

New Story Newsletter August 2025

The next meeting of the FMC New Story Group is Monday, August 25, 7:00-9:00pm Eastern. Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. First timers are always welcome!

To participate in this event [click this link](#)

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87568811869?pwd=MERCv1pqbkJsc2l4WjRaYjc4RDlLdz09>) or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225.

Mary Kay Klein will present “Creating the Spiritual Context of the Ecological Age.” She will share excerpts from Thomas Berry’s work, including *The Great Work*, and reflect on his perceptive analysis of our current condition and path forward to a new reality. Mary Kay, Ph.D., taught philosophy at Bridgewater State College and served as Executive Director of the Ruah Spirituality Institute and board member of the Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries. She continues to participate in numerous spirituality groups.

Save the Date

On Monday, September 22, John Grim, co-director of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology with his wife Mary Evelyn Tucker (who spoke at May’s New Story evening), will present “Indigenous Lifeway, Cosmovision, and Giving World.” John Grim is a scholar of religion and ecology, particularly known for his work on Indigenous religions and their relationship to the environment. He holds appointments at the Yale School of the Environment, Divinity School, and Department of Religious Studies. He has done extensive fieldwork with Indigenous communities, including the Salish people of Washington and the Crow/Apsáalooke people of Montana.

Do you have an idea for a New Story meeting? Have you noticed an event that speaks to the New Story? Please share your ideas with me or Dave Damm-Luhr at new-story@fmcquaker.org.

For more information and list of resources, please visit the New Story web page here. To be placed on the email list for New Story News and program announcements contact Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org

New Story-Related Events

[Earth Law for All \(Earth law is NOT just for lawyers!\): Laws & Legal Systems for the Whole Earth Community](#)

- Live, Online course, Sept. 5 - November 21, 2025
- 12 weeks, Fridays, 12 noon - 2pm Eastern Live,
- Online course, Sept. 5 – Nov. 21, 2025

[Events & Programs of the Creation Spirituality Communities](#)

Experience the Spiral of the Work the Reconnects

- A two-day, in person, non-residential workshop
- October 18-19, 10:00am-5:00pm
- Cambridge Cohousing, Cambridge, MA

Why Ecological Civilization, and Why Now?

- Sponsored by the Garrison Institute and the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology
- Thursday, August 28, 2025, on Zoom at 7:00pm
- Speakers: Mary Evelyn Tucker, Peter Senge, Stephen Posner, and Yan Zhu

Meditation

After the distancing a new intimacy;

After the mechanistic

A greater biological sensitivity;

After damaging the Earth, a healing,

We need only look at the surrounding universe

In its more opaque material aspects--

Look at it, listen to it, feel and experience

The full depths of its being.

Suddenly its opaque quality, its resistance,

Falls away, and we enter into a world of mystery.

What seemed so opaque and impenetrable

Suddenly becomes radiant with intelligibility,

Powerful beyond imagination.

Thomas Berry, *Dream of the Earth*, quoted in Thomas Berry: *A Book of Hours*