

Centrecare Inc Perth's agency chaplain, Fr Steve Truscott, has arranged for Steve Wirth from the Centre for Contemplative Dialogue to come to Australia to lead an intensive three day leadership workshop. Steve Wirth was here a couple of years ago and according to Mr Tony Pietropiccolo, Director of Centrecare Inc Perth, "Steve's approach to dealing with management/organisational issues was highly consistent with our value base and very practical."

Members of the Catholic Social Services Australia network may be interested in attending the intensive three day workshops detailed below:

Mindful Leadership:

The Path of Contemplative Dialogue

A training process for tending the spirit of organisations and deepening relationship

Led By **Steve Wirth** of
The Centre for Contemplative Dialogue, USA

Hosted by
The Fullness of Life Centre (Inc) Perth WA

27 – 30 April 2009

Good Samaritan Congregational Centre
2 Arcadia Road, Glebe Point, NSW, 2037

4 – 7 May 2009

St John of God Hospital Murdoch
100 Murdoch Drive, Murdoch WA 6150

CONTEMPLATIVE DIALOGUE

Organizations and communities have tremendous power and potential to influence our world. Yet, far too often, our experience of them is disappointing at best and destructive at worst. Bright, competent, caring individuals commonly feel stymied by bureaucracy, 'politics' and conflict in business, education, healthcare and church communities alike.

This training process will develop and deepen participants' ability to work with organizations, leaders, and individuals, to respond more effectively to the obstacles and challenges they face. In essence, it uses the skills and theory of learning organizations and unites these with powerful contemplative practice from the great spiritual traditions. This synthesis creates broad new possibilities.

The result is a consistent ability to touch and awaken a profound 'common ground' or 'collective spirit'. Participants describe experiencing dialogue and mutual understanding in ways they had not imagined or thought possible.

This practice, we believe, creates the possibility of successfully engaging the movements of co-presencing, co-creating, and the possibility of collective engagement described by Otto Scharmer in Theory U. Participants describe this as a tangible outcome in their ongoing work with the practice.

The remarkable power of this process creates a safety in which participants can experience being their real and best selves in a group, and work cooperatively for the common good. It provides groups and their members with a greater ability to engage and surmount the challenges they face, and to do so with integrity and compassion.

TOPICS & SKILLS

- Engaging the Collective Mind of a Group
- Awareness and the Human Person
- Slowing the Inner Movement of a Group
- Skills for Dialogue
- The Non-defended Self
- Developing Organizational Awareness
- The Stance of Contemplative Dialogue: non-violence, contemplation, reflective openness
- Polarity Management
- The Spiritual Context of Dialogue
- The Life Frame: Seeing the Depth and Span of Collective Spirit

TUITION

Tuition is \$720.00 (inc. GST). Full payment is required to reserve your space, as the number of participants is limited. Early Bird discount \$680.00 (inc. GST) before 1 December 2008. Morning and afternoon teas and lunch are included in the tuition for this session. Accommodation and breakfast at Glebe Point, Sydney can be arranged through congcentre@goodsams.org.au Session will end each day prior to tea.

SCHEDULE

Session begins (Monday 27 April, Sydney and Monday 4 May, Perth) at 10:00 am, thereafter daily at 9:00 am, each day ends by 5:30 pm.

On day 4, the session will close by 3:00 pm.

AUDIENCE

This training is valuable to those seeking to enhance their relational effectiveness, personal awareness, and leadership in any organizational or community setting. Participants also find it valuable in parenting and relationships.

LEADERSHIP

Steven Wirth is Executive Director of The Centre for Contemplative Dialogue, a non-profit organization that creatively assists communities and leaders in overcoming obstacles to organizational renewal and effectiveness.

Prior to founding the Centre, he was Senior Vice President for Mission for a large, Catholic New York City healthcare system during its transition into a merger with two other systems. His role was to care for the organization's spirit and leadership as it struggled with the changes in healthcare, merger, and an increasingly uninsured patient population in the urban poor it serves.

Steve has a distinctive ability to assist groups in finding trustworthy common ground from which to overcome conflict and allow the best in group members to emerge. His work has effectively spanned groups with ethnically, religiously, professionally and economically diverse members. He has worked with corporate leadership teams, boards of directors, union members, law firms, provincial government leaders and managers at all levels, as well as denominational and congregational leaders. His approach to organizational spirituality tends to produce new frameworks for understanding situations, and an increased ability to work effectively together for the common good.

COST

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