

CENTERING THE SACRED

In her essay, Letter to A Young Activist During Troubled Times, Clarissa Pinkola Estes writes, “Do not lose heart. We were made for these times....Our is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach.”

Over the last year, a cohort of facilitators has created an initiative called SOULS ON DECK. Through this effort, we find ourselves asking (among many things) how we might Center the Sacred with greater intention, language, and practice in our work as Courage and Renewal Facilitators. What does the world need from us now? What are we being called during this time in which religion is being weaponized with dire consequences worldwide? What do our diverse cultural, racial, and geographic and spiritual communities need, and what does our Courage community need in this time? How can we discern and be faithful to the Sacred in ways that do not perpetuate harm even when our conscious intention is otherwise?

For the past year, 32 facilitators in the CCR Collaboration have been exploring these and other questions through onsite and online retreats and small Soul Circles that meet monthly. This Pre-Gathering Retreat, open to all facilitators, will invite exploration, wonder and relationship building around these ideas.

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