

FALLING IN LOVE WITH EARTH INVITATION to ONLINE CONTEMPLATIVE ECOLOGICAL READING GROUP

BOOK: 'EARTH OUR ORIGINAL MONASTERY: CULTIVATING WONDER AND GRATITUDE THROUGH INTIMACY WITH NATURE' by CHRISTINE VALTERS PAINTNER, SORIN BOOKS, 2020

'The contemplative path is the one I am called to focus on in my writing. In this path we cultivate intimacy with Earth and her creatures, and we allow ourselves to fall in love with nature. It is one of my deepest beliefs that we will not be able to address the environmental crisis we currently face without this intimacy, without learning how to cherish nature, without love.' p. xvii

FACILITATORS: JUDITH KELLER & BETHANY SOUTH

Dates: Tuesday evenings February 2 - March 23, 2021 Time: 6.00-7.30p.m. AEST / 7.00-8.30p.m. AEDT

Please check your timezone if you wish to join from other parts of Australia, or from overseas

PLEASE ensure you have a personal copy of the book a few weeks before the reading group meets. There is no cost to participate

For further information, and, to register: Email Judith - kellsull@ozemail.com.au



Christine Valters Paintner is a writer and poet currently living in Galway in Ireland. This book is written from a Christian and Celtic Christian perspective. Its intent is to cultivate contemplative practices which help to bring an antidote to ways of living that have contributed to the destruction of Earth. Christine's website is Abbey of the Arts <https://abbeyofthearts.com/>

Judith creates communal prayer and ritual at the intersection of spirituality and the arts and is a trained guide in her Regional Botanic Gardens. She leads mindfulness meditation, dance meditation, and online Christian meditation. Poetry and music nourish her soul.

Bethany is a Spiritual Director and member of the Leura UCA and Eremos Retreat Teams. Working near-full-time in a corporate role, Bethany observes a rhythm of work, rest and prayer, particularly deep rest of a weekly Sabbath. Bethany enjoys reading, journaling, breathing sound into wind instruments, long leisurely walks, drinking tea and sharing meals.

Deeptime Network connection: Judith is a member of the Deeptime Network and has recently completed the online course, 'Birthing the Ecozoic'. This online reading group is for those DTN members drawn to connect creatively and immersively with others in our embeddedness in Earth.

Acknowledgement of Country: Judith and Bethany acknowledge with gratitude the lands of the First Nations Peoples where they live, work and walk and on which they will be facilitating this reading group. Judith lives on the lands of the Yugambah speaking peoples of the Gold Coast region of SE Qld. Bethany lives on the lands of the Darug peoples

