

New Story New Year's Newsletter 2025

Happy New Year! Let's remember the old and bring in the new. Please take a moment to reflect on what you would most like to bring forward from 2025. What would you like to see in 2026?

Check as many as you can!

The one topic I'd most like to discuss in 2026 with the New Story Group is:

— I can help with this topic.

- Name

Please check all topics you would like to cover in 2026 from the two lists below.

Topics covered in 2025

- **January:** Arts Pod's perspectives with Dave Damm-Luhr, Skip Schiel, David Legg, Marion Foster, and Mary Coelho
- **February:** "The Earth Charter: A transformation at the species level" with Betty Kissalove
- **March:** "Diving into the Earth Charter: Four Pillars and 16 Principles" Discussion with Betty Kissalove
- **April:** "Does the Earth Charter Speak to you?"
- **May:** "Ecological Civilization: My presentation in China" with Mary Evelyn Tucker
- **June:** "Changing Systems of Power from the Inside" with Alicia McBride (FCNL)
- **July:** "A Civilizational Rite of Passage" – Daniel Schmachtenberger video
- **August:** "Creating the Spiritual Context of the Ecological Age." with Mary Kay Klein
- **September:** "Indigenous Lifeway, Cosmovision, and Giving World" with John Grim
- **October:** "The New Story and the Wisdom of Women" with Cornelia Parkes
- **November:** "How the Four Paths of Creation Spirituality Help Us Live into the New Story" with Rev. Gail Sofia Ransom

First cut ideas for programs in 2026.

- Wisdom of Classical Traditions. (TBD)
- Wisdom of Science. (In progress for February)
- Ecological civilization
- Earth-based spirituality
- Cooperatives with Chris Clamp
- Ecovillages
- Non-violence (AVP)

- The origins and consequences of oppression
- Mycorrhizal networks
- What's next for me?
- Reinventing the human at the species level
 - In what ways are we in a "2nd Axial Age"?
 - What does "Between Stories" mean?
 - What is the "Great Turning"?

Anything else you would like to cover?

- Other_____
- Other_____
- Other_____

Comments_____

The next meeting of FMC New Story Group is Monday, January 26, at 7:00pm on Zoom. A program on the Wisdom of Classical Traditions (Berry's third source of wisdom needed today) is slowly emerging. Can you help? We will also discuss New Story directions for 2026. See you then!

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