Exploring The Universal Christ

AN 8-WEEK BOOK STUDY IN REGINA AND SASKATOON

with Margi Hollingshead (Regina) and Scott Pittendrigh and Sarah Donnelly (Saskatoon)

Date and Time: REGINA

Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 pm,

beginning January 14, ending March 3.

Location: St. Luke's Anglican Church, 3233 Argyle Road (big ski slope roof), Regina

SASKATOON

Thursday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, beginning January 16, ending March 5.

Location: Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre, 601 Taylor Street W, Saskatoon

Cost: \$80 for the course, which includes the companion study guide.

Limited bursaries are available.

Requirements:

1. you need your own copy of The Universal Christ by Fr. Richard Rohr OFM (Convergent Press, 2019)

2. you need to commit to attending at least 6 of the 8 sessions to provide continuity for the group

To register please call 306-242-1916

or email: receptionist@queenshouse.org

A minimum of 8 participants are needed to offer this program.

Registration deadline: January 9

Detail: Are you looking for a more inclusive and compassionate spirituality? Fr. Richard Rohr's newest book, The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe offers a transformative view of Jesus Christ that is both fresh and practical. Given the limitations of culture, religious discourse and our own human tendencies to huddle up with those like us, we have often focused only on a personal relationship with Jesus and have missed the fact that the Christ is, from the beginning of time, a cosmic force of love for every living thing. There are no boundaries of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, religious traditions, or status in God's economy. Christ includes every one and excludes no one.

These two 8-week groups, offered in both Regina and Saskatoon, will read this book together and learn ways of going deeper in contemplation to experience this age-old message of love and presence that has often been forgotten. Come expecting to have a fresh look at your old beliefs and your hope invigorated as you discover that God has never been separate from humanity, and offers new ways of connecting to the world.

Author of The Universal Christ: Fr. Richard Rohr OFM

What if Christ is a name for the transcendent within of every "thing" in the universe? What if Christ is a name for the immense spaciousness of all true Love? What if Christ refers to an infinite horizon that pulls us both from within and pulls us forward, too? What if Christ is another name for every thing—in its fullness?

Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province. He is the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation and academic dean of the CAC's Living School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. An internationally recognized author and spiritual leader, Fr. Richard teaches primarily on incarnational mysticism, nondual consciousness, and contemplation, with a particular emphasis on how these affect the social justice issues of our time. He is the author of numerous books, including <u>Falling Upward</u>, <u>Immortal Diamond</u>, <u>The Divine Dance</u>, <u>Essential Teachings on Love</u>, and <u>The Universal Christ</u>.

Presenters:

Margi Hollingshead is recently retired from the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Regina where she served for 14 years. Previously she was the Director of Regina Christian Counselling Centre and taught for 19 years at Canadian Bible College in Regina. She holds a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Wisconsin as well as a PhD in higher education from Walden University. Margi is part of the teaching team for the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle and is a lay member of the Sisters of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota. She is committed to expanding our horizons as people of faith in a diverse world.

Scott Pittendrigh has been a long-time student of Fr. Richard, reading his books, weekly meditations, enjoying his blogs, and in recent years participating in an annual gathering of men with Fr. Richard in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Scott is the Rector of St. John's Cathedral and Dean of the Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon.

Sarah Donnelly is a retreat leader, spiritual director, and is the Programming Director at Queen's House. She looks forward to participating in this book study along with her husband Scott.