

FMC New Story Newsletter May 2026

The FMC New Story Group will meet on Zoom from 7:00 to 9:00pm on May 25. Come at 6:30 for fellowship. First timers are always welcome!

To participate in this event [Click this Link](#) or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225.

We are thrilled that Jane Cutting will be presenting:

Working with the Old Story in us:

How Lessons from Alternatives to Violence Programs (AVP) can Help

Jane's personal experience teaching AVP with incarcerated men offers us an insightful window on the old story still resident in and around us. In her own words:

"In ten years going into the Gardner prison, participating in and facilitating AVP workshops, I always leave with more than what I entered."

Hope you'll join us for a thought-provoking evening on Monday, the 25th!

Other activities of the FMC New Story Group

Past New Story Evenings

For those who missed April's New Story evening: ***Wisdom of Science: Life-changing Knowledge & Insights***, a recording is available [here](#).

The Universe Pod

The goal of this small group is to explore science topics in more depth. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 3:15pm. You are welcome to join us at any time. On May 21 we watched [Every Ancient Tradition Described the Quantum Field — Here's What They All Called It](#) and discussed the meaning of 'consciousness' and its implications for living the New Story. [Click here](#) to read the Running Document of possible future topics for the Universe Pod. Contact Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org.

"Helgoland" Book Reading Group

A small group from the Universe Pod is reading *Helgoland: Making sense of the quantum revolution* by Carlo Rovelli, a theoretical physicist who makes complex science more intelligible. We meet every two weeks on Tuesdays. Our next meeting is Tuesday May 26 at a time to be determined. We will read Chapter IV "The Web of Relations that Weaves Reality" and discuss entanglement.

Helgoland is available on-line for downloading as a PDF. You are welcome to join us. Contact Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org.

Future New Story Programs

For Monday, June 22: Gwen Noyes and Art Klipfel are preparing an evening focusing on "How does community support simplicity."

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Other activities in the larger New Story World

The Journey of the Universe [Newsletter May 2026](#)

Contents:

- Rare Tape of Thomas Berry
- *Becoming the Change: Evolutionary Rituals and Practices for Everyday Emergence* by Carol Kilby and Stephan Martin (Book review)
- “Evolutionary Entanglement: Recovering the Ecological Intelligence AI Cannot Replicate” With Rich Blundell. May 29, 2026
- “Rights of Nature” Hosted by Religious Organizations Along the River (ROAR) and The Center at Mariandale (Recording available)

Archives of previous Newsletters, as well as many podcasts are also available on the [Journey of the Universe website](#). The film “Journey of the Universe” is fundamental to understanding the New Story

[Center for Ecozoic Studies](#)

The Ecozoic Way: A New Learning Journey on Substack

Over the coming weeks, we will examine the dynamics of economic-industrial societies and the invitation to move toward ecological-cultural societies through the work of authors whose ideas have been foundational to CES’s vision of a more life-enhancing human presence on Earth.

To join this Ecozoic learning journey, [simply follow this link to our Substack](#), enter your email address, and click “subscribe.”

Emergence Magazine Stories

Many New Story-related topics and questions here. (Dave Damm-Luhr)

- [“In Defense of Generations”](#) by Stephanie Krzywonos
“Each time we create something, we have the chance to engage with the mysterious, fleeting force of inspiration that brings our work to life. Artificial intelligence has entered this relationship, overriding the mystery and changing how, and with what, we make meaning.”
- [“AI & Spiritual Life”](#) by Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee
Author and Sufi teacher Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee cautions against stumbling into a future where artificial intelligence only further distances us from what we can feel with our senses and our soul.

Explore the [Emergence Magazine website](#).