

# New Story Newsletter March 2024

The FMC New Story meets next from 7:00 to 9:00pm on Monday, March 25, on Zoom. Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. First timers are always welcome!

The topic for our meeting is “Soil, Air, and Water- Spiritual Elements.” The program will be led by Gwen Noyes, Sophie Quest, R.E. Hogan, and Wren Ribeiro. We will watch and discuss the first third of the documentary *Regenerating Life* by John Feldman, which is on water, soil, and air.

If you can at this short notice (Sorry about that!), please take a look at the [Notes from Feb meeting](#) and [Questions](#) to Consider in Designing a Program in the New Story Series that Dave Damm-Luhr will invite us to discuss.

To participate in this event [click this link](#) or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225.

For more information and list of resources, please visit the New Story [web page here](#). To be placed on the email list for New Story News and announcements of future meetings contact your Newsletter Editor, Cornelia Parkes, at [new-story@fmcquaker.org](mailto:new-story@fmcquaker.org).

## Agenda

- 6:30-7:00: Fellowship  
7:00-7:05: Gathering  
7:05-7:25: Announcements  
Including announcement about a framework for New Story meetings  
7:25-7:30: Check-ins: Each say in one or two words what you think of when you hear the word “Soil.”  
7:30-7:35: Introduction to the evening’s program  
7:35-7:40: Starhawk quote from *Earth* followed by brief worship sharing  
7:40-7:45: Opening queries:  
*Are you in awe of the wondrous generative forces that created you and caused the exquisite evolution of Earth’s natural biome over 13.8 billion years?*  
*Are you living into a spiritual at-oneness with this process such that it informs and transforms your daily choices, moving you into an ever closer, healing alignment with Earth’s generative evolution?*  
7:45- 8:20: Watch *Regenerating Life*: Part 1  
8:20 - 8:45: Sharing thoughts on queries and perceptions coming out of watching the first part of the film.  
8:45 - 9:00: Have you changed the words that you associate with “soil”?  
Do you want to watch the second third of the film next month?

## Other New Story Happenings



*Regerating Life* is a three part documentary that highlights the importance of biodiversity and natural ecosystems in regulating the climate. Our friend John Feldman shares his journey through the science and the stories that helped him see the climate crisis in a whole new light. [Available from Bullfrog Films.](#)

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**Community is key to the future. . . .You are  
key to our community.**

*Creation Spirituality Community*

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**On Thursday, March 28 at 6pm ET**, join us to learn about how agroforestry and eco-restoration initiatives advance environmental justice in frontline communities around the world. Our latest Life Saves the Planet lecture will feature John Leary and Pam Agullo of Mother Trees, an organization working on agri-business in Senegal, and Mariama Fatajo of Teja Development, supporting eco-restoration in the Gambia. They will share insights from their experience on how regeneration can support ecological, economic, and communal health. [Register here.](#)

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THE ECOZOIC WAY in Religion, Ethics & Law  
Understanding and Applying the ESSENTIAL TEACHINGS OF THOMAS BERRY  
Eight Week Course with Herman Green, JD, DMin  
This course started on March 4th and has 85 people from 9 countries!

**Mary Coelho** heartily recommends this course. Start now and get access to videos for the sessions you missed.

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*The present urgency is to begin thinking within the context of the whole planet, the integral Earth Community.*

*Thomas Berry, The Great Work*

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### Sessions

- 1: Thomas Berry: The Man, His Times, and Influences on His Thought
- 2: The Ecozoic Era: Moving on from a Terminal Cenozoic to an Ecozoic Era
3. The Great Work: Moving from our Modern Industrial Civilization with its Devastating Impact to that of Benign Presence
4. Reinventing the Human at the Species Level.
5. The New Cosmology
- 6: Call for Ecozoic Societies
- 7: Essential Understandings for the Great Work
- 8: Applying Thomas Berry's Teachings: Reform of Religion and Law

[Click here to register.](#)