

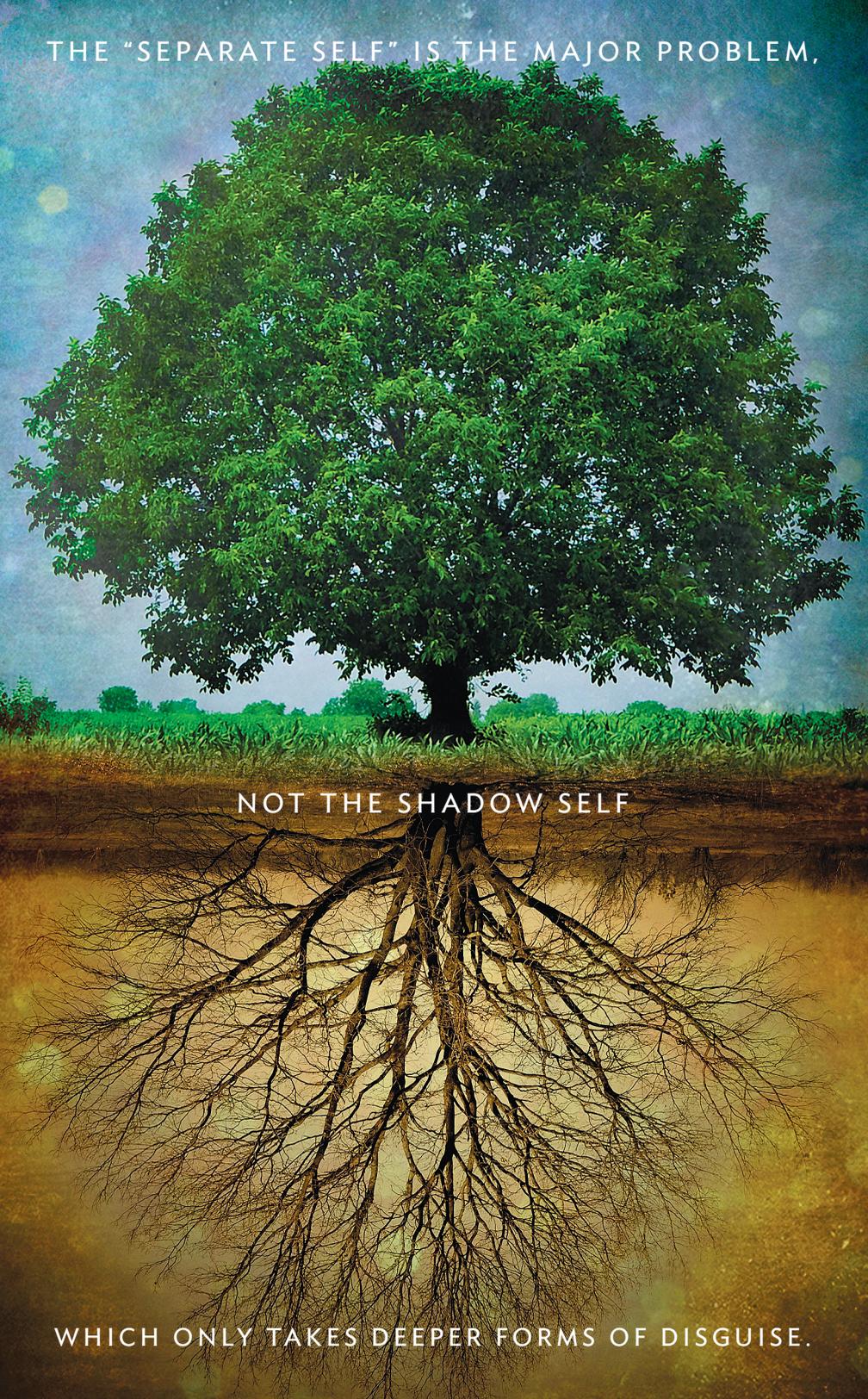
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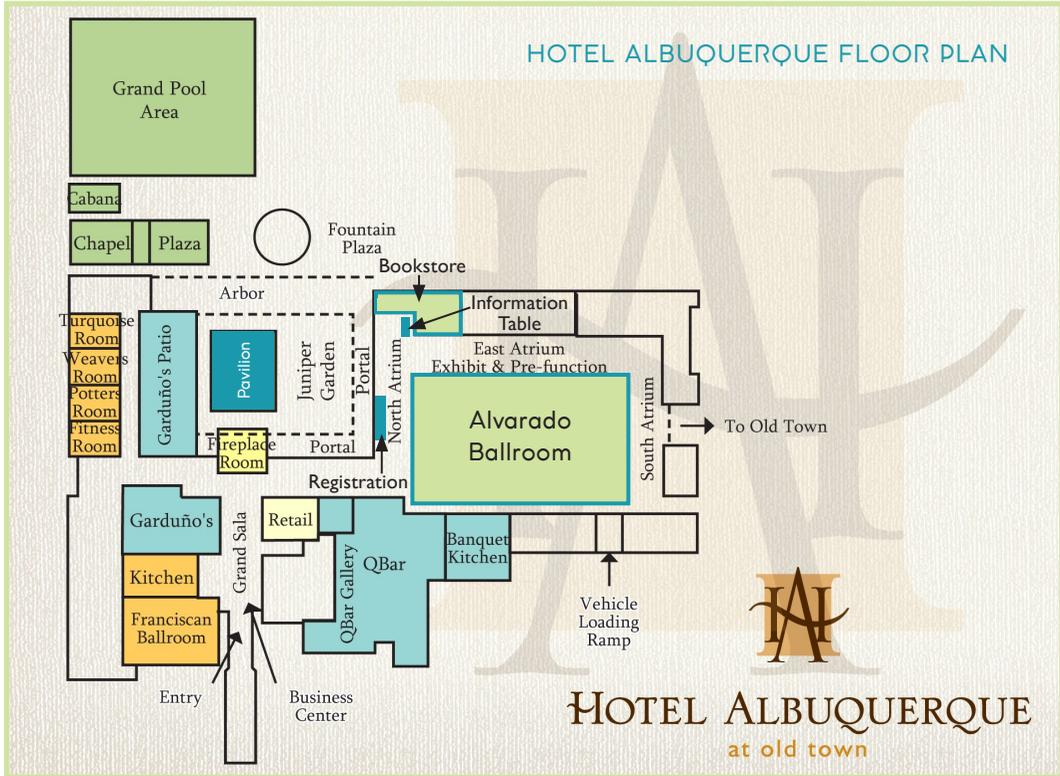


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# CONSPIRE 2017

Friday, July 7–Sunday, July 9, 2017 Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, Albuquerque, New Mexico



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## **Conference Presenters**

While the presenters are deeply grateful for your presence at this conference, due to the demanding conference schedule, they are not available for private ministry, personal consultations, interviews, podcasts, or other media-related events.

## **Inner Stance**

We realize that you will be moving around and meeting friends, old and new. However, in the contemplative spirit, we invite you to be mindful of an inner stance of quiet during the course of the conference.

## **Information Table**

A CAC staff member or volunteer will be available to answer questions during the conference breaks at the CAC information table in the North Atrium. Paper and pencils will be available on the table if you wish to leave a message for another attendee. The information table is also the location for lost and found items.

## **Saturday Evening Banquet Buffet**

The Saturday evening banquet buffet is included with your registration. Your name badge will serve as your meal ticket. All other meals and beverages are at your own expense.

## **Additional Meals**

You might wish to explore the many eateries within walking distance of the Hotel Albuquerque and the surrounding area. Some of these are listed on page 2 of this program.

## **Personal Belongings**

Following the final session of each day, please remember to take all your personal belongings with you, including clothing items, bags, paper products, food wrappers, and water bottles.

## **Recycling**

Thank you for your support recycling and reducing waste by depositing paper, cans, and plastic in the recycle bins located throughout the hotel.

## **Name Badge Holders**

At the close of the conference, we ask that you leave your name badge holders in designated locations near the Ballroom exits.

## **Conference Evaluation**

You will receive an email with a link to an online conference evaluation following this event. Please complete the survey to help CAC staff understand how to better serve you at future CAC-sponsored conferences and events.





**Fr. Richard Rohr** is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province. He is the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation and academic dean of the CAC's Living School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. An internationally recognized author and spiritual leader, Fr. Richard teaches primarily on incarnational mysticism, non-dual consciousness, and contemplation, with a particular emphasis on how these affect the social justice issues of our time. He is the author of numerous books, including *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* (with Mike Morrell). To learn more about Richard Rohr and CAC, visit [cac.org](http://cac.org).



**Mirabai Starr** is an author, speaker, and retreat leader on the inter-spiritual teachings of the mystics. She is well known for her translations of the Christian mystics John of the Cross, Teresa of Àvila, and Julian of Norwich. Mirabai is a bridge builder—between religious traditions, between contemplative life and compassionate service, between cultivating an inner relationship with the Beloved and expressing that intimacy in community, between the transformational power of loss and longing for the sacred. She is the author of numerous books, including *The Showings of Julian of Norwich: A New Translation* and *God of Love: A Guide to the Heart of Judaism, Christianity and Islam*. To learn more about Mirabai Starr, visit [mirabaistarr.com](http://mirabaistarr.com).

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**Rev. angel Kyodo williams** is an author, maverick spiritual teacher, master trainer, and founder of Center for Transformative Change. She has been bridging the worlds of personal transformation and justice since the publication of her critically acclaimed book, *Being Black: Zen and the Art of Living with Fearlessness and Grace*. Her book was hailed as “an act of love” by Pulitzer Prize-winner Alice Walker and “a classic” by Buddhist teacher Jack Kornfield. Ordained as a Zen priest, angel recently became the second black woman recognized as a teacher in her lineage. To learn more about angel Kyodo williams, visit [angelkyodowilliams.com](http://angelkyodowilliams.com).



**Ken Wilber** is a preeminent scholar of the Integral stage of human development and is an internationally acknowledged leader, founder of Integral Institute, and co-founder of Integral Life. He originated the comprehensive philosophy Integral Theory. Incorporating cultural studies, anthropology, systems theory, developmental psychology, biology, and spirituality, Integral Theory has been applied in a variety of fields such as ecology, psychotherapy, education, business, medicine, politics, sports, and art. Ken has authored numerous books, including *The Theory of Everything*, *Boomeritis*, and *Integral Spirituality*; his work has been translated into some 30 languages. To learn more about Ken Wilber, visit [kenwilber.com/home/landing/index.html](http://kenwilber.com/home/landing/index.html).

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THANK YOU!

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## TRANSFORMATION

Friday, July 7–Sunday, July 9, 2017  
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, Albuquerque, New Mexico

### THURSDAY, JULY 6

4:00–6:00 p.m.	Early Registration	North Atrium
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***Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will take place in the Alvarado Ballroom.***

### FRIDAY, JULY 7

9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.	Conference Registration	North Atrium
1:00–1:15 p.m.	Welcome	Alvarado Ballroom
1:15–2:15 p.m.	Fr. Richard Rohr	
2:15–3:15 p.m.	Panel Discussion & Contemplative Practice	
3:15–4:00 p.m.	Break	
4:00–6:00 p.m.	Fr. Richard Rohr & Ken Wilber (via video)	Alvarado Ballroom
6:00–8:00 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)	
8:00–9:00 p.m.	Relaxation Yoga (optional)	Franciscan Ballroom

### SATURDAY, JULY 8

7:30 a.m.–12:00 noon	Conference Registration	North Atrium
7:30–8:15 a.m.	T'ai Chi Chih (optional)	Franciscan Ballroom
8:45–9:15 a.m.	Contemplative Practice with Mirabai Starr	Alvarado Ballroom
9:15–9:30 a.m.	Welcome	
9:30–10:30 a.m.	Rev. angel Kyodo williams	
10:30–11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon	Rev. angel Kyodo williams	
12:00–2:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	

**SATURDAY, JULY 8** *(continued)*

2:00–3:00 p.m. 3:00–3:30 p.m.	Fr. Richard Rohr Contemplative Practice	Alvarado Ballroom
<b>Optional Afternoon Sessions</b>		
3:30–4:30 p.m.	Book Signing	North Atrium
3:45–4:30 p.m.	Yoga	Franciscan Ballroom
4:45–5:30 p.m.	Chanting Workshop	Franciscan Ballroom
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Reception (cash bar)	East Atrium
7:00–9:00 p.m.	Banquet Buffet (provided)	Garden and Portal

**SUNDAY, JULY 9**

7:30–8:15 a.m.	T'ai Chi Chih (optional)	Franciscan Ballroom
8:45–9:15 a.m.	Contemplative Practice	Alvarado Ballroom
9:15–10:30 a.m.	Mirabai Starr	
10:30–11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Closing Panel & Departing Exercise	Alvarado Ballroom
12:15–2:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
12:15–12:45 p.m.	Book Signing	
2:00–3:00 p.m.	Agape Liturgy (open to friends & family)	

**BOOKSTORE**

*located in the North Atrium*

Friday 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

The CAC would like to offer a special thanks to Doug Spence (T'ai Chi Chih), Gloria Drayer (Yoga), Brie Stoner and Cliff Berrien (chant), Mirabai Starr (contemplative practice), Walk2Connect team (walking meditation). Also, we are most grateful to Richard Rohr and the CAC staff and volunteers who made CONSPIRE 2017 possible.

### An Invitation\*

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.  
It is the table of company of Jesus, and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,  
with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth,  
in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith  
and you who would like to have more;

you who have been here often

and you who have not been for a long time;

you who have tried to follow Jesus,

and you who have failed;

Come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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#### Opening Chant

#### Opening Prayer Greeting:

*Fr. Richard:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And with your spirit.

#### Penitential Act

*Fr. Richard:* Lord, have mercy.

*All:* Lord, have mercy.

*Fr. Richard:* Christ, have mercy.

*All:* Christ, have mercy.

*Fr. Richard:* Lord, have mercy.

*All:* Lord, have mercy.

#### First Reading

Ephesians 5:9–14

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm: 139

**Alleluia**

**Gospel Reading** John 17:18–23

**Homily**

**Offertory/Preparation of the Altar**

**Eucharistic Prayer** *Fr. Richard:* The Lord be with you.  
*All:* And with your spirit.  
*Fr. Richard:* Lift up your hearts.  
*All:* We lift them up to the Lord.  
*Fr. Richard:* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
*All:* It is right and just.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Sign of Peace** *Fr. Richard:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
*All:* And with your spirit.

**Communion**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Closing Chant**

For those of you traveling from lower elevations, it is important for you to be aware of the effects that high altitude can have on your body. The following are some pointers to prevent any discomfort you might experience:

1. As you ascend to a higher elevation, barometric pressure decreases, the air is thinner, and less oxygen is available. Your body's normal response to these changes is shortness of breath, mild to moderate headache, nausea, loss of appetite, and/or fatigue. These symptoms usually go away in a day or two. Altitude sickness, though usually minor, can become serious. If you experience symptoms, slow down. If they intensify, speak to the conference coordinator.

Upon arrival:

- Moderate your activity for the first 24 hours
  - Drink more water than usual
  - Reduce caffeine, alcohol, and salt intake
2. The weather can be exhilarating, but it's also very dry in New Mexico. You lose more fluid than you realize when you sweat and when you exhale. Allow your body to adjust by taking it easy for the first day or two. It is also very important to maintain your body fluids by drinking 2–3 times more liquid than usual. Juices and water are better for you than caffeinated and alcoholic beverages, which can cause dehydration.
  3. Sun is more powerful at higher elevations. Always use a protective sunblock cream/lotion.

## EMERGENCY CARE

### HOSPITALS:

- Presbyterian Hospital: 1100 Central Ave SE (505) 841-1234
- Lovelace Medical Center: 601 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave NE (505) 727-8000
- Heart Hospital of New Mexico: 504 Elm St NE (505) 724-2000
- University of New Mexico Hospital: 2211 Lomas Blvd NE (505) 272-2111

### URGENT CARE:

- DaVita Medical Group: 5150 Journal Center Blvd NE (505) 262-3233
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### DENTAL:

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### PROCESS

*The path of descent is the path of transformation.  
Darkness, failure, relapse, death, and woundedness  
are our primary teachers, rather than ideas  
or doctrines.*

Richard Rohr, Barbara Holmes, Mirabai Starr,  
Barbara Brown Taylor, Brian McLaren

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## 1. METHODOLOGY

Scripture as validated by experience, and experience as validated by Tradition are good scales for one's spiritual worldview.

## 2. FOUNDATION

If God is Trinity and Jesus is the face of God, then it is a benevolent universe. God is not someone to be afraid of, but is the Ground of Being and on our side.

## 3. FRAME

For those who see deeply there is only One Reality. By reason of the Incarnation, there is no truthful distinction between sacred and profane.

## 4. ECUMENISM

Everything belongs, and no one needs to be scapegoated or excluded. Evil or Untruth cannot be directly fought or separated from as much as exposed to the Light.

## 5. TRANSFORMATION

The "separate self" is the major problem, not the shadow self which only takes deeper forms of disguise.

## 6. PROCESS

The path of descent is the path of transformation. Darkness, failure, relapse, death, and woundedness are our primary teachers, rather than ideas or doctrines.

## 7. GOAL

Reality is paradoxical and complementary. Non-dual thinking is the highest level of consciousness. Divine union, not private perfection, is the goal of all religion.

