



# 2022-23 Annual Appeal

## THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION - USA

### WCCM MISSION STATEMENT

*To communicate and nurture meditation as passed on  
through the teaching of John Main in the Christian tradition  
in the spirit of serving the unity of all.*

Dear Friend,

I am writing to give you an update on activities in the US Community as we emerge from the restrictions of the pandemic.

Many Christian Meditation groups that have been meeting online are returning to meeting in-person and many that became online groups will continue to meet online, since they have been joined by people from other parts of the country (and world ! ). And there are some groups that are meeting as hybrid groups, with people joining both online and in-person at each meeting.

You can find a list of in-person and online groups on the WCCM-USA website

In-person. <https://wccm-usa.org/christian-meditation/find-a-us-group/>

On line <https://wccm-usa.org/christian-meditation/online-meditation/>



Dr. Gene Bebeau, Interim  
National Coordinator and  
Financial Officer

The last time we were able to host Fr Laurence Freeman in-person was 2019, and this year, we have finally been able to host him in-person for retreats at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville, CA for a 6 day silent retreat where 67 people attended; in Los Angeles, CA for a day retreat at St Mel's Catholic Church where 125 people attended; and a 3 day retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Cleveland, OH where 68 people attended,—many from other cities in the upper Midwest. Fr Laurence, also gave talks to a business group, a church group and a youth group in Cleveland on the last day of his trip. The details of his trip were coordinated by the US Executive Committee, with the help of Sharon Nicks, US Administrative Coordinator and local organizers.

Having Fr. Laurence visit us in the US was a great inspiration to us all. He shared an update on the progress at Bonnevaux and the projects that are ongoing and new ones being considered there. We are hoping to have a US pilgrimage or pilgrimages to Bonnevaux in 2023. We will be sending out the available dates for possible trips in 2023. We appreciate the following individuals volunteering to help create a more supportive US Community:

**Fr Kevin Maksym** is now sending out a monthly newsletter to Group leaders in an effort to keep the Community updated on upcoming projects, developments and resources in the US Community.

**Kathleen Weller** is the US Teaching Resources Coordinator, and has been hosting online programs, including Introduction to the Christian Meditation 6 weeks course. This course is a wonderful resource to present to those interested in learning more about Christian Meditation

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### Thank you for your wonderful response last year!

If you have accidentally unsubscribed from our mailings, there are options to re-join on our website [www.wccm-usa.org](http://www.wccm-usa.org). Just scroll down to the Mailing List and enter your email.

Blessings,  
Sharon Nicks  
WCCM-USA Administration

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and a great resource to share with your group. If you are interested in having a presentation of the 6 week course, please contact Kathleen at [bronagh.oblsb@icloud.com](mailto:bronagh.oblsb@icloud.com).

**Linda Kaye** is the WCCM Addiction and Recovery Coordinator and leads groups around the world. She has a new book out: "Listening with the Ear of the Heart." More information and a list of programs and meetings are available on the WCCM Neptune Beach website <https://www.wccmneptunebeach.org/>

And last but not least, **Matthew Reeves** has accepted the role of US National Coordinator. He has been on the US Executive Committee and leads a meditation group in the Cleveland area. He is the Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Chesterland, OH. We are very excited to have him.

As you can see from the activities listed, many wonderful things are happening in the US Community. We have been able to host these activities through the tireless work of volunteers here in the US and with Sharon Nicks, our Administrative Coordinator, being our only contracted worker. And, of course, there is a cost to all these activities and the support structures needed. We faithfully make a US quarterly donation to the WCCM International organization for the use of the wonderful resources they provide.

We are asking that you consider making a donation to help us continue the work of sharing John Main's teaching on Christian Meditation. Your vital financial support will help us continue to offer and support all of these activities and make this much needed "Pearl of Great Price" known and available to all!

Love&Prayers

*Gene*

Dear Friends,

It is a joy to greet you as the new National Coordinator for WCCM-USA.

The WCCM has been such a gift to me! I wish to be part of its growth to become a gift to many others.

I believe that God does will our community to be a gift to many more, especially in a world that can feel so uncertain and tumultuous. I look forward to working with you to strengthen it, receiving in these emergence-from-COVID days what John Main called, "a fresh setting-out on the pilgrimage beyond self, beyond limitation into the wonder of God." I hope you will join me in making a financial gift as an investment in what, by the Spirit's leading, our community has further to become.

Grace and peace,

*Matt*



Fr. Laurence Freeman and Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves, Cleveland, OH 2022

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