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a center for contemplative activism

YEAR IN REVIEW | 2016



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CULTURAL COMMITMENTS

ABUNDANT GRATITUDE | We wholeheartedly express and receive gratitude for the gift of life, our community, partners and clients.

AFFIRMING INCLUSION | We affirm the Divine imprint in all humanity and embrace diverse participation.

AUDACIOUS IMAGINATION | We fearlessly dream of a better world.

GENEROUS HOSPITALITY | We intentionally establish a warm, welcoming, inviting space.

HOPEFUL CONTEMPLATION | We regularly practice contemplative prayer oriented toward building a better world.

GROUNDING ACTIVISM | Our action in the world is rooted in solitude, silence, and stillness.

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE | Our behavior, appearance, and work output are excellent and courteous.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



George Mekhail, chair

The Director of Strategic Partnerships & Innovation at The Riverside Church in the City of New York. George now considers contemplative spirituality to be essential in shaping the next generation of Jesus followers and spiritual pilgrims throughout the world.

Mona Haydar, vice chair

A poet, activist, contemplative Muslim humanist, and practitioner of Permaculture, meditator, composting devotee, mountain girl, solar power lover and a tireless God-enthusiast. She is an advocate for Spirit, the Earth and Love.

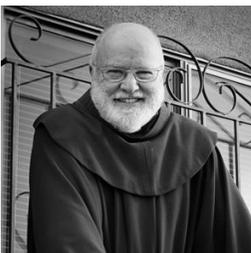


Vera Leung, secretary

Director of Creative Services for International Justice Mission, an international human rights organization that secures rescue and justice for victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery and oppression and works to make public justice systems accessible to the poor. She is passionate about engaging the creative community in pursuit of God's heart for social justice.

Huiying Guo, treasurer

Committed to both discoveries in science and community involvement, she works to become a physician and an advocate for under-served populations lacking in quality health care access. Ying is able to stay grounded, disciplined, and nourished through contemplative prayer. The contemplative has shaped the way she thinks, acts, and lives on a daily basis.



Fr. Richard Rohr, founding board member

Franciscan of the New Mexico Province and the Founding Director of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Richard teaches primarily on incarnational mysticism, non-dual consciousness and contemplation, with a particular emphasis on how these affect the social justice issues of our time.

ADVISORY COUNCIL



Alexis Carter, founding board member

Pastor of Discipleship at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, she spends much of her time teaching others about abundant life. She teaches others to wrestle with the complexities of societal norms and personal allegiances that hinder their understanding and acceptance of true identity. Alexis encourages students to engage with the disturbing and difficult aspects of faith and society through readings, acts of service and reflection.

Jayakumar Christian

National Director of World Vision India. He earned a PhD in Intercultural Studies from Fuller Theological Seminary and Masters degrees in Social Work, Missiology, and Divinity. He is the author of *God of the Empty-Handed: Poverty, Power and the Kingdom of God* (World Vision International, 1999) and several articles relating to working among people in poverty.

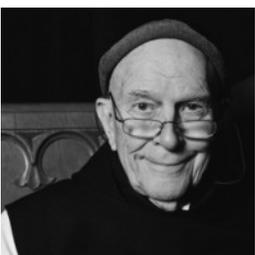


Patricia Jenkins-Armstrong

One of America's great civil rights leaders, Patricia was just 17 years old when she trained under Rev. James Lawson in tactical nonviolence. As a college student she began participating in Nashville's sit-ins, stand-ins, and sleep-ins. In May of 1961 the Freedom Rider's set out to desegregate the US interstate system by riding buses through the American South in mixed racial groups to challenge local laws that enforced segregation in seating. Patricia was one of the original Freedom Riders.

Emmanuel Katongole

Catholic priest ordained by the Archdiocese of Kampala, has served as associate professor of theology and world Christianity at Duke University, where he was the founding co-director of the Duke Divinity School's Center for Reconciliation. Presently Emmanuel serves as the Associate Professor of Theology and Peace Studies at Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.



Fr. Thomas Keating, founding board member

Cistercian monk of the Strict Observance (O.C.S.O) and one of the principal architects and teachers of the Christian contemplative prayer movement. A founding member and spiritual guide of Contemplative Outreach, LTD., in many ways, Contemplative Outreach is a manifestation of his longtime desire to contribute to the recovery of the contemplative dimension of Christianity.

Vōcaré

"The Cost of Freedom" is part of Gravity's Vōcaré Speaker Series: A Series of Conversations on the Crossroads of Spirituality and Social Engagement. Vōcaré, from the Latin for "to call," is the root from which the English word "vocation" is derived.

The Vōcaré Speakers Series sounds the call for freedom for all people and helps participants clarify their call to make the world a better place.

SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, 2016 | OMAHA, NEBRASKA | CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY
NOVEMBER 1, 2016 | JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI | BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY



I've only known how to survive.
Now I'm finally ready to live.
"Nourma"

survivor of human trafficking

REVENUE BREAKDOWN

INCOME

We surpassed our 2016 goal of \$250,000 which will help us start this new year strong.

Ended 2016 with \$281,326.90 in total income.

IN-KIND/NON-CASH

Additional \$13,313.02 from in-kind/non-cash gifts to charity and bank interest received.

MAY-AUGUST ☹️

Between May 1 – August 31, 2016 we generated \$74,604.58 in income.

😊 NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

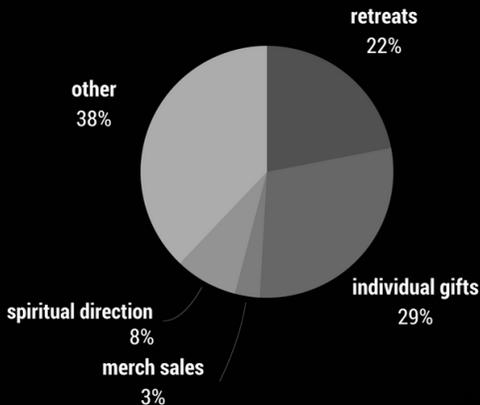
From November 24 – December 31, 2016 we saw \$75,553.65 come in; \$949.07 more than our four summer months combined.

OUR 2 BEST DAYS

May 25, 2016 "Omaha Gives!" with \$14,265.42 & November 29, 2016 "Giving Tuesday" with \$12,010.98.

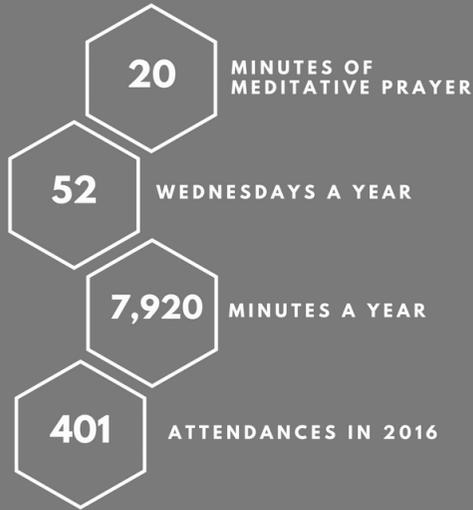
These 2 days combined for 9.3% (or \$26,276.40) of our total 2016 income.

INCOME



PRAYER SITS

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY PRAYER SITS



FRIENDS JOINED US FROM:



CANADA

NEW ZEALAND



MEXICO

94 INDIVIDUALS
PARTICIPATED IN 2016
INCLUDING BABIES AND
BASIL, GRAVITYS' PRAYING PUP



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



55
clients in
2016

21
states across
the USA

Clients from

Bangkok, Thailand

Canterbury,
New Zealand

Ontario, Canada

Phnom Penh,
Cambodia

Senegal

St.Kits, Caribbean



3 people with
full scholarships

30 people with
partial
scholarships

223
sessions
throughout
the year

ENNEAGRAM



ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOPS



ENNEAGRAM CONSULTATIONS

sacred map that helps identify your unconscious and subconscious motivations



ENNEAGRAM
ONE-ON-ONES

dismantles your illusions about the self

reveals your True Self or Essence

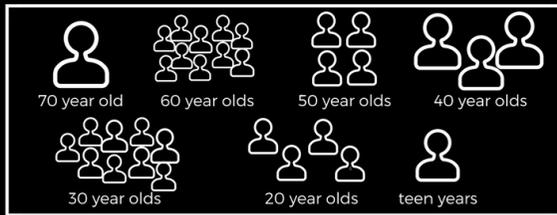
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SPRING DEEPENING RETREAT

St. Benedict
Monastery in
Schuyler NE



Who attended the sold out retreat?



15
STATES

73%
OUTSIDE
OF NE

1 FRIEND
FROM
CANADA

INTERESTING FACTS

65% women

52 year age
spread

71 oldest-19
youngest

40 was the
median age

41% repeat
retreatants



sponsors

Run River North

Boxed Water

FashionABLE

Ruminate Magazine

Amos Smith

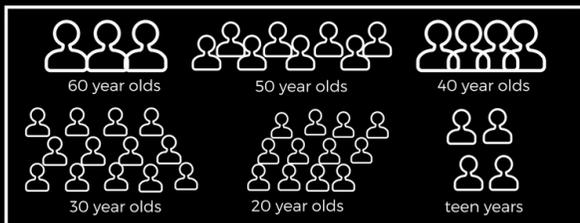
InterVarsity

Center for Action
& Contemplation

FALL GROUNDING RETREAT

St. Benedict Monastery in Schuyler NE

Who attended the sold out retreat?



16 STATES **57% OUTSIDE OF NE** **8 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED**



sponsors

Land of a Thousand Hills Coffee Co.

Center for Action & Contemplation

Zondervan

FashionAble

Paraclete Press

Boxed Water

Carl J. Arico

Ruminate Magazine

INTERESTING FACTS

80% women

23% repeat retreat participants

36 median age

50 year spread, youngest 14 and oldest 64

Book Contracts & Published Articles

WALK ALONG THE
CAMINO DE SANTIAGO
- PART I AND II
BY PHILEENA HEUERTZ

DOING GOOD BETTER:
ACTIVE
CONTEMPLATION
WITH
PHILEENA & CHRIS
HEUERTZ

WHAT I'VE LEARNED
FROM THE ENNEAGRAM
BY CHRISTOPHER L.
HEUERTZ

RETREAT.GURU
MAGAZINE
INTERVIEW WITH
PHILEENA HEUERTZ

"PILGRIMAGE OF A
SOUL" UPDATED &
REVISED EDITION BY
PHILEENA HEUERTZ
TO BE RELEASED
FALL 2017

PHILEENA
SIGNED A
CONTRACT
FOR HER
NEW BOOK
"SILENCE"
SET TO
RELEASE IN
2018.

CHRIS
CONTRACTED
SACRED
ENNEAGRAM
WITH
ZONDERVAN
SET TO
RELEASE IN
2017

CAIR

Contemplative Activist(not) in Residence



CAIR

Dates

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 –
FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

**CHIRAPHONE
KHAMPHOUVONG**

is from

Laos



CAIR FELLOWSHIP INCLUDES:

retreats
spiritual directions sessions
enneagram sessions
mentorship meetings



Chiraphone hopes for a better world for all people and, therefore, values Gravity's emphasis on integrating contemplation and action to help realize that better world.

IN THE OFFICE



Anahi Salazar Angulo, Operations Manager

As full-time Operations Manager Anahi, carries a variety of responsibilities. She brings order, organization, and excellence to Gravity's systems, increasing the capacity and productivity for all of our programs and services. Her kindness and hospitality make her a joy for Gravity's friends to interact with her.

Basil, Building and Office Puppy

When Basil is not patiently sitting in the entrance of Gravity and greeting people as they enter the building, he is making sure to read office mail and shred it if needed. He brings warmth and tender love to all who visit our office. He calms the air when it feels tense and lifts spirits when they are down. Basil works everyday like everybody else. He enjoys walks and lots of potty breaks on sunny days.



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