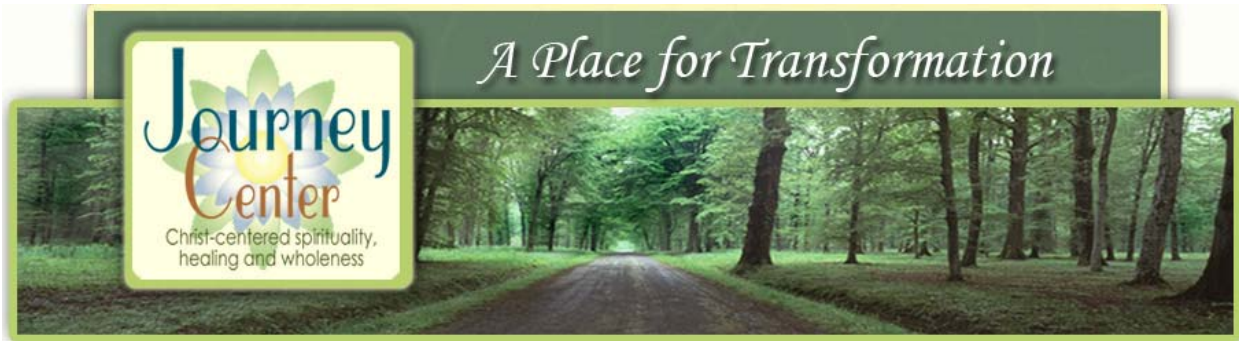


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*Mission Partnership
Opportunities:
Sonoma County, CA*



A Place for Transformation

A nonprofit organization established in 2008, the Journey Center is indeed a place for transformation. It comes as no surprise that lives are touched when the Spirit unexpectedly calls a group of people to follow as something new is unfolded!

In 2003, the vision for the Journey Center was given to Joanna Quintrell and Dan Beach. As they listened over a number of years, it became clear that God was calling them to create a safe, loving and beautiful space in the community, where everyone is welcome.

What happens in this space called the Journey Center? People from every walk of life and many spiritual paths are encountering the Living God- the One who knows them and loves them- who is with them and at work in their lives.

Resources related to spirituality, healing and wholeness are available at the Journey Center... resources that are rooted in the reality that God is present and is inviting us into transformation. Perhaps you have been blessed by participating in a workshop, group, retreat, contemplative gathering, outdoor adventure or you've been helped by one of our spiritual directors or health practitioners.

We invite you to consider the possibility of joining those whose financial support of the Journey Center makes this all possible!

In each section that follows, you will find a description of one aspect of the Journey Center's vision and a particular project or projects that you can choose to fund, fully or partially.

*Those who join us as Mission Resource Partners will receive regular communications from our Executive Director, Joanna Quintrell, about what God is doing through this part of our work and how **you are making it possible** for us to continue to say "yes" as the Spirit opens doors for us into the community and people's lives.*

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The Journey Center Supports the Arts



We have a vision for supporting the arts in our community, especially young artists and those whose work reflects the beauty of Creation or introduces us to a people group in the world who are in need of our compassion and help.

ART GALLERY OPENING RECEPTIONS

We are blessed to have a wonderful gallery space in our facility and we are often visited by artists who are interested in showing their work here...

Six times a year we host an opening reception for the next artist whose beautiful paintings or photography will grace our gallery walls. Each reception features an opportunity to meet the artist, contemplate their work and sample great appetizers and beverages with the others who are attending the event.

Each of these enjoyable receptions introduce the Journey Center to dozens of the artists friends who otherwise would not know that the Journey Center exists, and give us the opportunity to build relationships with many folks from the community who have discovered and look forward to attending the next event!

Your financial support makes it possible for us to support local and young artists and to raise funds for worthy compassion, mercy and justice causes.

- Supplies (~\$75 x 6 events) = \$500
- Staffing (\$100 x 6 events) = \$600
- Publicity (\$100 x 6 events) = \$600

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$1700

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR ART GALLERY OPENINGS:

- We are seeking a total of \$1700
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

ART GALLERY AND CLASSES: DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLICITY

The Journey Center's Art Gallery is new to the artistic community of Sonoma County and the North Bay. It is our vision to develop and publicize the gallery so that we become known as a desirable space for seeing, appreciating and purchasing the work of local and young artists.

AND...we believe that each person is creatively gifted in some way. We envision offering a variety of classes and workshops led by local artists, giving everyone the opportunity to explore their own creative gifts.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to support local and young artists and to develop our vision for offering creativity classes/workshops for everyone:

- Furniture and Supplies = \$800
- Publicity (per year) =\$1000
- Staffing 12 classes/workshops =\$1200

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$3000

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR ART GALLERY /CLASSES DEVELOPMENT:

- We are seeking a total of \$3000
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

JOURNEY CENTER CONCERT SERIES AND OTHER ARTISTIC EVENTS

The Journey Center is a beautiful venue for small, intimate concerts (seating for 40 people), allowing us to feature local musicians, vocalists and groups of all kinds. In July 2010 we launched our concert series with Alfredo Caceres, virtuoso Spanish guitarist and Mark Medin, gifted flutist in an exciting concert. And in November, talented local musician, singer and songwriter Andy Cater blessed us with a wonderful evening of his original songs, accompanied by violinist Gary Krohn and Jeremy Cater on percussion. Both concerts were fabulous!

Each concert not only supports the work of gifted local performers, but is also a fundraiser for the Journey Center and helps us meet our general budget needs.

Your financial support, which underwrites the cost of each event, allows us to offer six concerts each year. If desired, we will list you and your business as a sponsor in the concert program.

- Program and supplies (\$100 x 6)= \$600
- Publicity (\$150 x 6) = \$900
- Staffing costs (\$100 x 6) = \$600
- Performers fees (\$250 x 6) = \$1500

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$3600

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE 2011 CONCERT SERIES:

- We are seeking a total of \$3600
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

The Journey Center is an Oasis



In the midst of the hustle, bustle and stress of life we have been called
by the Spirit to offer
a safe, beautiful and peaceful place
where all are welcome.

Greeted by loving hosts, guests are invited to enjoy the reading room,
chapel and prayer garden.
Conversation and prayer are available
for all who visit the Center in Santa Rosa.

HOSPITALITY

Offering hospitality is one of the core values of the Journey Center; we like to think of ourselves as a quiet oasis where guests can experience, through us, the welcome, presence and love of the Spirit. And this is, in fact, what people tell us over and over again... *"I came in the door and knew that God was here!"*

Visitors come to us daily, and they find us through a variety of ways (searching online, walking down the street, referred by a friend, coming to see the art gallery or coming to an appointment with one of our practitioners). However they get here, they are offered the gift of hospitality, which is all about practical things... a beautiful space, quiet music, a hot beverage and a little snack. Our hosts and staff are gifted at helping the stranger feel welcome and they love building ongoing relationships with the visitors who choose to return.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to be open at least five days a week and to expand to include the weekends, for those who can't visit because they work during the day. Because of your gift, many relationships are begun and lives are touched as we offer a warm welcome and healing prayer.

- Beverages/snacks (1 year) = \$1000
- A loving presence (volunteer training + staffing costs for morning hosts for one year) = \$10,000
- Music CDs (completes our collection) = \$500

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$11,500

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR HOSPITALITY:

- We are seeking a total of \$11,500
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

KEEPING THE DOORS OPEN AND “GOD’S LITTLE HOUSE” BEAUTIFUL

Those of you who have your own business know that there are basic monthly costs that simply keep the doors open... lease payments, utilities and insurance. And then there are the additional costs that keep the space looking beautiful and inviting, which is so important when it comes to our mission here on 4th Street!

Your financial support makes it possible for us to keep the doors of the Journey Center open and maintain “God’s Little House on Fourth Street” (as we like to call it!) in beautiful condition. This is a blessing to our guests *and* to our landlady...imagine, tenants who actually take care of the building and property! 😊

Here are the MONTHLY costs:

- Lease payment = \$2600
 - Utilities = \$350
 - Insurance = \$225
- TOTAL MONTHLY COSTS NEEDED = \$3175**

In addition, here are the ANNUAL costs of keeping “God’s Little House” beautiful:

- Refinishing wood floor = \$2000
 - General supplies = \$2000
 - Gardening supplies = \$300
- TOTAL ANNUAL COSTS NEEDED = \$4300**

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR KEEPING THE DOORS OPEN AND GOD’S LITTLE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL:

- We are seeking a total of \$3175/monthly and \$4300 for the cost of annual upkeep.
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

The Journey Center brings Love and Light into the Community



We have a wonderful team of folks who take the Journey Center Prayer Booth to Festivals, Markets and Health Fairs, offering a drink of water and healing prayer.

Last year we prayed for over 400 individuals, couples and families, and all experienced the love and presence of God!

THE SANTA ROSA DOWNTOWN MARKET:
17 Wednesday Evenings During the Summer Months

Since 2006, the Journey Center booth has appeared on 4th Street in Downtown Santa Rosa, with wonderful team members offering a drink of water and healing prayer in the midst of the crowd of 5000 people who visit the midweek summer Downtown Market. Not only are hundreds of individuals, couples and families receiving the blessing of a listening ear, loving prayer and the experience of the presence of a Loving God...but the team members themselves are experiencing joy and transformation as they give of themselves in this way. Over the weeks and years we have had the opportunity to build relationships with those who are not part of a faith community, who otherwise might never know of the Journey Center and experience how powerful and touching it is to have a caring person praying for them.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to be a loving and healing presence at the Downtown Market and to spread the word about the existence of the Journey Center. The fruit of your gift is the palpable touch of God in hundreds of lives.

- Downtown Market Fees = \$550
- Supplies (water, cups, literature, etc.) = \$1000
- Staffing = \$2450

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$4,000

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR DOWNTOWN MARKET OUTREACH:

- We are seeking a total of \$4,000
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

HEALTH FAIRS IN SONOMA COUNTY

God continues to open doors for us, inviting us to take the Journey Center prayer booth to Health Fairs and other similar gatherings in Sonoma County. One of these is the *Health Fair Sampler* at the Santa Rosa Vets Building, one Saturday each month. Another is the *Sebastopol Wellness Fair*, which takes place three times each year. At each event, loving and friendly team members talk with people who visit the fairs, offer free healing prayer and tell people about the resources that the Journey Center offers them. Many people who become regular guests at the Journey Center first heard about us at one of these prayer booth events!

Your financial support makes it possible for us to say “yes” to these invitations as they come our way, increasing our visible presence in the community for those who are seeking healing and spirituality resources.

- Booth fees = \$500
- Supplies and literature = \$1000
- Staffing = \$2000

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$3,500

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR HEALTH FAIRS OUTREACH:

- We are seeking a total of \$3,500
- Received to date: \$1,200

You can make it possible...thank you!!

THE HARMONY FESTIVAL

(an annual gathering; one weekend in June)

Our first experience with taking the Journey Center into the community was the 2005 Harmony Festival in Santa Rosa, and what an experience that was! This weekend Festival at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds sees over 20,000 people and 400 vendors create a “village” dedicated to music, natural foods, the environment, the pursuit of world peace, and the offerings of a wide variety of spiritual practitioners...each offering their services for a fee. God gave us a vision to offer a place to rest, water and free healing prayer and we discovered that being immersed into this culture for the whole weekend was a powerful experience for us and for the many people who visited our booth and opened their lives to us and the Spirit!

Your financial support makes it possible for us to participate in the Harmony Festival, which has not been possible the last two years due to the cost of booth space, team member admission and supplies. Those who attend the Festival come from the whole Bay Area, the West Coast and beyond...giving us the opportunity to build relationships with folks from many places

- Booth fees = \$2000
- Team member admission fees = \$1000
- Supplies = \$500
- Staffing = \$2500

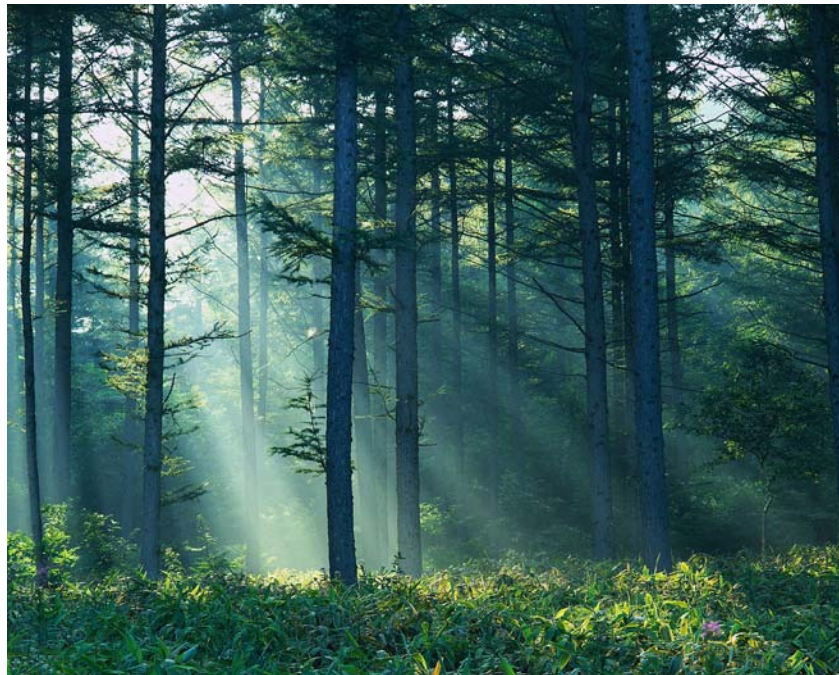
TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$6,000

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE HARMONY FESTIVAL OUTREACH:

- We are seeking a total of \$6,000
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

The Journey Center is a Center for Spiritual Direction



All of us need companions on our journey
who can listen to our stories and help us
become more attentive to the Spirit's presence
and movement in our lives.

We have the privilege
of training spiritual directors and offering
individual and group spiritual direction.

THE JOURNEY CENTER'S TWO-YEAR TRAINING PROGRAM IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT LEADERSHIP

Spiritual Direction is at the core of everything we do at the Journey Center...holding a sacred space where a real encounter with the Living God can happen. The invitation is to live in the present moment and to become more deeply aware of the nearness of the Holy and the movement of the Spirit in our lives. Spiritual Direction has been part of the Christian tradition for centuries and those who are gifted and called to serve as spiritual directors offer the opportunity for individuals and groups to give attention to their relationship with the One who created them, loves them and is with them.

We are thrilled that the Spirit has led us to establish a two-year training program for spiritual directors and has already blessed us with a great reputation in the greater Bay area! In June 2011, our first group of 11 men and women will graduate and a new group will begin their training.

Your financial support at this early stage in the establishment of this program helps to underwrite the costs of the training program, offer full and partial scholarships, and expand our publicity of the program in order to attract a greater number of students to ensure the financial viability of the program in the future. Each person who graduates from the program will be used by the Spirit to touch the lives of many individuals and faith communities.

- Scholarships for 2011-2013 = \$5000
- Staffing for 2011-2013 = \$5500
- Publicity = \$500

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$11,000

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING PROGRAM:

- We are seeking a total of \$11,000
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

*At the Journey Center,
Contemplation Leads to Action
on Behalf of Those Who are Suffering*



As we are nourished and strengthened
by the Love that surrounds us and supports us,
we are inspired to allow this Love to flow through us.

We take action to help
where compassion, mercy and justice are needed...
locally and in the larger world.

MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE...LET ME SOW LOVE

All around us are people who are suffering and struggling and we believe that being loved by the Holy One is meant to inspire us to love and help those in need. At the Journey Center, we are exploring how the Spirit is leading us to be involved in works of compassion, mercy and justice...both locally and in the larger world.

A first step in this direction has been to help the Journey Center community to learn about what the needs are and those who are already reaching out to bring love and help to the vulnerable and marginalized. We have offered information talks, hosted fundraising events and art shows and featured opportunities to serve in the community through our newsletter and website. Rather than creating something new to address a need, we believe that we are called to partner with groups and agencies who are already doing the work and who could use more volunteers and other kinds of support. In addition to introducing our community to these wonderful, loving folks...we want to build a core of volunteers who are prepared, trained and supported in their discernment process *at the Journey Center* so that they can serve with compassion and sensitivity wherever the Spirit leads them.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to develop this approach to helping people discover where their gifts and passion are needed in the community and the world, and preparing them to serve wholeheartedly and effectively. In this way, the vulnerable and marginalized are blessed and helped in the ways that are truly needed...and overworked, exhausted workers in the field can also be supported and strengthened by the infusion of new volunteers.

- Training retreats/materials (2 per year) = \$2000
- Staffing (per year) = \$5000
- Publicity = \$500

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$7,500

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR COMPASSION, MERCY AND JUSTICE WORK:

- We are seeking a total of \$7,500
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

*The Journey Center
Holds Healing Space for
Those Whose Lives and Families
are Shattered*



We use the metaphor of the lotus flower to capture the beautiful process of healing that we witness in the lives of those dealing with addiction, trauma, and abuse recovery issues...

From the muck and mire of the depths of the pond, the most lovely flower on earth arises—up through the darkness and into the light where it blossoms and brings forth its fragrant beauty.

We believe that individuals and families can experience healing!

COUNSELING RESOURCES AT THE JOURNEY CENTER

All of us go through seasons in our lives when we face challenges in our circumstances and relationships and many of us struggle to overcome compulsions, addictions and/or traumatic experiences. It is part of the vision of the Journey Center to offer resources for personal and relational healing and restoration, as healing of this kind is a part of the gift of hope that is available to all of us on our journey through life. *Yes, we are wounded...Yes, life can be tough...Yes, relationships require a lot of sensitivity and work.* And we believe there IS much hope for a better tomorrow as we face our struggles and make use of the presence, wisdom and help that gifted others can give us when we allow them to come alongside.

We envision a counseling center being established where individuals, couples, families, coworkers and friends can receive guidance and support as they work on their conflicts and issues. Dan Beach, the Journey Center's co-director, will oversee the development of this aspect of our vision and the staff/interns who will serve. Private and group counseling sessions will be available, as well as workshops designed to address particular topics and issues in practical and hopeful ways.

Your financial support makes it possible for the first phase of the development of a counseling center to be established in the larger context of the Journey Center, making counseling resources available in a spiritual setting. The direct benefit to those making use of these resources and the transformation that will result will have a tremendous impact on many lives and communities:

- Space rental (2 offices + 1 meeting room) = \$6,000
- Staffing (per year) = \$11,000
- Publicity = \$1000
- Counseling fund (for low-fee clients) = \$2000

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$20,000

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR COUNSELING CENTER:

- We are seeking a total of \$20,000
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

12-STEP RESOURCES AT THE JOURNEY CENTER

We can all benefit from 12-Step work...whether we are struggling with our own addictions or seeking to learn how to be truly helpful to those we love as they seek to enter recovery and sustain their sobriety. The 12-Steps are a spiritual approach that has proven to be very effective as people learn new, healthy and restorative ways of living life in freedom and grace.

Part of the Journey Center vision is to develop and offer 12-Step resources and gatherings in the tradition of spiritual direction...seeking to encounter the love, power and grace of the Living God as we learn to surrender our lives and our wills. In addition to workshops that introduce people to the 12-Steps, God is unfolding possibilities for contemplative 12-Step gatherings and study groups. And we are moving forward with plans for offering "Step 11" gatherings that weave 12-Step principles with prayer and meditation, giving people practical tools as they "seek by prayer and meditation to improve their conscious contact with God as they understand Him.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to develop and offer these spiritually-focused resources for those seeking to put their lives and their families back together as they experience healing and new ways of living through encountering the One who is able to set them free.

- General program development (staffing) = \$3000
- Step 11 development (staffing) = \$3000
- Publicity = \$500

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$6,500

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR 12-Step DEVELOPMENT:

- We are seeking a total of \$6,500
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

*The Journey Center
Supports Those who Lead
Faith Communities*



Those who are called to lead faith communities are often isolated, exhausted and in need of a safe place where they can find nourishment for their own spiritual journey.

We offer a variety of resources for those called to serve in full-time ministry, so they can experience vibrant health and fruitfulness, and it is our desire to offer these as gifts to those who give so much.

HELP US BLESS THOSE WHO SERVE IN FULL-TIME MINISTRY

When someone is called to serve as the leader of a faith community, it is both a privilege and a challenge. Because of the nature of this important work, members of the clergy are often isolated and very depleted physically, emotionally and spiritually. Research shows that burnout is common, often after only a few years.

At the Journey Center, we are strongly committed to coming alongside these men and women who give so much of themselves to shepherd the faith communities they serve. We offer many resources to the leader and their spouse, including marriage enrichment workshops, monthly spiritual direction, weekly counseling, monthly support groups and annual retreats. Our desire is to create a special fund so that these resources can be given as gifts of gratitude, since most faith community leaders do not have the financial means to afford them.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to be a blessing in this way. As faith community leaders learn to take care of themselves and be nourished and strengthened by the ministry of the Spirit to them, the lives of everyone in that community are touched in some way. Here are the costs of scholarships for FIVE pastors to receive each particular resource:

- Marriage enrichment workshops = \$1000
- Spiritual direction (1 year) = \$3000
- Counseling scholarships (1 year) = \$5000
- Clergy support group (1 year) = \$1200
- Revisioning Retreat = \$2800
- Publicity/networking costs = \$1000

TOTAL FOR FIVE PASTORS RECEIVING EACH RESOURCE= \$14,000

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR FAITH COMMUNITY LEADERS:

- We are seeking a total of \$14,000
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

We Are a Center for Enneagram Studies and Resources



There is a growing community of people at the Journey Center who are discovering that the Enneagram is a powerful tool for personal and relationship transformation.

As we learn together about how we are each uniquely created in God's image, we grow in our understanding of ourselves and our compassion for others.

We are set free to truly be who we were meant to be!

THE ENNEAGRAM SERIES

At the Journey Center, we are excited that so many people are indeed experiencing transformation as they study the Enneagram and incorporate its wisdom into every area of their lives. The Enneagram is a system for understanding the nine personality types and the unique way in which each of us is created to reflect the divine image. And we help other to move towards wholeness and experience freedom from compulsions and addictions.

We are becoming known as a Center for Enneagram studies and resources in the North Bay and our vision is to develop the Enneagram series so that the resources we offer will reach a greater number of people in our community.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to continue to offer Enneagram resources to those exploring it for the first time, and to expand the kinds of workshops, groups and retreats that we offer to the community.

- Publicity (one year) = \$1000
- Staffing = \$1000
- Guest teachers = \$1000
- Scholarships = \$500
- Retreats = \$1000

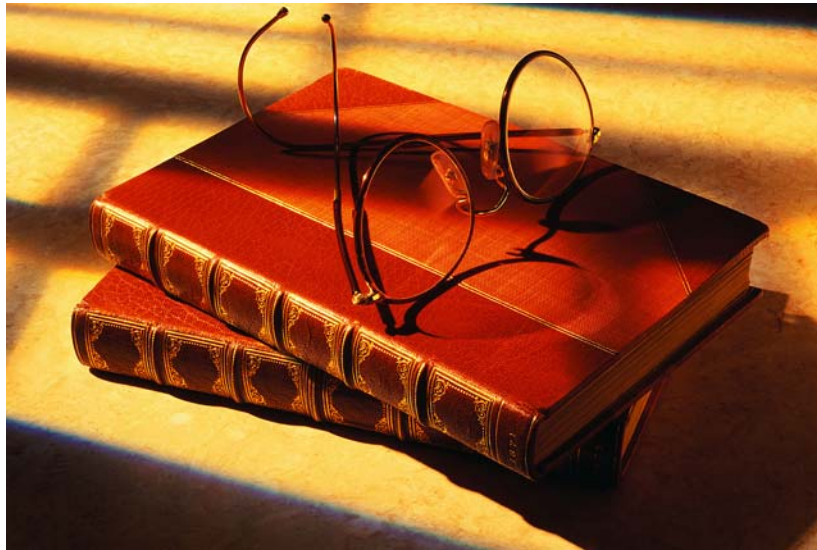
TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$4500

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE ENNEAGRAM SERIES:

- We are seeking a total of \$4,500
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

The Journey Center Bookstore



We have a small bookstore space in our beautiful main room.
Here we feature books that are recommended
in our workshops and groups,
as well as journals, cards and prayer beads.

THE JOURNEY CENTER BOOKSTORE

Books are an important resource for those who are focused on deepening their conscious contact with God and growing in their awareness of the presence and movement of the Spirit in their lives. In addition to Holy Scriptures, the writings of ancient and modern authors who describe their encounters with the Holy and offer inspiration and instruction regarding prayer and meditation can be rich treasure-troves for those of us who are tending to our spiritual journey.

We also carry Enneagram books and the current books that our reading groups are reading, as well as journals, cards, prayer beads and other items of interest.

Our vision is to stock our little bookstore with the best and most helpful books for those who visit our reading room and attend various gatherings at the Journey Center. We are seeking funding for the initial complete stocking of the bookstore so that it can become a great resource for “journey-ers” and a source of income for the Journey Center.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to purchase a full complement of books and supplies and get the bookstore off to a great start!

- Books to stock the bookstore = \$2000
- Supplies = \$500
- Staffing costs = \$2000

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$4500

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE BOOKSTORE:

- We are seeking a total of \$4,500
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

We are a Center for Contemplative Prayer and Community



In the midst of the busyness of life, the Spirit invites us to “be still...” and the Journey Center is a place where contemplative prayer is taught, practiced and supported.

Those who are called to live a contemplative lifestyle find a community of others responding to this invitation and resources for this journey closer to the heart of God and their own true heart.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

The Journey Center offers resources in Christ-centered spirituality to those seeking a deeper awareness of the presence and movement of God in their lives. All our workshops, retreats, groups, prayer/meditation gatherings and events are grounded in this awareness and in the traditions of spiritual direction, contemplative practice, prayer and meditation.

Our core programs are those that teach contemplative prayer practices and support those interested in developing Christian and interfaith contemplative community. Currently, these include: weekly centering prayer groups, centering prayer retreat days, weekend contemplative retreats, lectio divina prayer/meditation groups, monthly Contemplating Scripture gatherings, special events throughout the year with a contemplative focus, and *Meeting the Mystics*-a monthly program that introduces the Christian mystics and their contemplative practices.

Our vision for the future development of contemplative resources and community includes training interns from our spiritual direction program to lead groups and workshops (so these resources can be offered in many cities in Sonoma County), and establishing a lending library of books of the subject of contemplative prayer.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to bring the blessing of contemplative prayer and practice to many more people, teaching and supporting them as they go deeper in their relationship with the Holy One.

- Lending library books and supplies = \$500
- Training costs (per year) = \$1000
- Publicity (per year) = \$1000
- Program director salary (per year) = \$4500

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$7,000

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER/COMMUNITY:

- We are seeking a total of \$7,000
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

*At the Journey Center
people discover and develop
their God-given passion and gifts*



The Journey Center is a place of such rich resources because so many people say “yes” when the Spirit invites them to share their dreams and gifts for the benefit of the community.

We offer a vibrant and supportive environment where leaders are developed and volunteers are trained and supported.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

As the Journey Center vision unfolds, a wonderful thing happens! When the timing is right, the Spirit prompts gifted individuals to join the dedicated team of those who serve as Mission Partners (volunteers in a variety of capacities), teachers, facilitators and leaders. As each person brings their dreams, their gifts and their sense of calling, another part of the vision is implemented and many lives are touched and transformed.

We believe that each team member is a gift from God to the Journey Center and the community. One of our core values is to offer training and support to each person who serves with us and we do this in a variety of ways: one-on-one mentoring for those exploring where and how to serve; two annual training/spiritual retreats; specific training for particular areas of service; regular monthly gatherings for a meal together, fellowship and inspiration; two annual celebration/thank-you gatherings; gatherings and retreats for staff and board members.

We encourage all who serve with us tend to their own inner spiritual life so that they are serving from a reservoir of love rather than a place of depletion. Whenever we gather, time is spent in reflection and prayer so that team members can be nourished in their relationship with the Holy and our staff is always available for mentoring and prayer.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to continue to nurture a healthy community for all Journey Center team members as we train, support, inspire and release individuals to serve as the Spirit leads.

- Training retreat costs (annual) = \$1000
- Monthly events (per year) = \$500
- Staffing (mentoring) = \$2500
- Leadership support and development = \$1000

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$5,000

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT:

- We are seeking a total of \$5,000
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

*The Journey Center
is called to build bridges
and be a blessing to others...*



In a fractured and divided world,
we have the privilege of building bridges in the community,
bringing people of different spiritual and faith traditions together
in love, trust and prayer.

And the Spirit has opened doors for us beyond our community,
giving us the opportunity to be a blessing to those who are being called
to open centers similar to the Journey Center.

BRIDGE-BUILDING: INTERFAITH CONNECTIONS

We are a Christ-centered center for spirituality, healing and wholeness...which means that the resources we offer are rooted in the Christian tradition. Because many of our gatherings for and about prayer/meditation are *contemplative*, the practices that we teach are a blessing to those who are on other spiritual paths. All are welcome at the Journey Center!

As we experience the joy of building relationships with those whose spiritual journey is different from ours, we discover something very important and transformative. Sitting together in the presence of the Holy, we are all human beings longing for an encounter with the One who knows us and loves us. Our differences no longer divide us and love is what matters.

The Spirit invites us to build bridges in this same way outside the walls of the Center. Through *Sharing the Sacred: Journeying with Others*, we have the opportunity to visit other faith communities, have conversations with the leaders of those communities, and experience their services and gatherings. We offer workshops led by guest teachers from these communities, and participate in interfaith gatherings.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to be an organization and a group of people who build bridges and bring down walls as we reach out with love to Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim and other faith communities.

- Staffing costs = \$2000
- Event costs = \$2000
- Publicity = \$500

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$4,500

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR BUILDING INTERFAITH BRIDGES:

- We are seeking a total of \$4,500
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

BIRTHING JOURNEY CENTERS IN OTHER LOCATIONS

In December of 2010, an article about the Journey Center appeared in a national magazine and, through it, the Spirit opened a multitude of doors for us to be a blessing nationally and internationally. We have been contacted by people who are also experiencing the movement and call of the Spirit to establish spirituality centers in their communities. Some of these folks travel to Santa Rosa to experience what we are offering at the Journey Center, to learn about how we've been led to live out of the core values that are part of our vision, and to receive coaching and support as they follow their own sense of calling. Our staff members are available to answer questions, share our experience, build relationships and offer support and prayer.

For example: In February 2011, a second Journey Center was birthed in Claremont, California. The Executive Director, Beth Misner, read the article about the Journey Center, contacted us to begin conversation and relationship, and eventually visited us to see first-hand what the Spirit is doing here. We have been in a process of discernment together, offering support, prayer and encouragement as Beth's vision becomes a reality....and we are exploring how the Spirit is leading us to be connected under the Journey Center "umbrella", including sharing the website, offering onsite training, etc.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to say "yes" when the Spirit brings an opportunity to assist those who are being called to establish another Journey Center, or something similar!

- Staffing costs (mentoring, coaching) = \$3000
- Travel expenses (to visit new locations) = \$2000
- Website development = \$2500

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$7,500

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR BIRTHING NEW JOURNEY CENTERS:

- We are seeking a total of \$7,500
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

*The Journey Center
Has a World-Wide Presence
on the Web,
Blessing Those Who are Afar*



As we develop our online presence,
we can offer resources to spiritually thirsty people all over the world.

The possibilities are exciting!
We already receive requests from folks who don't leave nearby
for online prayer/meditation resources and classes.

JOURNEY CENTER WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Ever since an article about the Journey Center was published in a national magazine, we have been contacted by folks all over the United States and many countries abroad. They see on our website what we offer here in Sonoma County, but they have no such Center in their state or country. They are thirsting for an encounter with the Holy and longing to find resources for their spiritual journey, and many of them ask if we can offer more options for them online.

Currently, we have a section on the website entitled “Encounter” and there people can find online prayer/meditation resources and journaling suggestions. Our blog postings, written by members of our staff, offer words of inspiration and encouragement. And anyone can send us a prayer requests via the website, and we regularly receive requests from all over the globe. Our vision for the development of our website is focused on this question... *How can we create online “sacred space” where people can encounter the Holy right where they are?*

The possibilities are exciting! Our webmaster, Lisa Bradley, has submitted a proposal that includes: developing interactive resources for prayer, meditation, journaling and other spiritual practices; offering many of our workshops and classes in an online format; hosting discussion boards so people can interact, ask questions, and share experiences.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to move forward with our website development, specifically to offer online “sacred space” where people from all over the world can find resources for their spiritual journey and encounter the Holy One there.

- Webmaster fees for these projects = \$5000
 - Publicity = \$2500
- TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$7,500**

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT:

- We are seeking a total of \$7,500
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

*The Journey Center has
two major fundraisers
each year...*



In order to raise funding for our general budget needs, we participate in Sonoma County's "The Human Race" fundraising event for nonprofit organizations in the spring... and we have a fundraising auction in the fall- "Passport to Adventure"

CONSIDER UNDERWRITING OUR FUNDRAISING EVENT COSTS

Our major fundraiser in the spring involves participating in the Sonoma County's premier event for nonprofit organizations...*The Human Race*. Each year, close to \$1million is raised as 5,000+ people walk, run or pledge to support their favorite organization. Our participation not only allows us to raise much-needed funds for the Journey Center, but we also have the opportunity to have a booth which is visited by hundreds of people who are interested in finding out about us.

Later in the year, we have our other major fundraising event....the "Passport to Adventure" Fall Auction. This is an opportunity for all of our volunteers to work together to put on a very special evening that includes wonderful food, beautiful music and silent and live auctions that raise thousands of dollars to support the work of the Journey Center.

Your financial support makes it possible for us to hold these important events without having to use some of the income for related expenses. By underwriting the cost of these events, all proceeds benefit the work of the Journey Center.

- The Human Race (staffing, supplies, publicity)= \$500
- The Fall Auction (staffing, expenses, publicity))=\$2500

TOTAL MINI-GRANT AMOUNT NEEDED = \$3000

CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

- We are seeking a total of \$3000
- Received to date: \$0

You can make it possible...thank you!!

*The Journey Center Vision
includes two larger projects
that will be
unfolded in the future*



*When the Journey Center vision was given,
it included two exciting things that will take a number of years
to develop and are in our long-term plans.*

We envision having our own retreat center here in Sonoma County.

We also feel called to be a place where those with a deep hunger for learning can come together in community and experience deep study as a spiritual practice.

THE VISION FOR A RETREAT CENTER

We have always envisioned having a Center in the city AND a retreat center in a beautiful and peaceful setting, away from the city...a place where folks can step out of the hurried and busy pace of their lives for solitude, quiet and reflection. We believe that our souls are restored, as it says in the Psalms, as we say “yes” to the Spirit’s invitation to “come away”.

Our vision for the a retreat center is well-developed and we have even found a possible location in the beautiful west-county redwoods of Sebastopol, California. We are in the process now of prayer and discernment related to this opportunity and are waiting for God’s timing for this chapter to unfold as it should.

A contemplative retreat center would be a place where people encounter the Living and Loving God through:

- Personal retreats
- Group retreats
- Spiritual direction
- Encountering God in Creation
- Quiet spaces for prayer and meditation
- Health and Healing Center
- Workshops
- Conferences

Let us know if you are interested in seeing our detailed vision for the retreat center, the photographs of the current property we are looking at, and/or discussing the possibility of investing in this project.

THE VISION FOR A LEARNING COMMUNITY

A common thread that runs through the lives of the wonderful people who come to the Journey Center is a deep hunger for study and learning. We believe that study can be a spiritual practice, a way of loving God with “all our mind” and opening to the Spirit through this pathway.

We are often asked to present classes and topics that go deeply into material one might find in a seminary , but from a more contemplative and 'holistic' perspective-one that incorporates the body, imagination, heart and spirit--as well as the mind. Many of the classes we already offer form a foundation for this learning community experience, which we envision as including the following-

- *Contemplating Scripture*-- a year-long exploration of scripture, including lectio, body prayer and other spiritual /prayer practices that 'read' scripture for *formation*, as well as *information*. This program will be taught by people from a variety of Christian perspectives *and* we will invite Jewish teachers to help us explore the Hebrew scriptures.
- *The Christian Contemplative Tradition*- building on the Meeting the Mystics series, this will be an exploration of the history of the contemplative journey in Christianity. It will include an in-depth reading of writings by many of the masters in our tradition-- such as John of the Cross and C. S. Lewis.
- *Other classes might include* workshops on charisms, Christian history, various theologies in Christianity...again, all taught with a body/mind/spirit perspective.
- *Our intention is to respond to our community’s deep desire* for study in a setting that addresses the longing to experience transformation by engaging with this material in contemplative community.

**Let us know if you are interested in the possibility
of investing in this exciting project!**