

### **October 10, 2015 Reclaiming Our Roots - Rickey Cotton - Tampa Bay, FL**

**Rickey Cotton** is a commissioned presenter of Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina and a member of the faculty for Contemplative Outreach's Living Flame program. Rickey has developed and presented a number of contemplative workshops in various states, including ones on Meister Eckhart and Raimon Panikkar's Christophany. He lives in Lakeland, FL, where he is a Professor of English at Southeastern University and former department chair. He also facilitates a local Centering Prayer group. From 2003-2010, he served as a member of the Leadership Team of Contemplative Outreach of Tampa Bay.

### **November 21, 2015 Lectio Divina 2 - Mike Potter - Memphis, TN**

**Mike Potter** has been involved with Contemplative Outreach, Ltd. for the past thirteen years, is a commissioned presenter of both Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina workshops, and has led many workshops and retreats throughout the country featuring these contemplative spiritual practices. He has served on the Lectio Divina Service Team since 2006, serving as Team Leader from 2007 through 2014. In May 2011, he helped develop and co-lead a 6-day retreat featuring "The Four Senses of Scripture – The Monastic Practice of Lectio Divina", which serves as the foundation for the Lectio Divina presentation of Living Flame II.

### **January 9, 2016 Contemplative Living - Steve Standiford, - Westchester County, NY**

**Steve Standiford** is a long-time Centering Prayer practitioner and retreat leader. Over the past 20 years Steve has given talks, led workshops and provided instruction on spiritual practices as part of the Contemplative Outreach Nine Month Course on Contemplative Living. He is a psychotherapist in private practice in Manhattan and Westchester County, New York. Prior to becoming a psychotherapist, Steve was a practicing attorney in Washington, D.C. and a federal prosecutor in Manhattan. He lives with his wife and two adopted daughters from China in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY.

### **February 20, 2016 The Forgiveness Prayer - Therese Saulnier - Bayonne, NJ**

**Therese M. Saulnier** has been praying Centering Prayer for over 25 years. She has been teaching Centering Prayer and other contemplative prayer practices for over 20 years. Therese presents workshops in Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina, the Welcoming Prayer Practice, the Forgiveness Prayer and other contemplative practices. Therese has been coordinator of Contemplative Outreach activities for New Jersey for over 20 years. Therese holds a Master of Arts degree in Theology, with a concentration in spirituality, from Fordham University. She is a web developer for a major corporation. As a contemplative in everyday life, Therese offers a practical perspective and practical advice in living a contemplative life in 21st century America. Therese lives in Bayonne, NJ which is half way between the Statue of Liberty and Newark Airport.

### **March 19, 2016 Soul Friending - Cherry Haistens - Seattle, WA**

Commissioned by Contemplative Outreach, **Cherry Haisten** is a longtime presenter of workshops on Centering Prayer and Welcoming Prayer, which she has regularly practiced for over two decades. For six years, she served as the Welcoming Prayer Service Team leader for the international Contemplative Outreach Resource Faculty and continues as a part of that team, which has recently offered two online courses participated in by close to 2000 people. She travels around the country to lead workshops and retreats on Welcoming Prayer and other themes related to the contemplative dimension of spirituality. She has served in leadership of Contemplative Outreach Northwest since 1996. A former writing instructor with a B.A. from Emory University and an M.A. from the University of Georgia, both in English, she received a Master of Arts in Transforming Spirituality in 2005 from Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry, where she was inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit honor society. Cherry is program director of The Center at St. Andrew's, a healing and lifelong learning ministry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Seattle, where she also serves as a Eucharistic minister, healing minister, and licensed lay preacher.

### **April 16, 2016 The Psychological Experience of Centering Prayer - Jim McElroy - St Louis, MO**

**Jim McElroy** has been practicing Centering Prayer since 1996 and has been a commissioned presenter since 2002. Jim has been on the leadership team of 12-Step Outreach since its formation in 2005 and is especially interested in teaching contemplative practices to the recovery community. He is a former coordinator of Contemplative Outreach of St. Louis and is very grateful to be on the Living Flame presenting team

### **May 14, 2016 The Dark Night of the Spirit - Susan Komis, St Louis, MO**

**Susan Komis** has served Contemplative Outreach since 1990. She began as a volunteer for the St. Louis, MO Chapter. Appointed as Coordinator for the St. Louis, Missouri region in 1994, she served in that capacity through 1999 and is still involved with Contemplative Outreach of St. Louis as a commissioned presenter.

A member of the Faculty of Contemplative Outreach, Ltd, Susan serves as Director of Chapter Programs & Services (CPS) to support Coordinators and Contact Persons throughout the Contemplative Outreach spiritual community. She assists Chapters by making on-site visitations and offering programs for leadership enrichment and Chapter development.

In other servant-leader roles, Susan serves as a staff person for numerous Contemplative Outreach retreats, currently serves as a mentor to other servant-leaders, and continues to develop leadership formation programs.

Susan is a certified Pastoral Minister in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and has worked in Adult Faith Development and various other ministries including spiritual direction and interspiritual dialogue.

Previous employment history includes serving as Administrative Director of an early childhood center, and working in Human Resources for two corporations. Susan is married, mother of four daughters, and grandmother of eleven! She currently resides in a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri.