



ALL-TO-ALL

THAT ALL MAY BE ONE

2024 SFCC INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Becoming One With The Divine



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

If you are considering attending the Assembly In-Person, I would like to encourage you to make your Hotel Reservation as soon as possible. We are trying to determine if there are enough rooms available and if our conference room is large enough. Please note: You are not paying for the room at the time you are making your reservation and you can cancel your reservation up to 24hrs prior to your arrival date and will not be charged for the room you reserved.. If there are any further issues, please contact Mary Rose Accetturo, SFCC at mraa5002@yahoo.com or 1-414-530-0916.

THEME

Describing union with God, Thomas Merton says, “God alone is left. God is the 'I' who acts there. God is the one Who loves and knows and rejoices.” In union with God, whatever we do or think is of God—God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To put it in mystical terms, when the praying person is no longer visible, God becomes tangible and is fully mediated through the human flesh of the praying person. Union with God is mystical but not abstract, nor is it an experience of a

spiritual high. The fruit of union with God can be seen in everyday life.

Christian spirituality is not a private “me-and-God” relationship. The person who is, by grace, identified with God embodies God in the contexts where life is lived. To find our true self in God is to become the true self of God in humble service to our family, our neighbor, our community, our world. One who is fully known by God will know the heart of God and see the world through the eyes of God.

The goal of the spiritual journey is not only to become real to ourselves and to God, but also to be real to others so that the reality of God can be seen in and through us. While authentic Christian spirituality may begin or be in our sacred space or a quiet place of retreat, it must always lead us back to the messiness of the world and one another.

“We are called to act with justice, We are called to love tenderly, We are called to serve one another and To walk humbly with God.”

Happy Easter To One and All





ICC News

Greetings as we live in the Easter season of new life and open our hearts and minds to the outpouring of the Spirit. As we live in the present we are empowered and as we look to the future and gain wisdom from the past. As we look to the future and our International Assembly in Florida this year we are coming together as a community that is more international, more diverse and able to be enriched by this reality. We also can look back at various Assemblies and the gifts and guidance that these have given along with looking at our founding documents and Vision and Mission statement. They remind us that we are gifted with the freedom of being a non-canonical community. This is a gift and also at times can be a challenge.

Therefore, we don't have habits/veils, official recognition as a community or an official legal status by governments. These documents also remind us of the gift to engage in ministries and services that are needed and fit with the person we are and our personal circumstances in order that all may become more deeply one both within

the community and with all whom we encounter. Our larger world, regions of it, and individual countries are so deeply in need of healing, respect, justice, new life and much more that all may grow into oneness.

We met in March with the new ICC team and will do so again in May plus before the Assembly so that the transition of practical things such as finances and communication will aid the life of the community. We have also been sharing on needs and items that can use attention.

So we pray that the Spirit will be poured out upon each of us in the community, on the community as a whole, and all who anywhere or in any way can help bring about peace and oneness.

Submitted by ICC Team



Carmen Gillick



Denise Ware



Virgie Azoreta



The Koinonia Region came together via Zoom, on February 2nd with Rachel Richards, Patsy Guyton, Fran Smith, Mary Jo

Meadow, Carmen Gillick, and inquirers Debbie Clingingsmith. Jeanne Tighe, Sally Soules, Dennis Tisler and Becky from Nigeria were unable to attend.

We began with prayer of unity led by Mary Jo and Rachel concluded with a prayer of blessing. We shared what we thought our Lent might entail everything from being called to continue how we are living to choosing to make a new difference. In response to Debbie's question, we each shared as to how being in SFCC has shaped our lives and ministries. This included freedom to minister as one felt called, freedom to be the person one is created to be, and freedom to be enriched by the larger world. We next shared about our lives...both gifts and challenges. Car issues were a part of challenges for many.

Carmen also shared about the ongoing communication between the present ICCs and the new ones with the practicalities of this and the

issues to be reflected upon. SFCC is enriched with its international reality and call to growth by it. We confirmed our next gather and who will be leading the prayer.

On March 1st we gathered again via zoom with Patsy, Rachel, Mary Jo, Fran, Carmen, Debbie, and Becky. Fran had opening prayer with a lovely version of the Hail Mary and Patsy with the closing focusing on prayer intentions. Carmen was the facilitator. We shared on what touches us in Lent, Triduum, and/or Easter. We also shared who in the community has inspired us or has been a role model for us so that those who are looking into the community can see more of it. Then shared about our lives and Carmen gave an update about the community. Finally, after volunteering for roles for our next zoom we clarified what is needed for an inquirer to become an affiliate.

Submitted by Carmen Gillick,





Regional Reports



(2) the right to not have a child and (3) the right to parent a child in a safe environment. The current politicization of reproduction in the USA ignores these basic tenets while it forces women to have a child without providing the necessary support agencies neither pre nor post birth. We viewed the

documentary, *Voices of the Silenced*, which recounts the personal story of women in the pre-Roe v. Wade era.

Fran Campbell: Salmon Restoration Project, in the Olympic Peninsula is a reminder that we are stewards of creation.

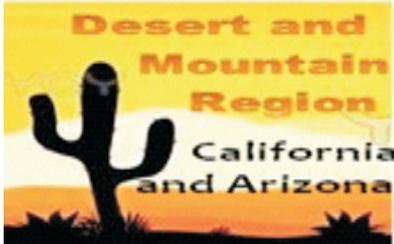
Rose Miles: shared the Drop in the Bucket Project, which builds wells and sanitation systems throughout Sub-Saharan Africa. We watched a video that showed how one well changed the life of an entire village.

Pat Mullen: Shared about a global women's organization that funds the education of girls in Ghana, Africa.

Pat Mitchell: gifted each of us with a regulator plug for our refrigerator, reminding us that the electricity used by the refrigerator impacts the environment second only to our home heating and cooling system.

Our meeting ended with prayer led by Jeannette Love: Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly.

Submitted by Fran Campbell



Members of the DAM region gathered: February 15-18. Included was a day at the Agua Caliente Native

American Cultural Center in Palm Springs, California. Suzanne Dunn started our formal meeting Saturday morning with *A Litany for Social Justice*, adapted from the Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia,

Pat Mitchell facilitated the community business session during which we discussed the 2 proposals submitted by the WEB Region, which we thought were self-contradictory. We invite the WEB members to provide an example of what the new subscription form would look like. *Please see our Proposal, which is found in the Community Business section of this issue.*

Pat Mullen led our discussion of the final chapters of *Beyond the Pandemic: Spiritual and Ecological Challenges* (Diarmuid O'Murchu) which clarified Covid's blessing – the challenge to step away from a humanized God and turn toward a deep connection with all creation where God is at the center. The SFCC ministry of presence among people overcome with COVID-related grief, confusion and even anger calls us to respond to what people need without judgement toward the prevailing social and political chaos.

Our social justice session was self-facilitated. Each of us shared an example of “good news” happening somewhere in the world today. Jeannette Love: Hand in Hand: a grades K-12 school in Jerusalem that intentionally mixes Jewish and Arab students, as well as their parents in the hope of generating a sense of community.

Suzanne Dunn: shared the 3 tenets of Reproductive Justice: (1) the right to have a child



from top left to right: Fran Campbell, Suzanne Dunn, Jeannette Love, Rose Miles, Pat Mitchell, Pat Mullen





SOPHIA CIRCLE REGION

On Saturday, February 24th, under a Full Rising Moon, ten members of Sophia Circle Zoomed in

from 1:00-3:00 p.m.: Mary Rose Accetturo, Barbara Aydelotte, Ana Deluco, Lea Ann Hunter, Karol Jackowski, Consil Karli, Eileen Lennon, Fran O'Connor, Tina Tobin, and Christina Ugbut. The meeting began in memory of Anne Fowler and Magdalene (Lea's soul sister), both of whom departed this life. We all had a candle lit to honor the gift they always will be to Sophia Circle, here and there.

A highly enjoyable discussion followed as each sister shared what they were doing with their lives, most notably how many are now working with elderly loved ones suffering with dementia, dealing with nursing home issues regarding their care and treatment; an issue we will likely continue to discuss. Because we don't see one

another now as much as we once did, the pleasure of our company was uniquely enjoyable as we listened to each other's stories.

In an effort to find ways to keep in touch, we also discussed the possibility of meeting at Cherry Hill NJ for a weekend in late spring or early summer. We thanked Barbara and Tina who volunteered to plan and coordinate the weekend. Everyone agreed with the plan to offer sisters three opportunities to keep in touch: Zoom Meetings every other month, small group meetings with those who live near one another, and an annual reunion at Cherry Hill. We will continue to discuss ways to keep in touch as our lives change.

One thing that never changes in Sophia Circle is the enlightening time we have when we come together, and how completely we enjoy the pleasure of one another's company. After two years of struggling to keep in touch, I am delighted to report that Sophia Circle is alive and feeling much better.

Submitted by Karol Jackowski

SUNBELT REGION

SUNBELT - Patsy Guyton, Judith Pask, Helen Waugh, Gertrude Okon Basse, Mary Ann Wachtel, Lucy Comer met in conference call January 27, 2024. We shared about contacts with other SFCCs we keep up with as well as our family members with serious health and happy concerns.

Gertrude had gone to Nigeria in December. She told about the vibrant SFCCs there and the Retreat/Gathering they had while she was with them. Two were affirmed. Three Inquirers met with them learning about a new way to be a religious.

Gertrude visited her family. at Christmas and talked about the custom of taking Rice to the

very poor before the feast. It is a year since her mother died, so a bitter-sweet visit. Mary Ann actively fosters Ecological Community (focus now: Sustainability), meeting with an active group at her residence where she is able to share timely films with all the rooms.

Lucy referenced an NPR report on projected major water shortages in the southwest where Lithium Mining is booming (for all manner of batteries).

Helen spoke about the challenge of recycling in ordinary life. Gertrude shared this Good News: She has been invited (as one of five women) by the United Nations to speak on women empowerment at the 58th session of the Commission on Status of Women on March 11, 2024 in NY, we rejoice in this honor. We are proud of Gertrude and heartily endorse the choice!

Submitted by Lucy Comer





Southern California Region

On January 27th, the sisters from the Southern California Region joined with the sisters of the Diocese of San Diego to celebrate the Jubilees of seven sisters from various communities for a total of 390 years of service. Our own Rose Miles was one of the seven sisters celebrating her Jubilee. Congratulations to Rose for 25 years of dedicated service. Also present were SFCC sisters Patricia Bennett, Christine Bellefontaine, Ada Geraghty, Gloria Galvan, Guadalupe Moore, and Carmen Figueroa, with a total of 70 sisters in attendance.

The celebration began with 11:00 am Eucharist in the Pastoral Center chapel, celebrated by Cardinal McElroy, followed by a festive social and very delicious catered luncheon. Cardinal McElroy, who is very beloved by the sisters in the San Diego diocese, hosts this annual Appreciation and Jubilee celebration for the sisters.

Sister Kathy Warren, OSF, director of the Office of Women Religious in the San Diego diocese, graciously includes our SFCC sisters from surrounding areas to participate in the regular meetings and celebrations of the sisters in the San Diego diocese throughout the year. We

were very fortunate to participate in the preparation meetings in 2022 leading up to the Synod—a truly enriching and life-changing experience.

This coming year, we will participate in Phase 3 of the Synod on Synodality and will attend a Synod Discussion Session for Sisters on February 24th at the request of Cardinal McElroy. Having just returned from the Synod himself last October, he stopped in to one of our meetings to share his Synod experience. At that meeting, Sister Kathy Warren provided a zoom presentation with Sister Marie Kolbe Zamora, OSF. Sister Maria Kolbe was appointed as the General Secretariat of the Synod to facilitate the communication and building of relationships needed to carry out the 2021-2024 Synod. Sister Kolbe, originally from Texas, with a Doctorate in Sacred Theology, spoke to us directly from Rome on her personal experience as a woman religious at the Synod. She also took questions from some of the sisters from the floor. It truly was a moving experience.

We left the Jubilee celebration that afternoon with continued joy and gratitude for such a grace-filled day, and continue to give great thanks to Sister Kathy Warren for the opportunity to participate with the sisters in the San Diego diocese.

Submitted by Ada Geraghty.



Fifteen sisters from the WEB Region and two guests met via Zoom on February 10,

2024. The theme was Black History Month. This was addressed through the prayer service that included part of Sr. Thea Bowman's presentation to the Catholic Bishops and a reading from Martin Luther King, Jr. Our question for sharing was: *Who is the black woman who has most influenced my life – a colleague, a mentor, a friend, a neighbor, a family member, etc.?*

For many of us, there was an *AHA* moment when our lives were changed by an encounter with the black community in our

ministry setting or with a specific black person. Some of these encounters prompted deep soul searching and became a source of grace. It was also noted that not only black people experience racism but all people of color. Our Nigerian sister reminded us that in Africa it is tribal racism.

Janet Thompson recommended two film trailers of interest that can be found on YouTube: Ava DuVeny, an outstanding African American, journalist, historian, film writer, producer, director's *ORIGIN* 2023 film taken from the 2020 book written by Isabel Wilkerson's *CASTE: ORIGINS OF OUR DISCONTENT*. The other was *AMERICAN FICTION* (up for an Oscar): White peoples' perception of black people, starring Leslie Uggams, Tracy Ellis Ross, Issa Rae and Erika Alexander.

On Saturday, March 9, 2024 we again

gathered via Zoom to celebrate Women's History Month by remembering the SFCC women who have impacted our lives or who have had a strong influence on the growth of SFCC during its 54-year history. Our prayer service closed on the theme of thresholds and we reflected on "At which threshold am I now standing?"

As the lives of many SFCCs were honored, together with their amazing accomplishments, we were reminded that we all have gifts and were challenged to use them. We paid tribute to all the early sisters who had the courage to join and help form a new community in 1971-72 after Vatican II and who had the wisdom to create an ecumenical community that enables women of other faith traditions to

become SFCC. Our sisters in Africa, who are stepping out of traditional communities, are exhibiting that same courage. Twenty years from now they will reflect back on their experiences. The entire Zoom session was inspiring and filled with wonderful memories.

Before closing, the sisters spoke of Catholic Sisters Week, the movie *Cabrini*, listening sessions for the Synod. Prayer was requested for Nancy Meskill who will be returning to St. Elizabeth's in hospice care and for Barbare Crummitt who recently relocated to her brother's home in DE and is now a member of WEB Region.

Submitted by Alma O'Brien

Inquirer



Debbie Clingingsmith was born January 17, 1953, in Oakland California. She married her soulmate and martial arts teacher, Jim, in 1973, and lived in California, with him until he died in 2008.

In 2012, Debbie entered the Sisters of St Francis of Penance and Christian Charity left at the end of Candidacy because the sisters were entering a season of diminishment. She was a social worker, software engineer, a high school/community college teacher and IT director, and a clinic administrator at a Franciscan non-profit. She holds a 3rd degree black belt in Aikido, a B.S. in Child Psychology, an A.S. in Electronics Technology, an M.S. in Computer Science, an M.A. in Education, and an M.T.S. in systematic theology. Debbie's current ministry is in archiving seminal lectures in the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition and in providing IT services for nonprofits. She is a long time and active member of the Association of Contemplative Women and a lifetime member of the Society of Women Engineers. What brings her life is service in balance with contemplative prayer.

Submitted by Rachel Richards

PROPOSAL

We propose, with modification from the floor if applicable, a new international service role: the International Finance Team. We propose that this team be created and implemented with the specific purpose of reviewing and reporting the financial activities of all international service roles, including the ATA newsletter.

RATIONAL: Establishing an International Finance Team within SFCC is essential to enhancing the transparency around how common funds are used by dictating expertise. The Team will ensure accuracy, accountability, and integrity in all our financial transactions and reporting. This transparency builds trust with community members and demonstrates our commitment to sound financial management.

Clarifier: DAM Region

What is Easter? - by Sr. Joan Chittister

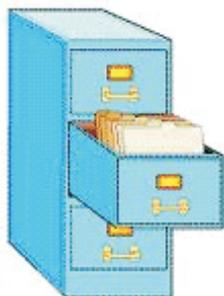
Easter confronts us with the greatest challenge of them all: faith in darkness. Just because we know that what we're doing is right does not mean that it will be easy. It certainly does not mean that even our best efforts will prevail. It finally does not mean that what we live for will happen in our lifetime.

Mary Magdalene is our model. She was one of the women who, according to Luke's Gospel, "followed Jesus, supporting him out of their own substance." She banked her whole life on the fact that the vision of this Jesus would come to fullness.

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SFCC HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS



This is an update to my report during the Nairobi Assembly about the closing of the Avila University Archive Center and the urgent need for the SFCC collection there to be relocated. For the past 10 months I have worked closely with Dr Carol Coburn, archival director at

Avila to find an archive where our documents are a good fit:

At the time of my report, Marquette University was very interested to take our collection. Unfortunately, Marquette had to decline due to deep budget cuts and staff reduction. I met the same discouraging news from the Notre Dame University archivist. So I looked elsewhere. I discovered that many traditional religious women's communities were relocating their archival collections because their communities were selling off the motherhouse buildings and properties. Consequently, individual community archive collections are in the process of being housed in "collaborative" archive facilities. I approached an inter-community archive in St Louis but was declined because of space. Then I learned about the Women Religious Archival Collaborative (WRAC) in Cleveland, Ohio. During a 2 hour zoom meeting with the co-directors of WRAC, Susan Durkin, OSU and Ellen

Pierce, MM, as well as Dr Carol Coburn of Avila University, it was determined that the SFCC collection would provide an "essential chapter about Women Religious' response to Vatican Council II." I signed the Memorandum of Understanding, which officially begins the partnership between SFCC and WRAC. Our documents will be transported to WRAC during April.

The WRAC new archival building will be financially self-sustaining. The collaborative is operated by an intercommunity board that safeguards the right of women religious to tell their own story in their own terms without interference from the Catholic hierarchy.

Women Religious Archives Collaborative is a 501(c)3 independent, nonprofit organization based in Cleveland, Ohio. Its mission is to preserve the legacy of women religious in the United States. To accomplish its mission, WRAC is working to:

- provide advice and guidance to women religious without plans for their archives;
- establish a heritage center, which will be a permanent home for the archives of up to 30 congregations open to the public for research, programming, and presentations in person and online; and
- educate the public about the importance of preserving the legacies of Catholic sisters.

Submitted by Fran Campbell

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Good News



Gertrude Bassey (Sunbelt Region and RCC of South Nigeria Region) was recently acknowledged by the CEO of the hospital where she is on staff for her “tireless effort, compassion and resilience that have

touched countless lives.” Congratulations to Gertrude for this recognition especially as she also gives generously of her time to facilitating the start of SFCC in Nigeria during the past 5 years.

Gertrude was invited to participate as a speaker representing Nigeria at the UN 68th session, a two-week (March 16-26) program focusing on the global empowerment of women and young girls. Some participants report what they are doing, others present ways to work together.



Beth Daddio (Coastal Bend Region / Texas) was recently recognized as the Distinguished Resident of the Year by Las Cruces, New Mexico. Beth was acknowledged for her tireless work on behalf of the children and families in need. Beth is co-founder of Jardin de los Ninos (Children's Garden)

that provides early childhood care, education, and services to homeless and near-homeless children. She is also the founder of Tutti Bambini (All the Children), a not-for-profit clothing store offering new and gently-used clothing, furniture, toys and other necessities to families in need.

Mary Clare Thomas (Gulf South Region / Louisiana) is currently looking for alternative ways to continue the age-in-place program she started 30 years ago in the Baton Rouge Diocese. Successfully funded by grants and individual benefactors,



Clare has helped countless elders and their families face the challenges of elder years.

Submitted by Fran Campbell



Ita Hickey (Florida Region) at 90 years of age, continues her ministry, Inner Peace, of 20 years in which she provides a welcoming place for anyone, peace, prayer, scripture study, days of recollection, and spiritual nurturing



Rexilla Raymond, (India Region) has successfully appeared for her two exams: 1) Infection Control Nurse from NHCA Singapore (National Health Care Academy) and 2) Post Basic Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Submitted by Margaret Gonsalves

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She believed in him and everything he believed in: She believed in the Beatitudes. She believed that the curing of cripples was a more important moment in time than even the celebration of the Sabbath. She believed in women as he did and in the poor as he did and in the reform of the synagogue. As he did. She believed in him first, before anyone else, and she followed him to the end, even when all the others had disappeared. She followed him in the light and, finally, like the rest of us, she followed him in darkness. She went to the tomb, to the place where it was clear that failure lay. But she went in the faith that what had come to life in her because of him, even if suppressed in the world around her for a while, could not die. Not in those who had been touched by him. Never in her. Not really.



Obituary



CATHERINE TRTEK
LIFE: 1936-2024
SFCC: 1974-2024

On January 13, 2024, Catherine Trtek departed this life at Providence Hospital in Oregon, where she served as Chaplain, surrounded by staff and family. A native Oregonian, Catherine was an only child, raised in Scappoose OR by her parents Joseph and Josephine. Catherine attended St. Frederick Grade School before

graduating from St. Mary's Academy in 1954. She then enrolled in Marylhurst College in Lake Oswego before entering the convent on Valentine's Day 1957, with the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon.

Catherine devoted her life to education, spending decades teaching countless students, having a significant impact on their lives. In the 1960's, she began teaching music at Regis High School in Stanton OR, as well as St. Boniface in Sublimity OR. During this time, she travelled with her student choirs to Europe for performances. In 1970, she transferred to LaSalle High School, where she taught classes in religion and Death and Dying. In 1974, Catherine transferred into SFCC where she lived with Lillana as she taught music in the public schools until retirement. In retirement Catherine cared for both parents until they passed away, and became a Chaplain at Providence Medical Center for ten years; the same hospital where she served numerous families. As one of the pillars of SFCC, we join in gratitude and love for the gift of Catherine's life and service.

Submitted by Karol Jackowski, *Archivist*

Withdrawal

Vivianne Christine Akinyi is thanking SFCC Global for her 5 years as affirmed SFCC and for the Kenya region she has been a part of and served as RCC.. At this point of her religious life, she is withdrawing her full membership in SFCC and wishes only to remain as a friend.

Submitted by ICC Team



NANCY MESKILL
LIFE: 1934-2024
SFCC: 2000-2024

Nancy Meskill, WEB Region, departed this life unexpectedly on the afternoon of March 20 at St. Elizabeth Nursing Home. On March 19th, Nancy was at Mass in the Nursing Home where she sang Irish songs for the residents. In receiving news of her death, Janet Thompson recalls how "she played her Tin Whistle, Pat Guarriello played cello, Pat Conrad played violin, and Ellen Gerlach played piano while the rest of us sang our hearts out. We celebrate her presence among us."

Nancy was with the Daughters of Charity for 15 years, leaving them in 1968. For the next 30 years she devoted herself to the teaching of and advocacy for the special education student. She founded a successful business that served dyslexic learners. In reflecting on her spiritual journey Nancy wrote, "The lessons that I have learned are very much with me. For this I am grateful, and I know with all my heart that I truly belong at Learning Resources with dyslexic and learning-disabled students and their families. I have been richly blessed in being able to minister to them with the charism of SFCC."

Nancy committed herself to SFCC on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th, 2000. From that moment forward she was an active member of the WEB Region. She attended assemblies each summer until health issues no longer permitted it. She departed this life joyfully with a song in her heart. We join together now in celebrating her presence among us.

Submitted by Karol Jackowski, *Archivist*

Hilda Marquez has notified the Great Lakes Region that she is withdrawing her membership from SFCC. May she know God's peace.





That All May be One (Jn.17:21)

Oneness calls for Deep Ecumenism :

Psalm 42:7, reminds us that “deep calls unto deep” the Spirit of God reaching deep into the spirit of God’s creation. In essence, God is passionately busy loving you and me. YHWH’ all embracing creation. Deep calls to Deep, is an inter-breathing oneness of Creator and Creation. Oneness inviting all, regardless of cast, colour and religions, to track back our route to our mystical home. To respond to the present crisis in our world today's only through peeping deep down in our ethical moral. ...I am the frog swimming happily in the clear water of a pond, and I am also the grass-snake who, approaching in silence, feeds itself on the frog. I am the child in Uganda, all skin and bones, my legs as thin as bamboo sticks, and I am the arms merchant, selling deadly weapons to Uganda....

Ref: Vietnamese Zen master, Thich Nhat Hanh in his poem “I Am”.



“Deep Ecumenism is the movement that will unleash the wisdom of all world religions—Hinduism and Buddhism, Islam and Judaism, Taoism and Shintoism, Christianity in all its forms and native religions and goddess religions throughout the world. The living cosmology that the Cosmic Christ (or Cosmic Wisdom or Buddha Nature or Image of God) ushers into society and psyche has the power to launch an era of Deep Ecumenism. This unleashing of wisdom holds the last hope for the survival of the planet we call home. For there is no such things as a Lutheran sun and a Taoist moon, a

Jewish ocean and a Roman Catholic forest, Buddhist river and an atheist corn field. When humanity learns this, we will have learned a way out of our anthropocentric dilemma that is boring our young, killing our souls, trivializing our worship and exterminating the planet. Universalism is a common characteristic to all the traditions of the Cosmic Christ in the Scriptures and in Western history that we have considered above.” ~ Matthew Fox



In Hinduism, the Vedas, revolve around the concept of 'non-duality.' They teach that all separations we perceive are temporary and illusory, and the Ultimate Reality is singular - referred to as "Brahman".

- Taoism embraces a similar concept of the Oneness of the Ultimate Reality, known as the "Tao".
- In Sikhism, the One God is called "Waheguru".
- In Buddhism and Jainism, the idea of the Oneness of the Ultimate Reality exists.
- Christianity introduces the concept of the Trinity, it ultimately acknowledges the Oneness of God, expressed in three persons.
- Sufism and Kabbalah interpret that the separate entity's existence is temporary. At the highest levels of spiritual awareness, this separate entity dissolves, leaving only God. "There is only One God" transforms into "There is nothing but the One God".





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