

## The Healing Power of Prayer

*The efficacy of prayer is on the hearts and minds of many of us as we offer prayers for wholeness and healing for broken lives and a world torn apart by violence. During this year's Spirituality Gathering, we will explore and experience many different forms of prayer. We will examine and discuss theologies of prayer that can guide us as we pray. Our day together is designed to renew our faith in the healing power of prayer.*

*Worship, keynote presentations, small-group workshops, lunch, and time to browse our "bookstore" are included in the event. Persons interested in the field of spirituality gather to investigate new topics, share their wisdom, network and experience spiritual renewal. Join us on March 3, 2007, for another day of refreshment for the body, mind and spirit!*

### OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Reverend Jane E. Vennard is a spiritual director, retreat and workshop leader, and lecturer. Ordained by the United Church of Christ, she currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, where she teaches courses on prayer and spirituality. She is a graduate of Wellesley College, Stanford University, and the San Francisco Theological Seminary. Her books include *Praying with Body and Soul*, *Be Still: Designing and Leading Contemplative Retreats*, and *Embracing the World: Praying for Justice and Peace*.



## Workshops

### ENERGY WORK AS HEALING PRAYER with Elizabeth Code

Energy modalities such as acupuncture and acupressure, reiki and healing touch, are becoming very popular. This workshop will address how energy work is compatible with the Judeo-Christian traditions of healing prayer and laying on of hands. Learn two simple energy techniques which you could use with family and friends, or in a healing ministry. Participants will experience giving and receiving prayerful energy.

### SHARING HEALING PRAYER EXPERIENCES with Suzanne LeVesconte

This workshop will offer you a place to give voice to your experiences and questions about healing prayer. Suzanne LeVesconte, who has fourteen years of leadership experience in the ministry of healing prayer, will lead this group discussion.

### SIMPLICITY OF THE SOUL: PRAYING THE HOURS with Elizabeth Wood Willey

Experience the interplay of simplicity and spirituality through slowing down for self reflection and quieting the mind. The time together will include: Seeking God Within, Clearing Inner Space: Living in Sacred Time, Listening to the Longings of the Heart, Cherishing and Tending All of Creation. Returning to the World with a Quiet Mind and Open Heart. *Please bring a journal.*

### PRAYER OF PERSONAL PRESENCE with Jennie Dove-Isbell

One way to "pray without ceasing" is to maintain an awareness of God's Presence. To do this, one must practice personal presence, being aware and in the moment, as often as possible. Participants in this workshop will explore ways of calling ourselves back to awareness of God's Presence in daily life by using breath, movement, and the senses.

### LABYRINTH WALKING MEDITATION with Donna Rathert

Rediscover this ancient intuitive prayer practice. Learn how walking a labyrinth can help you release old attitudes and behaviors that no longer serve your spiritual journey. Find new insight for going further on your life's path. Let your body do the praying!

### CREATING ONE'S SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES with Adriana Cabrera-Velasquez

A series of experiential exercises, dialogue, story telling, and silence in this workshop offers participants the opportunity to think about spiritual disciplines that go beyond the traditional practices of Bible reading and journaling. This workshop especially encourages people to consider the ways in which they already pray, and ways in which their prayer life can more faithfully match what's happening in their lives.

### SACRED IMAGE, SACRED WORD with Carol Sexton

Artist and spiritual director Carol Sexton will offer a hands-on, creative reflection on words and images as expressions of prayer. As participants, you will be invited to discover your own prayerful connections through art. You may draw, do watercolor, and/or make a collage on the way to discovery.

### MINDING THE LIGHT with Brent Bill

To "mind the light" is a Quaker practice of learning to see God's light both around and inside you. Sharing insights from his book, Brent Bill will explore this Friendly perspective on the way of contemplation. Participants will be invited to explore the connectedness between inner vision and outer perception, between the life of the soul and everyday life through the gaze of one's spiritual "eyes".

### RECLAIMING OUR JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE OF HEALING with Jackie Speicher

Stories in the Old and New Testaments tell of early Christians instructed to lay hands on the ill and pray for their recovery. Why did that change? Are churches today attempting to reclaim that healing heritage? Learn some history, discuss contemporary approaches to Christian healing, and have the opportunity to personally experience healing prayer in this Biblical tradition.

*Listening to the Spirit*

- Gathering prior to February 20, 2007: \$40
- Gathering after February 20, 2007: \$50
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The registration fee covers the day-long event, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and two workshops.

Send registration to: *Listening to the Spirit*, Rita Cummins, Earlham School of Religion, 228 College Avenue, Richmond, IN 47374. Please make checks payable to Earlham School of Religion.

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**Workshop One preference** (first & second choice)

- Energy Work/Healing Prayer—*Elizabeth Code*
- Judaic-Christian Heritage of Healing—*Jackie Spetcher*
- Prayer of Personal Presence—*Jennie Dove-Isbell*
- Spiritual Disciplines—*Adriana Cabrera-Velasquez*
- Labyrinth Walking Meditation—*Donna Rathbert*

**Workshop Two preference** (first & second choice)

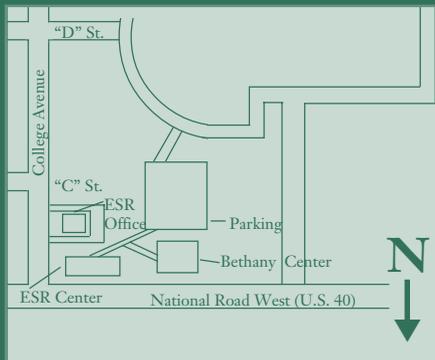
- Sacred Image, Sacred Word—*Carol Sexton*
- Minding the Light—*Brent Bill*
- Praying the Hours—*Elizabeth Wood Willey*
- Prayer Experiences—*Suzanne LeVesconte*
- Labyrinth Walking Meditation—*Donna Rathbert*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 8:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:45 am Worship
- 9:15 am Opening Presentation: Jane Vennard, Keynote Speaker
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am Workshop I
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Workshop II
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Closing remarks: Jane Vennard, Keynote Speaker
- 4:30 pm Meeting for Worship for Healing: Jennie Dove-Isbell

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**Jane E. Vennard**

