

I'm part of the fifth cohort of students to go through the school, each cohort consisting of just under 200 students. Each cohort is split into smaller Circle Groups. While the Living School curriculum is grounded in Western Christian contemplative tradition, it attracts a very diverse group of students from all over the world, including people from other religious and spiritual traditions. My Circle Group, hailing from Alaska to Nayarit, includes ministers, a judge, psychotherapists, lay ministers working in social justice, and yoga and zen masters.

My week in August was the first of three symposia I'm required to attend in the next two years. I'll also be attending two week-long intensives in Albuquerque with smaller groups of students. The majority of my course work will be done from home.

I'm so grateful for the opportunity to expand my theological and spiritual education and believe it will have a very positive impact on my ministry at St. Andrew's.



Pictured are the Faculty of the Living School: Richard Rohr, Cynthia Bourgeault, James Finley