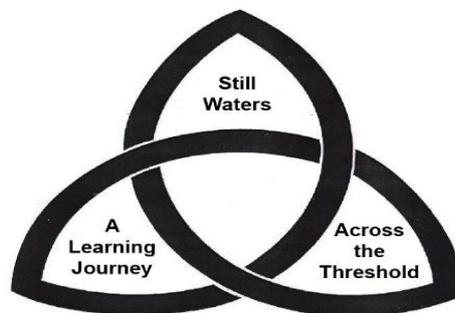




Contemplative Fire

*Spreading the Fire
Into Your Local Area*



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**A Monastery without Walls for
"Companions on the Way"**



**This is a path of knowing and unknowing,
of being loved and loving,
of taking hold and letting go.**

This is an invitation to a radical transformation of consciousness.

Have you been disillusioned or alienated by your experience of religion?

Do you sense that there might be a spiritual vibrancy at the core of the Christian path?

Would you delight in the opportunity to explore mystery and metaphor, presence and parable?

Contemplative Fire is a gift of the Spirit of God to those of us who yearn to experience more of the presence of God in the midst of the questions and the crush of life. Drawing on the monastic model, we seek to find a different way to experience life.

Contemplative Fire is a network of small, local, dispersed communities, bound together, as a monastic community, by our 'Vision and Values' and 'Rhythm of Life', which help us **slow down, listen to the Spirit of God and then live out of what we hear**. We recognize the need of community to help us live faithfully and fully.

Contemplative Fire was birthed in 2003 within the Church of England in the Diocese of Oxford by Revd Philip Roderick and is part of the emerging church movement. It was brought to Canada by Revd Anne Crosthwait in the Diocese of Toronto. It is a Christian, new monastic community that follows a broad, historical, contemplative pathway.

Contemplative Fire is volunteer led, open to all people whatever their faith orientation yet remains part of the Anglican Communion. It is a registered not-for-profit community in both UK and Canada.

We recognize that each of us is on a spiritual journey, that we change as we move through seasons of life and that during life, many questions arise for us. We are aware of our ongoing search for meaning.

We are seeking the good and spacious land that is ours, where we can live fully as we're created to be, through being present to the indwelling Spirit of God.

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To provide a trellis of support for our spiritual journey, Contemplative Fire offers a Rhythm of Life.

To lead us into a good and spacious land Contemplative Fire offers community

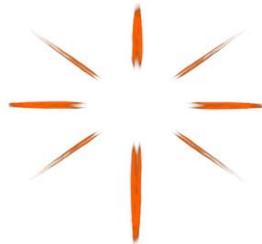
- **Begin with our four core leaflets that describe our essential principles. They are on our website under 'Contemplative Fire Basics' www.contemplativefire.ca/resources Spend time with them yourself.**

Be in touch with your sense of journey and your desire to live in a good and spacious land.

Be in touch with your need for a Rhythm of Life to help you.

Be in touch with your need for a community to help you follow your Rhythm.

- **Ponder – who might join you? Is this an individual experience or do you have a few friends who might join you?**
- **Book a 'Discovery Call' with our Community Leader.** Contact us through info@contemplativefire.ca to book a phone conversation with our Community Leader who will explore with you what your next steps could look like. We have resources to help both individuals and small groups lead a reflective life, being transformed by God's Spirit.



Contemplative Fire is a journey into the present moment, an exploration of a great spiritual tradition as it impacts life in the 21st century.

Contemplative Fire seeks to provide opportunities at many levels for personal and group work to enable us to enter deeply into the understanding and teaching of Jesus and the Christian mystics.

In local and regional gatherings for stillness and storytelling, for the playful as well as the profound, Contemplative Fire seeks to avoid the allure of easy answers and the lust for certitude. We celebrate the sacrament of the present moment in the beauty of nature, in contemplative liturgy and teaching.

If you're ready to make the journey into a good and spacious land

Begin with yourself, and then invite a few others to join you. We change the world one person, one small group at a time. Join us!

For more information, you are invited to contact....

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