

Share International Midwest Conference

The Reappearance of the Christ

May 20-22, 2011

Kearns Spirituality Center
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

March 31, 2011

Dear Friends,

Please join us for our 7th annual Share International Midwest Conference, May 20-22, 2011 at Kearns Spirituality Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This year's theme *The Reappearance of the Christ* will help us learn and prepare ourselves and the world to understand and cooperate with this momentous event. As is our custom, we will mix workshop sessions with periods of Transmission Meditation – aiming to take full advantage of the heightened spiritual opportunity provided by the Spring Festival of Wesak. The weekend concludes with a blessing from Maitreya on Sunday afternoon.

Conference Focus

Our Goals Will Be...

- To strengthen our connections with Maitreya.
- To improve our efforts towards group work and group initiation.
- To increase our service in helping to prepare the minds and hearts of humanity for Maitreya's emergence into the world.

During the Course of the Weekend, We Will...

- View and discuss the central themes of Benjamin Creme's 2004 Keynote Talk *The Reappearance of the Christ*.
- Explore the strategies for making the Reappearance story known with plenty of time to discuss outreach opportunities.
- A *Pulse of the World* session, which includes an update on the Global Commons.
- Participate in Transmission Meditation. We plan several hours of Transmission Meditation, culminating in the reception of Maitreya's Blessing, Sunday from 3 to 4 pm.

We hope this sounds like an appealing opportunity to connect with others who are working in support of this extraordinary message. If you have any questions about the conference, please contact Kimberly Donovan by email at kimberlox@hotmail.com or call 724-924-9523. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Yours in the One Work,

Share International Midwest

Location and Event Details

Kearns Spirituality Center is located north of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on the campus of La Roche College. Please visit their website:

<http://www.divineprovidenceweb.org/ministries/kearns-spirituality-center.php>.

For driving directions, please use **Google** or **MapQuest** and search for the following address: **9000 Babcock Blvd; Allison Park, PA 15101** (Tel: 412-366-1124).

The conference will begin with registration on Friday, May 20th from 3 to 4 pm, and conclude with Maitreya's blessing on Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4 pm. Kearns can house 59 people on site, and is able to accommodate day visitors/commuters. Lodging is 2 per room with a sink in each room and a shared large bathroom on each floor (separate for male and female).

Our activities, meals and lodging are all in the same building. Kearns is air conditioned and handicapped accessible. There is a labyrinth and outdoor meditation area plus a larger campus for walks.

Conference Fees

- The cost for the conference weekend is **\$200.00 per person** for a semi-private dorm room (2 per room), or **\$235.00 per person** for a private room (private rooms are limited).
- The full weekend conference fee includes 2 nights' lodging (Friday and Saturday) and six meals (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch). All meals will be vegetarian, with gluten-free options. Healthy snacks will also be available.
- For those staying off site, or coming for just one day, the daily rates (including meals) are:
Friday: \$27.00 Saturday: \$80.00 Sunday: \$50.00

Full weekend commuter rate is \$150.

- **We need to receive your registration fee by April 30th. This will help us meet payment deadlines.**

Scholarship Fund

We have established a conference Scholarship Fund to help those who wish to attend the conference, but are on tight budgets. If the fee will be a hardship for you, please contact Sheila Forester at 412-221-5314, or by email at wcf101950@cs.com to request assistance. Limited scholarship funding is available based on donations received. We will notify you of the amount of your scholarship by May 1st. We cannot provide a scholarship for the full cost of the conference. Scholarships generally are \$50-\$100 (depending on donations received). Those who wish to donate to the Scholarship Fund may do so on their registration form.

Conference Registration Form

To register for the conference, please complete this Registration Form **and** Release and mail to the address below. All conference fees are non-refundable. A confirmation letter with additional details will be **emailed** the FIRST week of May to those who have registered. If you have not received it by MAY 9th, email or call Sheila Forester.

All Registration Forms and Releases must be received by April 30th

Name _____ Sex _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY – ESPECIALLY THE EMAIL ADDRESS

Lodging and Food preference:

_____ Semi-Private room – 2 per room \$200 Roommate name: _____

_____ Private room – 1 per room \$235 (note that there are no private bathrooms)

_____ Mark if you need gluten-free meals. _____ Mark if you cannot climb stairs.

We will not be assigning roommates. Please make arrangements before the conference.

Scholarship Fund: If you would like to contribute to the conference Scholarship Fund, simply add an amount to your check and note your donation below.

Please help us prepare for the conference by answering the following questions:

Have you read books by Benjamin Creme and/or Alice A. Bailey? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever participated in Transmission Meditation? Yes _____ No _____

Comments? _____

Payment Enclosed: Semi-private room rate \$200 Private Room Rate \$235

Single Day Rates (no lodging included): Friday: \$27.00 Saturday: \$80.00 Sunday: \$50.00

OR Entire weekend rate with NO LODGING: \$150.00 Scholarship Fund Donation _____

Total Enclosed _____

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NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE!!!

Please make checks or money orders payable to "**Emergence Midwest.**"

Send your payment—with a completed Registration Form and Release—to this address:

Emergence Midwest, 771 Davis Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117

2011 Share International Midwest Conference Transportation from Pittsburgh International Airport To Kearns Spirituality Center

If you are flying to the conference, you should arrive at the Pittsburgh International Airport *by noon* Friday in order to be on time for events.

The following information outlines options for traveling from the airport to Kearns Spirituality Center. Remember, whatever your transportation plans, the conference begins Friday, May 20th at 3:00 pm with registration followed by dinner at 5:30 pm. Be sure to get a firm price from any taxi, bus or shuttle driver before you get into the vehicle as the prices quoted here are subject to change.

One Way from Pittsburgh International Airport to Kearns Spirituality Center:

28X Bus

To the conference via bus: Pittsburgh buses are clean and safe, the entire trip will be 1.75 - 2.25 hours, depending on how long you have to wait for connections, and the cost is around \$5. For those who fly in to Pittsburgh and want a cheap and relatively easy way to get to Kearns Spirituality Center (at La Roche College), follow these steps:

1. You will find the 28X bus stop behind baggage claim (bring dollars + change as drivers will not provide).
2. The 28X comes every 15-20 minutes. Tell the bus driver you need to make a connection/ transfer to the 12A. This requires taking the 28X to downtown Pittsburgh and getting off at Liberty Ave & Wood St. It will take about 35-40 minutes to get to downtown.
3. At downtown, get off the bus and stay on Liberty, walk half a block west to 7th St. (look for the 12A bus stop sign; you may want to ask driver to confirm the side of the street to catch the bus to La Roche College).
4. The 12A will go into the North Hills. Ask the driver to let you off at Babcock Blvd and La Roche College Driveway. It is 500 yards to walk to Kearns Spirituality Center. This last leg of the trip will take about 50 minutes.

To review the details yourself, you can go to this link and plot the route from the airport to La Roche College: <http://www.portauthority.org/paac/default.aspx>.

Super Shuttle

1-800-bluevan (800-258-3826)

Shared Ride Service

Wheelchair Accessible Service

<http://www.supershuttle.com/en/PITAirportShuttlePittsburgh.html>

\$30 for one passenger; \$8 for each additional; \$1 processing fee

Does not require reservations but is recommended 48 hours in advance (you may book online)

Approximately 20 – 45 minute wait after check in at airport counter. The drive to North Hills will take approximately 40 – 60 minutes depending upon traffic and how many drop offs (shared rides).

Yellow Cab

412-321-8100

\$91

Sunday from Kearns Spirituality Center to Pittsburgh International Airport

For all who require transportation to the Pittsburgh International Airport on Sunday following the conference, we recommend you schedule your return flight ***no earlier than 7:00 pm*** to allow ample time to arrive at the airport and go through security.

We can arrange for a Super Shuttle Van to pick you up at Kearns Sunday at 4:30 pm. If you prepay for van service and change your mind, there will be no refunds as we have to book ahead for this service. If you do not prepay and later decide that you want to use this service, there may be space but it cannot be guaranteed. You may also make individual transportation arrangements with other participants, which are your own responsibility. Please contact Sheila Forester 412-221-5314 or wcf101950@cs.com with any questions or concerns **BEFORE** reserving your flight.

Conference Release – Please read and complete

In consideration of being given the option of participating in program activities conducted by Share International Midwest at Kearns Spirituality Center. I, the undersigned, hereby release and discharge Kearns Spirituality Center, La Roche College and Share International Midwest, from any liability for personal injury or damages, including death, which may occur to me during my stay at Kearns Spirituality Center from May 20 to 22, 2011.

I am solely responsible for any medical conditions which I may have and acknowledge that there is no one associated with Kearns Spirituality Center and Share International Midwest who has any knowledge or information concerning my health status. I acknowledge that no one else knows my medical condition, and I am fully responsible for any consequence to my health from participating in any activity. I also fully and freely choose to assume any risks or dangers that are associated with the activities in which I participate.

Kearns Spirituality Center and Share International Midwest will not be responsible for loss of personal property by theft or for injuries to participants incurred by actions contrary to regulations of the Center. For safety reasons, no items are to be left in plain sight inside the cars in the Center's parking lots. If you cause any damage to the Center's building or property, you will be required to compensate the Center for the damages incurred. The Center is a smoke-free building. Only vigil light type or votive candles enclosed in glass or plastic may be used in the building. Pets are not permitted on site.

I have read this document fully, understand it, and sign it of my own free will.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2011

Name – printed

Signature

Emergency Contact Information:

Name _____

Phone number _____