

CSC Newsletter resent, with the link to our new video.
PLUS FEB. 4: Join in a conversation with PAT WAAK, UCS grad and
former Colorado Democratic Chair on effective activism in today's political climate.



BREAKING NEWS! This Saturday, February 4, we are offering an online conversation on Sacred Activism with Pat Waak, DMin, three-term chair of the Colorado Democratic Committee.

Scroll down for more information and link to registration.

Scroll down farther for other opportunities to connect with like-minded people - from our winter newsletter.

[And here is the active link to our new CSC Video!](#)



SPECIAL ONLINE OPPORTUNITY!

February 4, 9AM (Mountain Time)

CS PROPHETS AND SACRED ACTIVISTS!!

FIND EFFECTIVE ENTRY POINTS INTO TODAY'S POLITICS AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

with

PAT WAAK, DMin.

Pat Waak is a DMin. graduate of the University of Creation Spirituality. She credits her Doctor of Ministry in Creation Spirituality for helping her solidify her core beliefs and attain the tools necessary to act on her commitments in public service. Pat served three terms as Chair of the Colorado Democratic Committee and is now the organizing force behind the Colorado Women's Leadership Circles of Influence. She wants to assure us that there are effective ways to have our voices heard in today's political climate.

"To become the Via Creativa," Pat says, "we need to find where we can step up from bearing witness to effecting change."

"To actually transform our political culture and create a new generation of policy makers, we have to be part of the process that identifies, recruits, trains and elects individuals who understand and support the principles of Creation Spirituality."

Sign up for this online conversation via our [Creation Spirituality email](#).

You will be asked to give a donation of \$10-

\$25 to participate in the call.



In preparation, Pat would like you to download and read the [Indivisible Guide](#). Sign up soon. Space is limited.

Let no one be deluded that a knowledge of the path can substitute for putting one foot in front of the other. M. C. Richards

Experience CSC Community Through our NEW VIDEO!

This video takes you into the community, ritual, and celebration of the Creation

Spirituality community through reunions, an ordination ritual, a seminar on conscious sacred aging, engaging interactive discussions, and dancing. Our gratitude goes to CSC member and film maker Michael Conti and composer Michael Dodin for this splendid three minute re-visit of our summer gathering.

DVDs of various portions of the Gathering are still available through Michael Conti Productions. Click on this link to learn how you can re-live and re-align yourself to Creation Spirituality through the powerful events of our 2016 Gathering.

[Form for ordering CSC Gathering DVDs](#)



[Watch our new CSC video.](#)

"Resign yourself to the influences of the earth" - Henry David Thoreau



Gatherings, Meet-Ups, and Conference Calls

Are you yearning to share Creation Spirituality insights with others?

Do you want to hear how other people are pursuing their sacred work in the world?

Do you crave enlightening conversations to revitalize your commitment and creativity?

Here are some online and face-to-face Creation Spirituality gatherings that you may want to join—or help establish:

Leaders of Creation Spirituality Gatherings

for people guiding the formation of communities that meet on a regular basis

Creation Spirituality Entrepreneurs

for people whose sacred work interfaces or includes business or management.

Washington DC Creation Spirituality Circle

for members and supporters in the Mid-Atlantic region to meet face to face

Creation Spirituality Artists and Musicians

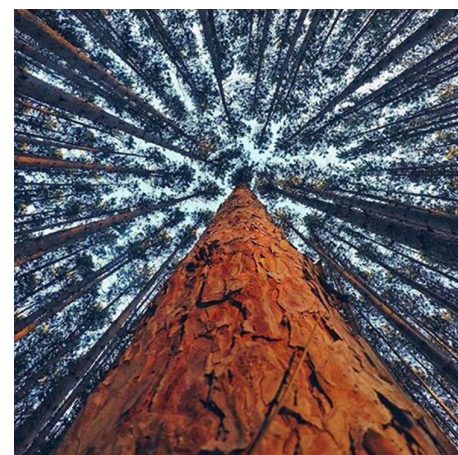
for sharing projects and processes with other artists, musicians, writers and dancers.

If you are interested in any of these gatherings, please contact us at contact@creationspirituality.info

Conscious Sacred Aging A Forest of Elders?

A small stand of us gathered in early December to imagine possibilities for connecting around the theme of conscious and sacred aging. Our dynamic conversation resulted in the image of each of us, as elders, with increasing rings of wisdom - yet joined together as a grove. Would you be interested in joining in creative online conversation, strengthening our roots of connection and creating a collection of wise elders? Already we've imagined interviews with elders and ways to connect with youth to promote mentoring and intergenerational sharing. We would love your participation.

If you are called to join in our next conversation, [Send an Email](#) Penny Andrews, John Robinson, Peggy Short, Jacob Watson, Ruth Nicodemus, and Gail Ransom



Watch John Robinson's recent talk at the Conscious Elders Network and Sage-ing International Conference. [I recently gave a workshop titled "What Will I Give Back? Discerning My Gifts and Alternatives in Caring for the World" at the Conscious Elders Network and Sage-ing International conferences.](#)

*"I put before you boredom; choose community.
I put before you addiction; choose community.
I put before you isolation; choose community.
I put before you competition; choose community."*



Matthew Fox

PEOPLE WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOU!

Creation Spirituality people around the country are hoping to find like minded people who live near them. If you live in one of the regions and are

seeking such a connection, [send us an email](#) so we can introduce you.



Chicago Missouri San Francisco Bay Area
North Carolina South Carolina Washington DC
Southern California Ohio-Pennsylvania
Connecticut North Carolina

Likewise, if you are looking to connect with CS people around you, [let us know](#) and we will put out the word.

"The whole world and all creatures will be to you nothing else than an open book and a living Bible, in which you may study, without any previous instruction, the science of God from which you may learn his will." Sebastian Franck

-from the University of Creation Spirituality Friends facebook page where daily CS quotes are selected and posted by Rev/ Richard Reich Kuykendal.

Keeping up with our Communities

S.T.A.R. Sacred Traditions And Rituals, in Spartanburg South Carolina is taking a January moment to reflect on the change of seasons and how they match the change of seasons in our lives. Winter will be their inspiration to accept our human mortality as the impetus to understand what really matters in our lives.



Worship Jam, First United Methodist Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Calling upon her experience in set design, artist and Worship Jammer, Carol DeWitt constructed a giant tree to celebrate the diversity of the divine orchard. Paper bark with names of those who passed were attached to it on All Saints Day. Later the tree lost its leaves, grew snowflakes, and was decorated as a Jesse Tree for Advent.

Spiritwind, Auburn, California: In keeping to their community focus on deep ecumenism, Spiritwind celebrated Martin Luther King Day by studying the separatist "back to Africa" movement advocated by Marcus Garvey and the Rastafarians. They compared Garvey's message with the message of integration found in the ministry of Dr. King.



Keeping up with our Members



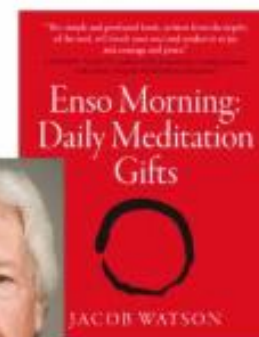
Greetings everyone, my name is **Nathan Narey**. I am your friendly neighborhood web developer. Creation Spirituality Community hired me early last year to make several improvements to [creationspirituality.info](#) and the Ning social site. I recently joined CSC as a professional organization.

I am currently offering free professional web consulting for any business or individual looking to improve their web presence. I have 10+ years of experience in Website Creation, WordPress, Google Services, Search Engine Optimization, and Social Media. If you are interested in any of these services or you just want to talk tech, email me at cscdev@ncnarey.com

Jacob Watson invites you to read his new book, **Enso Morning: Daily Meditation Gifts**

This simple and profound book, written from the depths of the soul, will touch your soul and awaken it to joy and courage and peace" writes Andrew Harvey about this collection of daily meditations which Jacob crafted out of his dissertation. Russill Paul assures that "Jacob helps you get quickly to what matters most on your spiritual journey. If that's what you like, get with and remember to dip into it every morning with a cup of your favorite beverage." You can buy Jacob's book on Amazon.com

Jacob is also offering his monthly Newsletter "Spiritual Companion" to us. Sign up through his website: www.revjacobwatson.com
Jacob is the Founding Abbot of the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine.



WILD AWAKENINGS Winter Wilderness Immersion
A Vision Quest
March 4- March 10, 2017
led by Skylar Wilson

Skylar Wilson invites you to a seven-day Winter Wilderness Immersion through Wild Awakenings, a conscious community of change-makers dedicated to the thriving of Earth, life, and humanity, Our vision is to serve the movement of awakening by empowering us all to take responsibility for our co-creative roles in shaping our lives, our planet, and our future.

The structure and curriculum of the Winter Wilderness Immersion has been adapted from the sacred practices that have nourished earth-centered communities world-wide for

WILD AWAKENINGS

**Winter Wilderness Immersion
(Vision Quest)**

MARCH 4 — MARCH 10, 2017
DEATH VALLEY, CA

SCHEDULE

DAY 1: OVERVIEW, INTRODUCTIONS, BUILDING CAMP, FIRST COUNCIL
 DAY 2: FINDING SOLO SPOTS, RELEASING CEREMONY, SECOND COUNCIL
 DAYS 3-5: SOLO TIME AND FAST
 DAY 6: RETURN
 DAY 7: INTEGRATION AND FINAL COUNCIL

Cost: \$900
 \$700 for applications received before January 15
 Scholarships Available

thousands of years. The Wilderness Immersion supports us in becoming more conscious of our core wounds and core gifts. Together we will be initiated into our full-capacity of aliveness.

Visit Wild Awakenings website for more information or to apply.
Or send an email.

Creation Spirituality Communities is looking for a newsletter editor to publish 4-6 times per year. It could be your opportunity to get creative and to connect with the entire CS community. A small stipend is available.

[If you are interested in becoming our Newsletter Editor, please contact us.](#)

Keeping up with our Ordained Leaders



Roxanne Whitelight continues to explore her calling through the divine. She is exploring having a post-inauguration support group that will have a spiritual focus and will help people be aware of at least 3 things:

1. What they are grieving about.
2. What they fear in regards to the future.
3. What in their lives is bigger than any of the political part of their life - that keeps them focused on love of creator in spite of what is happening among ourselves right now.

Judy Shook has been working with her United Methodist Church rethinking worship in ways that more deeply incorporate the Four Paths. They held an art-as-meditation event on January 15 to honor Dr. Martin Luther King where they shared simple MLK quotes and poems with dreams of diverse, inclusive community. Judy is also reaching out to other eco-spiritual communities as convener for the Bay Area Creation Spirituality circle which will hold an all-day event featuring Matthew Fox on January 28 (see above)



Skylar Wilson has been developing his Wild Awakenings wilderness retreat center in Nevada City, CA and is now ready to invite the Creation Spirituality community to a Winter Wilderness Vision Quest in March (see above for info.)



Rev. Dr. Linda Allen, CCM (Certified Clinical Musician), has just been hired by Hospice of the Northwest as a therapeutic musician, providing music at the bedside of dying patients. Linda continues to offer concerts and lead body prayer using her own compositions.

Carol Vaccariello continues to pastor HeartSpace UCC (see above) and lead retreats. Most recently she led the first spirituality leadership course for medical students at Michigan State University. She has been presenting on her experiences walking the Camino Real and will lead a one-week retreat on it at the River's Edge Conference Center in Rocky River, OH. Carol recently submitted her book *The Lion of God, Archangel Ari'El: Personal Encounters* which includes a forward by Matthew Fox.



Gail Ransom has retired from her position as Education Director at First United Methodist in Pittsburgh, PA where she introduced Creation Spirituality throughout the church. She is pleased to continue to be on the creative team for their weekly Four Path Worship Jam. Gail is honored to serve the community as president of Creation Spirituality Communities and is thrilled to finally have some time to enjoy writing, composing music, and having time to get outside and marvel at the cosmos.

[If you are interested in becoming an ordained CSC leader, please contact us.](#)

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