



Chapter Resource & Communication Services (CRCS)

June 1, 2010

<i>YOU ARE INVITED! A MIDWEST GATHERING NOVEMBER 18-21, 2010</i>
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Dear Midwest Region Members,

At the Midwest Regional meeting held at the Contemplative Outreach annual conference last September, many participants commented that they would be interested in attending a Midwest gathering that would provide ample time for Centering Prayer in community, networking and general discussion concerning topics of interest for people involved in service throughout our Midwest chapters.

Consequently, several volunteers offered their services to begin initial planning of such an event. Topics of interest suggested from the first planning call for the Midwest gathering include:

- Servant-Leadership
- Leadership Enrichment
- Centering Prayer Groups & Facilitator Enrichment
- Chapter Programs & Calendar Planning
- Chapter Finance
- Regional Networking

We welcome other suggestions you would like to submit regarding possible agenda topics (*forward to susankomis@charter.net*). Our time together will offer presentations, large and small group discussion, Wisdom Circles, networking and periods of Centering Prayer and silence in the context of a retreat setting.

This event will take place at the Marianist Center, a Retreat and Conference Center located in the suburbs of St. Louis, Missouri. St. Louis is within driving distance from most of the Midwest, but transportation will be available for those who arrive at the St. Louis Lambert Airport. The facility is an ideal setting that provides a private room with bath and 125 beautiful acres for hiking and walking. There are 40 rooms available, so registration is on a first-come, first-served basis - please don't delay in sending in your registration.

The Midwest gathering is open to anyone in the Midwest region involved in service or desires to serve in the future. This includes chapter Coordinators, Contact Persons, Facilitators, members of Centering Prayer Groups, Presenters, Leadership Team Members and those in other service roles. **However, we encourage Coordinators and Contact Persons to register early.**

Please distribute this letter of invitation to those in service to your chapter to encourage participation. This is the first gathering of this kind that has been hosted in many years specific to chapters and chapter leadership and we are hoping for a full house!

The planning committee is Sr. Kathryn Kobelinski from Milwaukee, WI Carole Strick from Bloomington, IL, Ingrid Forsberg from Chicago, IL and Susan Komis from St. Louis, MO. If you would like to join our planning committee or serve this event in any way, please let us know!

Cost: \$300 per person - **\$75** deposit required with registration (*non-refundable*)

Ingrid Forsberg has graciously volunteered to serve as registrar for this event, so **complete the registration form and mail with deposit directly to Ingrid no later than September 1, 2010.**
(*Balance due October 15, 2010.*)

Looking forward to seeing you here in St. Louis; more details to follow at a later date!

With Gratitude,
Susan
Susan Komis, Director
Chapter Resource & Communication Services (CRCS)

Registration Application: *I wish to register for the Midwest Gathering Event - November 18-21, 2010*

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

Check One: Make all checks payable to Contemplative Outreach, Ltd.
(*Note: Contemplative Outreach accepts only Visa or MasterCard credit cards*)

_____ I am enclosing my check/money order for the total amount of \$300 with this registration

_____ I am enclosing my check/money order for the amount of \$75 deposit with this registration

_____ Bill my MasterCard or Visa account for deposit of \$75 - **circle which credit card, please**

Name Listed on Card _____ Account No. _____ Exp. Date _____

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Name Listed on Card _____ Account No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Detach and mail this registration form to our Registrar at the address below with deposit or full payment no later than May 1, 2010:

Ingrid Forsberg **5724 North St. Louis Avenue** **Chicago, Illinois 60659**