

Dominican Meditation Circle

Newsletter: February 2009

We will develop ways to deepen our Dominican Spirituality and 'communio' (2005-2009)

Dominican Meditation Circle Newsletters

In order to keep in contact with an ever-widening circle of OP meditators, an initial newsletter was distributed in September 2002. Since then, another 14 issues have been prepared. Regrettably the last issue was dated September 2007. It is hoped that, in 2009, there will be opportunity for more frequent communication amongst us.

Christian Meditation in the Solomon Islands

The most exciting news item is the imminent visit of Fr Laurence Freeman OSB to Fiji and the Solomon Islands in early February 2009. Our OP Brothers and Sisters in SI have done quiet but amazing work in the area of meditation in villages and parishes, and amongst the youth. See details of the full program on the reverse side of this edition. Please support this visit in prayer! Emails of encouragement to:

- Sr Veronica: jubyop@yahoo.com.au
- Fr Henry: paroi@solomon.com.sb

Forthcoming Events 2009

There are two events which may be of interest:

- "Coming Together" Community Day on Saturday 28 March (10am-4pm). This will be held at Kerever Park in Bowral to enable NSW/ACT meditators to cross paths! BYO lunch to share. Donation: \$10. Bookings: Penny on 0409 309 344 or Email – torlonia@bigpond.com.au
- National Silent Retreat with Fr Laurence Freeman at Riverview on 10-16 October. Bookings are filling fast. Contact Judi on (02) 9904 4638; palmy@ozemail.com.au

The current edition of "Christian Meditation" offers details of events in others States. Alternatively: www.christianmeditationaustralia.org

Outreach: SI Visit of Laurence Freeman

Special thanks to the members of the Watson (ACT) meditation group who are supporting Laurence Freeman's visit to SI financially. Contributions will assist with transport and hospitality. Purchase of diesel will enable Fr Laurence to travel by car (around Honiara and to Visale), and canoe (around Loga/Gizo and to Vanga). Hospitality is a feature of any gathering in SI. The provision of simple food for the larger gatherings, both costly and time-consuming, will be covered by this generous contribution.

The Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia & the Solomon Islands, and the Dominican Fathers Vicariate are contributing to Fr Laurence's stipend.

Finally, the WCCM Friends Program which supports the work of Christian meditation (especially in Third World countries) is funding Fr Laurence's travel to and from the Solomons. Your contribution to this fund would be greatly appreciated: either to Jill Shirvington OP (9/18 Eastbourne Rd Homebush West 2140) or directly to the WCCM Friends coordinator - Judi Taylor (8 Montague Road Cremorne 2090)

Paradigm of the Mystical Prophetic Call

Fr Michael Crosby OFM Cap was a guest of the Australian Ursuline Sisters in 2008. During a series of public gatherings, he encouraged them to revisit Isaiah 6 which outlines the paradigm of the mystical prophetic call.

‘We have to become mystics;
we have to return
to the contemplative, mystical grounding
to understand who God is today’
(Pathways April 08)

Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia (47 Sisters)

Watson Meditation Group Canberra ACT

*Tasmanian Meditation Groups; Cleveland, Parramatta, Blackheath, Pennant Hills & Strathfield Groups
Dominicans of the Australia-NZ Federation; Friends of the wider Dominican Family*