Towards a new earth
A contemplative approach to preparing for tomorrow
and navigating change

21-24 May 2020 at
Abbaye de Bonnevaux
(near Poitiers)

The World Community for Christian Meditation invites you to experience a weekend of reflection, meditation and silence in a setting of natural beauty. This event is designed to give us new perspective and enhance our ability to initiate ecological transformation. A broad range of contributors, themselves committed to ecological transformation, will guide and accompany us through a series of talks, workshops and group discussions.

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With time running out, we are called to implement, together, effective initiatives to care for our Earth and ourselves and to tackle the world’s great ecological challenges (climate, biodiversity, etc.). This is why the World Community for Christian Meditation is proposing this event, open to all, which will offer time and space to cultivate our inner garden, connect with nature, and care for ourselves and the planet.

Each day will be punctuated by periods of meditation at Bonnevaux, either seated in silence in the magnificent meditation room or walking outdoors in the unspoiled grounds, and there will also be times for celebration. The talks by Laurence Freeman and Michel Maxime Egger will be followed by time for group discussion to which everyone is welcome to contribute. In addition, the workshops offered by each of the contributors will serve to enhance the sensitivity with which we approach our world, enabling each of us to consolidate our path to inner transition and transformation at the deepest level. We hope that each participant will leave feeling nourished and supported in his or her individual and collective actions. The Abbaye de Bonnevaux also hopes to use the input obtained from the group discussions to enrich its plan for the creation of a centre for peace.

Introductory videos for this event are available at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UB4MllRhJE
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjPr2XDSi4Q
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EeEyKljWui0

Presenters:
- Contemplation as a path to transformation - Laurence Freeman, benedictine, spiritual director of the world community for christian meditation
- Ecospirituality and internal transition - Michel Maxime Egger, theologian, head of the laboratory for internal transition (Bread for our neighbour).
- The current crisis in the light of St Francis, the “Laudato si’” encyclical and the teachings of various spiritual traditions (notably zen) – Bernard Durel, Dominican, writer.
- The experience of nature, silence and poetic writing - Jean Lavoué, poet.
- Work that connects us to the Earth and to ourselves - Christine Kristof, eco journalist, co-founder of Anima Terra.
- The work of transforming body, mind and soul - Jean Luc Souveton, priest, leader of fasting and meditation sessions.
- Reading the Bible together, close to nature – Isabelle Carlier, biblicist at the Meylan theological centre
- The socio-ecological planetary crisis and how to navigate it with Christ – William Clapier, theologian, writer.
- The poetics of the encounter with oneself, the other and nature - Manuella Pointet, biodanza instructor.
- Permaculture linked to spirituality – Ron Berezan, founder of Urban Farmer - Canada.
- The experience of connection with nature through the perceptible – Arnaud Callec, naturalist with the know and protect nature network.
- Exploring the garden to connect with nature - Thomas Litzler, permaculture market gardener at Bonnevaux.
- Transient creation, natural mandala - Elisabeth Dehlinger, art therapist, plastic artist.
- Spiritual sharing around the experience of defending an atoll - Jacques de Foiard Brown, hermit priest on the Isle of Mauritius, former agronomical engineer.

All talks will be translated into English. Some workshops will be held in English and the others will be in French.

Some workshops will be held outdoors, so please bring clothing and footwear suitable for a rural environment. This event will focus on discussion and exchange. We therefore encourage participants to attend for the full (3 days).

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Registration:

Completed registration forms should be returned by email to meditatio.ecologie@wccm.fr or by post to Gabriel et Geneviève Vieille- 4, rue Paraguay, 25000 Besançon, France
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Cost should not be an obstacle to attendance. In case of financial hardship, please feel free to contact us.