

Mindful Leadership:

The Path of Contemplative Dialogue

A training process for creating collective awareness.



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Fairfield Inn by Marriott – North Louisville, KY.
Jeffersonville, IN

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CONTEMPLATIVE DIALOGUE

Organizations and communities have tremendous power and potential to impact our world. Yet, far too often our experience of them is disappointing at best and destructive at worst. Bright, competent, caring individuals commonly feel stymied by bureaucracy, 'politics' and conflict in business, education, healthcare and church communities alike.

This training process will develop and deepen participants' ability to work with organizations, leaders and individuals, to respond more effectively to the obstacles and challenges they face. In essence, it uses the skills and theory of learning organizations and unites these with powerful contemplative practice from the great spiritual traditions. This synthesis creates broad new possibilities.

The result is a consistent ability to touch and awaken a profound 'common ground' or 'collective spirit.' Participants describe experiencing dialogue and mutual understanding in ways they had not imagined or thought possible.

This practice, we believe, creates the possibility of successfully engaging the movements of co-presencing, co-creating and the possibility of collective engagement described by Otto Scharmer in Theory U. Participants describe this as a tangible outcome in their ongoing work with the practice.

The remarkable power of this process creates a safety in which participants can experience being their real and best selves in a group, and work cooperatively for the common good. It provides groups and their members with a greater ability to engage and surmount the challenges they face, and to do so with integrity and compassion.

TOPICS AND SKILLS:

Engaging the Collective Mind of a Group.
Awareness and the Human Person.
Developing Organizational Awareness.
The Stance of Contemplative Dialogue: Mindfulness, Nonviolence & the Nondefended Learning Stance.
Slowing the Inner Movement of a Group.
Skills for Dialogue.
The Nondefended Self.
Polarity Management.
The Spiritual Context of Dialogue.
The Life Frame: Seeing the Depth and Span of Collective Spirit.

TUITION:

Tuition is \$669. Single Room with breakfast is \$89 per night at the Fairfield. This session will end each day prior to supper.

SCHEDULE:

Session begins Monday September 27 at 10 am, thereafter daily at 9 am, each day ends by 5:30 pm.
On day 4, Thursday September 30 the session will close by 4 pm.

AUDIENCE:

This training is valuable to those seeking to enhance their relational effectiveness, personal awareness, & leadership in any organizational or community setting. Participants also find it valuable in parenting and relationships.

LEADERSHIP:

Steven Wirth will lead the group. Steve is an experienced Contemplative Dialogue facilitator, trainer, and a leadership mentor who has worked successfully with senior corporate, congregational, and political leaders; culturally diverse communities and organizations. He has served as designer and lead facilitator for the International Thomas Merton Retreats 2000, '02 & '08. He participated in the U.S. Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage and has led dialogues and worked to resolve conflict in diverse organizational settings across North America, Australia & Jamaica.

His approach to organizational awareness tends to produce new frameworks for understanding situations and an increased ability to work effectively together for the common good. This practice has been proven in work with provincial government in Alberta, Canada, faith-based communities, healthcare and for-profit settings.

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