sacred Places in Vancouver, Monday, April 16, 2007*

Come with us to explore the mystery and beauty of creation and our connection to the earth. Visit an old-growth forest by the sea, and share with First Nations people some of their sacred places and practices. In the Downtown Eastside where people struggle with poverty, we will spend time in a caring community, neighbor helping neighbor. We will see several of Vancouver's many non-Christian places of worship, visit one temple, and listen to interspiritual leaders share their vision of a home together in the center of Vancouver. Departing from the hotel at 9:00 AM Monday morning, we will travel through Vancouver by coach, returning by 5:00 PM. The cost is US\$90 for transport, lunch, snacks, and site fees. You must register for this tour by January 20, 2007. Registration is limited to 50 people.

## Additional Opportunities for Conference Participants

**Rivendell Retreat Centre, Bowen Island, BC** (12 miles northwest of Vancouver and 20 minutes by ferry from Horseshoe Bay), is offering days of self-guided silence and contemplation, April 9–12, 2007, in preparation for the Spiritual Directors International events. For more information, check out the Events Bulletin Board at <http://sdiworld.org/events/2007-annual-event.html>.

**Queenswood Centre, Victoria, BC**, is offering a post-conference retreat, April 17–25, 2007. A flyer with information and registration is available on the Events Bulletin Board at <http://sdiworld.org/events/2007-annual-event.html>. The Centre also has post-conference lodging available. If you would like to visit Victoria (and if enough people are interested) they will sponsor a tour of Victoria, including Butchart Gardens, during the day on Tuesday, April 17.

**When planning your journey to Vancouver, as of January 8, 2007, you will need a passport. You may want to visit the following Web sites ...**

**Vancouver Visitors Bureau** [www.tourismvancouver.com](http://www.tourismvancouver.com)

**Richmond Visitors Guide** [www.richmondbc.worldweb.com](http://www.richmondbc.worldweb.com)



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**VANCOUVER, CANADA**  
**Spiritual Directors International 2007**

# Registration Form (please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

(AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG)

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Keycode \_\_\_\_\_

(ONLY IF PART OF LISTED ADDRESS OR GROUP IDENTIFIER) (COPY KEYCODE FROM ABOVE THE ADDRESS ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St/Prov/Terr \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Int'l Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Enrichment, formation, or training program attended \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition includes three community meals.** Place a mark next to the fees appropriate to your enrollment and select workshop choices according to priority using their Letter/Number identifying code. **Space is limited and workshops will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.** Conference includes a midday meal Friday & Saturday and brunch on Sunday.

BEFORE JAN 15 AFTER JAN 15

## Leadership Institute

Trainer Rate \_\_\_\_\_ US\$195 \_\_\_\_\_ US\$225  
 Non-Trainer Rate \_\_\_\_\_ US\$230 \_\_\_\_\_ US\$265

## Conference

Member Rate \_\_\_\_\_ US\$395 \_\_\_\_\_ US\$425  
 Non-Member Rate \_\_\_\_\_ US\$475 \_\_\_\_\_ US\$505

Non-Refundable Registration Fee  US\$ 50  US\$ 50

Post-Conference Sacred Places Tour \_\_\_\_\_ US\$ 90 \_\_\_\_\_ US\$ 90

SDI Membership Dues:  New  Renew  
 USA Address \_\_\_\_\_ US\$ 69 \_\_\_\_\_ US\$ 69  
 Outside USA \_\_\_\_\_ US\$ 59 \_\_\_\_\_ US\$ 59  
 Student Rate \_\_\_\_\_ US\$ 49 \_\_\_\_\_ US\$ 49

Donation to Scholarship Fund US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ US\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL ENCLOSED US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Friday Workshops

\_\_\_\_\_ Workshop I  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop II  
 \_\_\_\_\_ alternate

## Friday Evening (OPTIONAL)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1st choice  
 \_\_\_\_\_ alternate

## Saturday Workshop

\_\_\_\_\_ 1st choice  
 \_\_\_\_\_ alternate

## Saturday Evening (OPTIONAL)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1st choice  
 \_\_\_\_\_ alternate

First Time Attendee  
 Vegetarian Meals

**Special Needs:** If you have mobility, visual, or hearing needs, please indicate them here or enclose a description with your registration. \_\_\_\_\_

For any other special needs, concerns, or to arrange a payment plan, please contact Sue Espinosa, Events Coordinator, at 925-449-1261 or events@sdiworld.org. When planning your journey to Vancouver, as of January 8, 2007, you will need a passport.

**Registration will be confirmed upon receipt of payment. Fees will be refunded (less US\$50 registration fee) with 30 days written notice. There will be no refunds of any kind after March 15, 2007.**

Make check payable (US funds payable through a US bank) AND SEND TO **Spiritual Directors International, PO Box 3584, Bellevue, WA 98009 USA OR FAX 425-455-1566. To pay in a local currency, contact office@sdiworld.org for rates.**

Charge my VISA/MC Card # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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