

SISTERS OF EARTH CONFERENCE

Sharing the Wisdom, Shaping the Dream

JULY 14-17, 2022

PALLOTTINE RENEWAL CENTER*

15270 Old Hall Ferrys Rd, Florissant, Missouri

OR

(via zoom)

VIRTUALLY FROM YOUR OWN BIOREGION!



* **Pallottine Conference and Retreat Center** is set on 83 acres of green fields and woodlands. While encouraging Sisters of Earth to travel with as low a Co2 impact as possible, Pallottine is located 25 minutes from St. Louis Lambert International Airport, allowing easy access for out-of-State and international guests. Conference is limited to 50 in-residence participants and 20 commuters. At present Pallottine has a COVID screening protocol for staff and guests prior to entry into the venue.

2022 Conference Theme:

SHAMANIC JOURNEYING INTO EARTH'S WISDOM

Our conference theme is grounded in the multidimensionality of what Thomas Berry called *the Great Work and its historical mission:*

- *to re-invent ourselves,*
- *with critical reflection,*
- *within the community of life-systems,*
- *in a deep time context,*
- *by means of story and shared dream experience.*

Sisters of Earth (SOE) is an informal network of women who share a deep concern for the ecological and spiritual crises of our times and who wish to support one another in work toward healing the human spirit and restoring Earth's life support systems. We are teachers, gardeners, artists, writers, administrators, workshop and retreat givers, mothers, contemplatives and activists ... in the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and beyond. This network of sharing and support is open to all women whose life and work would identify them as Sisters of Earth. Since 1994 we hold a conference every two years in different parts of the US. We encourage local/regional groups to meet during the off years. More information: www.sisters-of-earth.net

The **2022 Sisters of Earth Conference** features ... from sunrise to sunset ...

- Great opportunities to network with kindred spirits - to inspire and be inspired, cross-pollinate ideas, share stories and dream experiences, support and encourage;
- Earth prayer and ritual;
- Guidance from Sisters of Earth for teachings and exercises related to the conference theme;
- An emphasis on contemplative, listening time within nature;
- Sharing with each other in the style of 'pods' both in-person and virtually;
- SOE Exhibits and Market Place at Pallottine Renewal Center;
- Evening social time and music at the venue; a concert for all on the last night;
- A Business Meeting on the last morning will explore future SOE conference ideas/direction.

Conference cost: (Includes: room, meals, conference and \$15 membership fee.)

	by April 1st	/	after April 1st
• Private room	US \$390	/	US \$410
• Shared room (double occupancy)	US \$340	/	US \$360
• Commuter	US \$165	/	US \$185

(Includes: conference and \$15 membership fee.)

- **Virtual Attendee** US \$100 / US \$100

Travel Options for In-Person Attendees:

Earth's climate crisis cries out to all of us. So please come on as low carbon footprint as possible. E.g. drive or carpool from nearby and area States; invest in Co2 offsets if flights are necessary.

Arrive by Car

Venue Address: Pallottine Renewal Center, 15270 Old Hall Ferrys Rd, Florissant, Missouri

MapQuest: <https://www.mapquest.com/us/missouri/pallottine-renewal-center-8004138>

Arrive by Air

Closest airport: St. Louis Lambert International Airport. It is 12 miles (25 min to drive) from this airport to Pallottine in Florissant. We recommend budgeting for a shuttle or taxi. See public transportation options and costs from/to St. Louis Airport to Florissant:

<https://www.rome2rio.com/s/St-Louis-Airport-STL/Florissant>

Shuttle Service

If there are a number of SOE arriving into St. Louis Airport early afternoon on July 14, it may be possible to coordinate a shuttle service (private van) at a group rate. See info at this site:

https://www.airportshuttles.com/stlouis.php?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI6r2U5a-y9AIVkhh9Ch19eg_kEAAYAiAAEgL4AvD_BwE

Something similar could then be arranged for July 17, for a noon departure from Pallottine.

Is there a Sister of Earth able to coordinate ground travel to/from Pallottine/St. Louis airport?

If so, please contact Julie Henkener who is on our Committee and is liaison with Pallottine:

jhenkene650@gmail.com

Deadline for entry into the SOE Directory is **May 31, 2022.**

Sisters of Earth 2022 Membership Form



The membership directory is now provided in digital format every two years just before each Sisters of Earth Conference. Membership entitles you to be listed in the Directory and to an Excel version and/or to a printable version. If you are a renewing member and your statement of Earth interest remains the same, just write “the same” in the space or provide new language!

[Please print clearly](#)

Name: _____

Affiliation (example: CSJ): _____

Organization / Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Preferred Phone: (_____) _____

Preferred Email: _____

Short Statement of Earth Interest:

I would like the Excel Directory _____. I would like a printable Directory _____. Both please _____.

Note: If you are registering for the 2022 Conference, please complete this membership form, and include it with your registration. *The \$15 (USD) membership fee is included with the registration fee.* If you are **not attending the 2022 conference**, please return this form with the US\$15 fee or CAD\$20 (for Canadians) to the address below. Make the check payable to ‘**Sisters of Earth.**’

Sisters of Earth
200 Ricardo Rd,
Gabriola, BC, Canada VOR 1X1

Questions about Membership:
Email Loretta: loretta502@embarqmail.com

Sisters of Earth 2022 Conference Registration Form

July 14-17, 2022

Please mail this form along with your check made payable to 'Sisters of Earth' to:

Sisters of Earth, c/o Maureen Wild
200 Ricardo Rd., Gabriola, BC, Canada V0R 1X1

[Note: requires enough postage to Canada]

Questions: contact the registrar at (250) 802-2172 or email: maureen@paxgaia.ca

***All in-person attendees must be fully vaccinated and follow current protocols.**

Please print clearly

Name _____

Address _____

City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code _____

Email _____

Home Ph. (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

CONFERENCE FEES: Please register early to take advantage of our Early Bird discount!

Full conference fee includes the conference, room and all meals and \$15 membership fee. It does not include transportation cost from/to the airport or from/to bus or train station.

Single Room \$390 by April 1 / \$410 after April 1 \$ _____

Double Room \$340 by April 1 / \$360 after April 1 \$ _____

Requested Roommate: _____

Commuter Rate \$165 by April 1 / \$185 after April 1 \$ _____

Commuter rate includes: conference, lunches & dinners & the \$15 membership.

Extra Nights at Pallottine Renewal Center: If you need to arrive one night early (July 13th) and/or stay an extra night (July 17th) there is an added charge of **\$100/night**. This includes three meals.

\$100 per night at # _____ of nights \$ _____

Date(s) of your extra night(s): _____

Virtual Rate: Cost USD \$100 Includes: conference & \$15/membership. \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED - Check payable to 'Sisters of Earth' \$ _____

***NOTE: All in-person attendees must be fully vaccinated with 3rd dose; follow current (July 2022) USA-CDC protocols for travel and in-person gatherings. These protocols will continue to update.**

REFUND POLICY: (1) if your cancellation is received by **June 1, 2022:** For **in-person** (in residence or commuter) a full refund, minus a \$50 non-refundable deposit. For **virtual** attendees: a full refund, minus \$20. (2) After June 1, 2022 there is no refund unless your case deems a compassionate consideration by the SOE Planning Committee or you/we find a replacement. (3) **If in-person participation to the conference needs to be cancelled due to COVID** (i.e. the venue needs to close to the public), a full refund minus the \$15 membership fee will be offered. However, should this happen, one can also opt into the virtual choice of attending. In that case a full refund will be given minus \$100 for the virtual participation.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

We strive to keep conference costs as low as possible. We are aware that some may have difficulty paying the full cost. Some scholarships are available. If you need assistance please contact the Planning Committee Registrar with your specific request.

Email Maureen: maureen@paxgaia.ca

VIRTUAL ZOOM PARTICIPATION: choose a way to engage in a pod with virtual attendees

Please check only the one that is your preference.

A. Assigned Pods

Choose to be placed in a virtual pod (5-7) with others. We will assign you to a pod within your general time zone and a unique pod name.

B. Seek out and register with a virtual pod within your bioregion and same time zone.

Preferably gather physically if you can. Or be creative and gather with some who can be physically together and others in your pod connecting virtually at least once each day, but all of you are in the same general bioregion. Decide on a **unique pod name** which will be required when you register. This will help us keep things clear with who belongs within your pod. One in your pod will be able to send a zoom invitation. **Pod Name:** _____

C. ‘Gather’ your virtual pod from various bioregions.

Decide on a **unique pod name**. Coordinate your own daily whole pod connection across the various time zones. One in your pod will be able to send a zoom invitation.

Check, if ‘Yes’:

I am able to invite (schedule) a small group (4-6) to a zoom time together.

[Note: This info helps us to best organize pods and discussion within/among virtual pods.]

MEALS and SPECIAL NEEDS

Pallottine can accommodate these special needs: *(please indicate your needs)*

- Vegetarian Gluten-free Vegan Nut-free
- I require ADA/wheelchair accessible accommodations.

Please let Julie know if you have other special needs: jhenkene650@gmail.com

EXHIBIT & MARKETPLACE

- I would like half a table (3' long) I would like a full table (6' long)
- [Note: The planners may try to create a virtual 'SOE Exhibit' for virtual attendees.]

EARLY MORNING OR AFTERNOON (IN-PERSON) EMBODIMENT EXPERIENCES

If you would like to lead a short session in yoga, dance, singing, music, please provide us with information and the committee will consider this as the planning continues.

Comment: _____

TRANSPORTATION (please see Travel Options section above)

By May 1st, please send this transportation information to Julie so that necessary arrangements can be made if there is need to coordinate shuttles from/to the airport.

Julie Henkener, Site Liaison for 2022 Conference: jhenkene650@gmail.com

If you are driving to the conference, might you be willing to pick up Sisters of Earth from St. Louis airport? Yes? Contact Julie Henkener: jhenkene650@gmail.com

Arrival (July 14)

- I am driving** and can pick-up (#) _____ from St. Louis airport at: 2pm 3pm 4pm
- I am flying to St. Louis airport.** [Note: Try to arrive at St. Louis airport before 3:30pm, Jul 14.]

Arrival Date/Time

Airline

Flight #

- On July 14, I need a ride or shuttle service from the airport to Pallottine:

Select one: 2pm 3pm 4pm

[Note: The shuttle cost depends on how many share the same ride.]

- On July 14 I will make my own arrangements to get from the airport to Pallottine.

Departure (July 17)

- I need a ride or shuttle service to St. Louis airport, leaving Pallottine at **12:00 noon**.

[Notes: (1) The shuttle cost depends on how many share the same ride. (2) If a shuttle leaves Pallottine no later than 12:30 it would arrive at St. Louis airport around 1:00pm. Plan flights accordingly: if traveling domestic or international allow the required time before departure.]

- I will leave by car and I can take ___ (#) passengers to the airport.

- I will make my own arrangements to get from Pallottine to the airport.

Comment: _____
