

## Report on the New Story meeting June 28, 2021

The New Story Group met on June 28 at 7:00pm with, about 16 people present. We opened worship with a video of the [Murmuration of Starlings](#). Cornelia Parkes introduced the program and read the [Introduction to the New Story](#) that was brain stormed by Gwen Noyes, Art Klipfel, David and Inge Damm-Luhr, Jane Cutting, and Mary Coelho and embellished by Cornelia. We then entered breakout groups to consider the queries, “Have you experienced communion and/or connection recently? What was it like?” followed by discussion. We ended the evening by watching the short video [The Power of Story](#) by Drew Dillinger. The group was excited by his message and agreed to meet again on Monday, August 30, at 7:00pm to watch a longer Dillinger video.

There will be no FMC New Story meeting in July. Enjoy the summer!

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## New Story News

Good news never stops coming!

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From the [Deeptime Leadership & Personal Empowerment Program](#)

Nine-month program starting September 22nd.

Offering certificate and professional development hours

with Stephan Martin, Brian Swimme, Ursula Goodenough, Coleen & Duane Elgin, Gail Worcelo, Herman Greene, Robert Athickal, Yona Frenchhawk, Matt Cobb, Mary Evelyn Tucker, and many others. More info coming soon!

*“There is nothing more critical than leadership for our moment of transition to a flourishing future. This course is indispensable for such a transition – thoughtful, comprehensive, and engaging. Sink in and be deeply transformed!”*

— Mary Evelyn Tucker, co-author & producer, *Journey of the Universe*

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From the [Findhorn New Story Hub](#)—Change the Story Change the World

Charles Eisenstein [You are Life](#) ( 5-minute video)

*“I would ask you to consider that the pace of your transition out of the dark state has its own intelligence and that when the moment comes to take these steps, you will be ready, and you will do them.” ~*

Charles Eisenstein

[The Botticellian Trees](#) ~ poem by William Carlos Williams

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There are many groups that carry the message of the new story. Thanks to **Silvia Olivia, Gwen Noyes,** and **Steve Stodola** for suggesting the following groups.

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**The Order of the Sacred Earth:** <https://www.orderofthesacredearth.org/>

*The Order:*

In the midst of global fire, earthquake, and flood - as species are going extinct every day and national and global economies totter - the planet doesn't need another church or religion.

*What it needs is a new Order:...a sacred community and movement:*

...A movement of communities welcoming all the peoples of Earth: our varied belief systems (or non-belief systems), genders, races, classes, abilities, and nations.

...A deeply spiritual movement, grounded in the Wisdom traditions of both East and West, in leading-edge science and indigenous tradition.

Therefore, an Order of the Sacred Earth.

*Not a new religion; or a new church; but a new Order.*

A radically inclusive Order of mystic activists,  
uniting our energy and intention in one sacred vow:

*"I promise to be the best lover and defender of the Earth that I can be."*

*The Book:*

*Order of the Sacred Earth: An Intergenerational Vision of Love and Action* by **Matthew Fox, Skylar Wilson,** and Jennifer Listug with forward by **David Korten.**

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**Creation Spirituality Communities:** <https://cscommunities.org/>

We support the discernment of an individual's sacred vocation, mystic practice, and prophetic action. We foster emerging spiritual communities in a variety of forms, and model alternative, open, and evolving spiritualities outside of traditional religion.

Come join us each Sunday (7p/6p/4p/1p Eastern/Central/Pacific/Hawaii) for the Virtual CS Interfaith Worship Experience! Register to be sent the Zoom link.

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**Wild Earth Spiritual Community:** <https://www.wildearthspiritual.org/>

We seek to live in deeper relationship with Earth, Divine Presence, and each other. We gather twice monthly in sacred, natural woodlands in the Metro DC area. We are a diverse, inclusive, and inter-spiritual community. Our gatherings combine contemplative spiritual practices with songs and chants, drumming, silent wandering, and fellowship. Our practices enhance and grow our commitment to Earth and Her Beings, informing the work we do individually and collectively in the outer world.

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**Extinction Rebellion:** <https://xrmass.org/>

Extinction Rebellion is a strictly non-violent movement, whose overall ambition is an international rebellion that helps humanity to turn quickly onto a course that is compatible with life on earth, and to build resilient communities in the face of ecological and societal crisis. We operate under the principles of Holacracy with a decentralized structure.

Founded by Rising Up! in the UK, Extinction Rebellion took its first acts of civil disobedience in November 2018, as 6000 rebels shut down five London bridges. Immediately after this, the movement grew rapidly to become an international uprising which now spans over 200 chapters worldwide.

Extinction Rebellion welcomes all people, regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, political affiliation, age, ethnicity, economic background, etc. This movement is about all of us! We are you! Anyone who follows our 10 principles and values can take action in the name of Extinction Rebellion.

Continue at <https://xrmass.org/about> to read about their mission and their principles and values.

See here for links to their resources <https://xrmass.org/resources>

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The Rooted Ritual: <https://www.patreon.com/TheRootedRitual>

Kimmothy Cole and The Rooted Ritual are creating Small Things, New Narratives, Shared Culture. The Rooted Ritual is built on a belief that a shift in culture, a shift in narrative isn't secondary to the work, but essential to it. I created it specifically for folk trying to develop ritual practices to connect with the Earth and to decolonized, embodied spirituality. If you are on a journey to connect your full, tangible self to the work of establishing an alternative culture in the midst of a violent empire, then I invite you to journey with me."

*"The destiny of the world is determined less by the battles that are lost and won than by the stories it loves and believes in."*

— Harold Clarke Goddard, The Meaning of Shakespeare, Volume 2

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