

“These conferences have broken the spell that kept me always wanting to experience intimacy with God but never finding it.”

a 2011 conference participant



DR. KAREN CROZIER

Minister, educator, scholar-activist, and practical theologian, Dr. Crozier is committed to experiencing shalom in the church and society. She is a member of Christ Temple Church (Pentecostal). Presently, she serves at Fresno Pacific University as faculty in the school of Humanities, Religion, and Social Sciences, and administratively as Diversity Coordinator and Spirit-Care Supervisor. She will present the life and spiritual practices of Howard Thurman.

DR. CHRIS NEUFELD-ERDMAN

Pastor, teacher, writer, and author of several books, including "Countdown to Sunday: A Daily Guide for Those Who Dare to Preach." His recent sabbatical carried him to pray among the Orthodox in Egypt, the Celtic Christians of Iona, Scotland, the Anglo-Catholics in Oxford, England, and the Benedictine Camaldolese of Big Sur. He will present a segment on the Jesus Prayer/Prayer of the Heart, and on St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

**UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Friday February 10 - Saturday,
February 11, 2012.

A \$35 pre-registration fee includes refreshments, and lunch on Saturday. Please help us plan the lunch and refreshments by pre-registering through the church office. (\$45 the day of conference)

To pre-register, mail a check to the church office: 1776 E. Roberts Avenue. Fresno, CA 93710.

FATHER ROBERT HALE

Fr. Hale has studied theology and spirituality in Rome at the International Benedictine College and also at St. John's University, completing his Ph.D. at Fordham University. Having served as Prior at the New Camaldoli monastery in Big Sur for twelve years, he is now the Oblate master. Fr. Hale will present on Teilhard de Chardin and the Jesus Prayer.

CINDY CORREIA

A certified spiritual director and student of the contemplative tradition, Cindy is also a non-practicing CPA who works as a financial manager for the Tulare County Office of Education, and serves as an elder and teacher at her church. Cindy will present the life and spiritual practices of Dorothy Day and how they have influenced her own spiritual journey.

PRAYER
OF THE HEART



❖ AN URBAN RETREAT 2012 ❖

At the center of human life is the longing of the heart for God. But in these days of turbulence and distraction, so many other things often overwhelm this deep, inner longing. The busyness of life distracts us from the life of prayer that is life's center.



“MOMENT BY MOMENT” CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER FOR ACTIVE PEOPLE

Living an alert spiritual life is demanding, and we need helpful models to show us how to live it well. Contemplation is sometimes dismissed as escapist or elitist. But in fact, the opposite is true. Contemplation is about learning to live your life more fully aware of life around you: more productive, more focused, more spiritually alive, more happy. Our teaching this year will focus on four ordinary people from various walks of life who lived remarkably active and meaningful lives because of their contemplative practice: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Dorothy Day, Teilhard de Cardin, and Howard Thurman. In addition to the taught sessions, the retreat will provide you with several intentional contemplative periods for prayer. Spiritual guides will be available during those times for those who may wish to speak with a spiritual guide for companioning and perspective.

MONASTERY BOOKSHOP

Books, candles, icons, and other handcrafts from around the world will be available for purchase from the New Camaldoli Hermitage bookshop before and after all sessions.

SCHEDULE

FRI. EVE	6:30 PM	BOOKSHOP OPEN, GATHER/REGISTRATION
	7:00	WELCOME & PRAYER WHAT IS THE PRAYER OF THE HEART?
	8:30	CONTEMPLATION IN SANCTUARY *
SAT. MORN	8:00AM	CONTEMPLATION IN SANCTUARY
	8:30	BOOKSHOP OPEN, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
	9:15 AM	ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY DOROTHY DAY
	10:15 AM	BREAK, BOOKSHOP OPEN
	10:45	CONTEMPLATION IN SANCTUARY *
	11:15	LARGE GROUP CONVERSATION
NOON	12:00 PM	BOOKSHOP OPEN, LUNCH (PROVIDED)
SAT. AFTER -NOON	1:00	HOWARD THURMAN TEILHARD DE CHARDIN
	2:15	BREAK
	2:35	CONTEMPLATION IN SANCTUARY *
	3:05	LARGE GROUP CONVERSATION
	3:35	ACTION EXERCISE
	3:45	RITUAL OF PARTING
	4:00	BOOKSHOP OPEN * SPIRITUAL GUIDES AVAILABLE