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Benedictine Experience - A Celtic Experience

The New Harmony: the Spirit, the Earth and the Human Soul

Location: New Harmony
Indiana

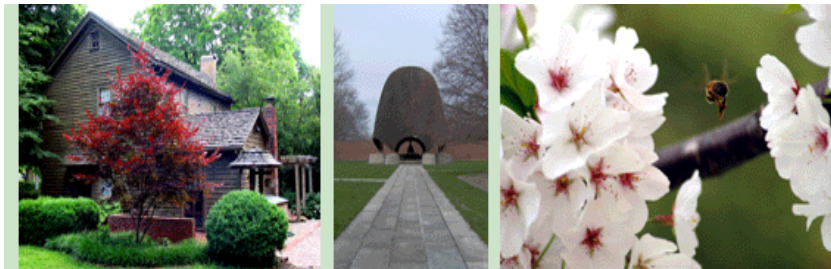
Dates: May 4-9, 2010

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The Rev. Ali Newell
Karl Peterson, Music Director
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The Rev. Philip J. Newell is a poet, scholar and teacher. Formerly Warden of Iona Abbey in the Western Isles of Scotland, he is currently Companion Theologian for the American Spirituality Center of Casa del Sol in the high desert of New Mexico. He is internationally acclaimed for his work in the field of Celtic spirituality, including his best known titles *Listening for the Heartbeat of God* and *Christ of the Celts*, as well as his poetic book *Sounds of the Eternal*. He is a Church of Scotland minister with a passion for peace in the world and a fresh vision for harmony between the great spiritual traditions of humanity.



New Harmony

Situated on the banks of the meandering Wabash River, New Harmony provides visitors a unique experience. Nearly 200 years ago, New Harmony began as a religious settlement and then became a haven for more secular educational and cultural pursuits. New Harmony is known for its many gardens and public spaces designed for quiet contemplation and spiritual renewal. For more information visit www.newharmony.biz.

Benedictine Vows
Stability – Conversion - Obedience

A Prayer of St. Benedict
O Gracious and Holy Father, give us
Wisdom to perceive thee,
Diligence to seek thee,
Patience to wait for thee,
Eyes to behold thee,
A heart to meditate upon thee,
And a life to proclaim thee;
Through the power of the Spirit of
Jesus Christ Our Lord,
Amen



Schedule

The Benedictine week begins with Evensong at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, and ends after breakfast on Sunday, May 9. In keeping with the tradition of stability, participants should be in residence throughout the week. Rooms will be at the very comfortable New Harmony Inn, with its Waddams Chapel at the Entry House, and in the simplicity of the MacLeod Barn Abbey. Participants arriving by air should fly to Evansville, Indiana, where they will be met.

Fees

The full fee for the program, lodging and meals at the New Harmony Inn is \$695 for double occupancy and \$1,015 for single occupancy. The full fee for lodging at the Barn Abbey (single rooms only/shared bathroom facilities) is \$520. Daytime attendance (program & meals) is \$350.

Note: If you are coming alone but wish to share, we will try to accommodate your request but if we are not able to do so, you are responsible for the full single occupancy fees.

Importance of Early Registration

Early registration is strongly advised. We are required to provide a commitment to New Harmony by March 15, 2010.

Deposits & Cancellations

The first installment, due with registration, is \$230 for the Inn (plus \$320 for single occupancy); \$180 for the Barn Abbey; and \$125 for daytime participants. The second installment, due March 24, is \$230 for the Inn, \$170 for the Barn Abbey, and \$125 daytime. A \$30 administration fee is withheld for cancellations prior to March 8; there will be no refunds after March 8. Final payments are due April: \$235 for the Inn, \$170 for the Barn Abbey, and \$100 for daytime.

A CELTIC BENEDICTINE EXPERIENCE New Harmony, Indiana May 4-9, 2010



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Led by
The Rev. J. Philip Newell

Sponsored by
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Program

Like never before in the history of humanity we are aware of the essential unity of life, and that what we do to a part, we do to the whole. Wellness is found not in separation but in relationship, whether as nations and wisdom traditions or as individuals and as a whole earth community. How can our Christian spirituality today be part of serving this new consciousness?

The Benedictine Experience is a time spent in community designed for those who wish to nurture and strengthen their daily lives through prayer and spiritual companionship. It is modeled after that balanced way of life as set out by St. Benedict in his Rule, giving due attention to body, mind and spirit. The Rule of St. Benedict comes from the undivided Church. It transcends our divisions and is an important source of strength for Christian unity.

Participants will take part in an ordered day of prayer, study, work and leisure. The framework of each day will be the *Opus Dei -- the daily corporate worship of God* – including prayer offices that begin with Morning Prayer, followed by the Eucharist, Evensong and Compline to complete the day. Morning sessions will be led by Philip Newell and discussions will follow. Choir practice in the morning will be led by Philip and Ali Newell and Karl Peterson. In the afternoon there will be time for rest and study, and participants will be encouraged to take part in work projects. Evenings sessions will be led by Ali Newell and others.

The Setting

The setting for the program is the beautifully restored Utopian town of New Harmony in the southern tip of Indiana, with the Roofless Church as its oratory. Time will be available for silence, meditation and walks throughout the week.

Participants are free to visit the Tillich Grove of Norwegian pine, the shrine to Thomas Merton (sculpture ca. 15th Century), Carol's Garden, St. Francis' Chapel, the place of prayer dedicated to St. Benedict, and other interesting, lovely places, including the Cathedral Labyrinth modeled on the one at Chartres Cathedral in France.

The Athenaeum was designed by internationally-known architect Richard Meier. He viewed it as a point of arrival and oriented it towards the riverbank of the Wabash, symbolizing New Harmony's beginning, as both Harmony Society and Owen-Maclure community members came to the area by boat. Since its founding in 1814, New Harmony has been a community generating ideas far in advance of their time. Well known for its restoration of historic buildings, the town's history of innovation and change is reflected in its architecture, which spans a variety of periods and styles. Thus the Athenaeum can be viewed as a late 20th century part of an evolutionary process.



Coordinators

Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Kenton Hay (Leslie & Ken), Austin Texas. Leslie (D. Min) is a spiritual director and the author of *Hospitality: The heart of Spiritual Direction*. Ken is a businessman and active Rotarian. They have been connected with the New Harmony program since 1984.

Elizabeth H. Swenson, Associate OHC, Executive Director, and Angela Beckman, Administrative Assistant, Friends of St. Benedict.

Director

The Rev. Martha Honaker, Rector, St. Stephen's Church, New Harmony; Milo G. Coerper, Lawyer, Episcopal Priest, Patron of The Friends of St. Benedict, voluntary Chaplain at Washington National Cathedral, and Benedictine Oblate.

Faculty and Staff



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Ali Newell is a Church of Scotland minister and works for the Jesuits at the Ignatian Centre for Spirituality in Scotland as a teacher and spiritual director.

Karl Peterson, MA from Columbia University in Musicology; 14 years experience singing with the Schola Cantorum of New York and as its Assistant Director for a year and a half; member of NY Continuo Collective, and founder/director of the Chant Project, two NYC-based choruses exploring early music performance.

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Registration

Full name including title (e.g. Mrs., Miss, Ms., Dr., Mr., The Rev., etc.):

Denomination or Church Affiliation:

Occupation and/or, in 8 words or less, what you would like your fellow participants to know about you:

Name you prefer to be called (for nametag and in conversation):

Street Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Telephone/Fax _____

Email _____

New Harmony Inn: *Single* *Double* Barn Abbey Daytime participant

Signature: _____ Amount of deposit: _____

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MAPQUEST.

Notes

Trip to New Harmony, IN
160.42 miles - about 2 hours 44 minutes



N Mason Rd & Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

- 1. Start out going **SOUTHEAST** on **OLIVE BLVD / MO-340** toward **BARNES WEST DR.**

go 1.1 mi
- 2. Merge onto **I-270 S** toward **KIRKWOOD.**

go 2.0 mi
- 3. Merge onto **I-64 E** via **EXIT 12A-B** (Crossing into **ILLINOIS**).

go 92.9 mi
- 4. Keep **LEFT** to take **I-64 E** via **EXIT 92** toward **LOUISVILLE** (Crossing into **INDIANA**).

go 56.8 mi
- 5. Take the **IN-69 S** exit, **EXIT 4**, toward **NEW HARMONY / MT. VERNON / GRIFFIN.**

go 0.3 mi
- 6. Turn **RIGHT** onto **IN-69 / WHEELER RD.** Continue to follow **IN-69.**

go 6.2 mi
- 7. Turn **RIGHT** onto **IN-66.**

go 1.0 mi
- 8. Turn **LEFT** onto **S MAIN ST.**

go 0.0 mi
- 9. Welcome to **NEW HARMONY, IN.**

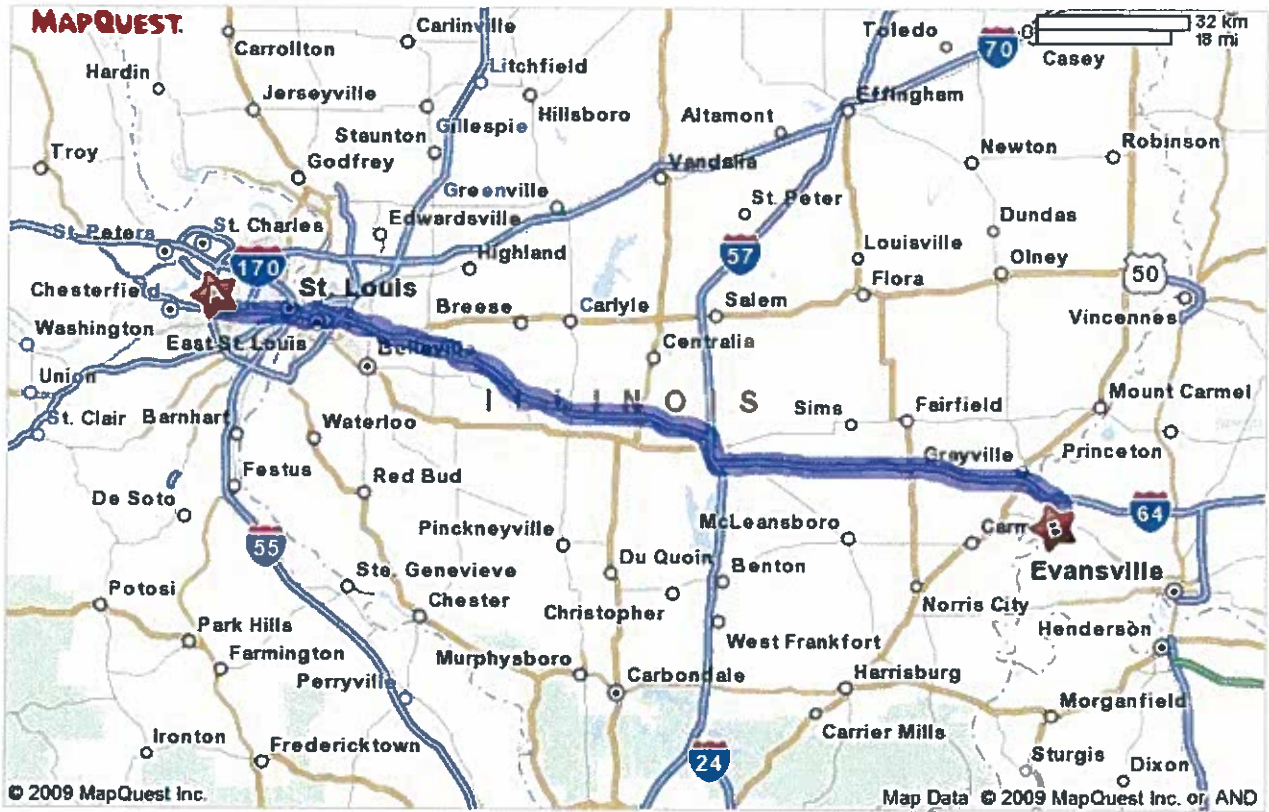
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New Harmony, IN

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