

FMC New Story Newsletter, January 2025

The next meeting of the New Story Group at Friends Meeting at Cambridge is Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:00pm on Zoom. Come at 6:30 for fellowship. First timers are always welcome!

The topic for the New Story meeting on January 27 is “Living and Learning the New Story from the Arts: Insights from recent outdoor field experiences” with **Mary Coelho, Dave Damm-Luhr, Marion Foster, David Legg, and Skip Schiel**. 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 program announcements contact Cornelia Parkes new-story@fmcquaker.org.

Other New Story News

What we are doing

Sunday, February 2, at 9:15am ET, **Cornelia Parkes** will present a forum “Turning, Turning, Till I Come Round Right,” on her spiritual evolution inspired by the new story and her Quaker roots. The title is a quote from the Quaker song “T’is a Gift to Be Simple.” A forum is a 45-minute hybrid meeting at Friends Meeting at Cambridge that usually includes a spiritual message and discussion before meeting for worship. You are welcome to attend! For Zoom access [use this link](#) or provide the Meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370 (if requested) on Zoom.com, the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656.

Monday, February 24, at 7:00pm ET at the February meeting of the FMC New Story group, **Betty Kissalove** will present “Rediscovering the U.N. Earth Charter’s Call to Action” and ask how we, the New Story Group, can respond to the call. She will focus on the Preamble noting the new story connections Be inspired! Read the [Preamble](#) in advance and browse the [Earth Charter website](#). Be prepared for the “[Earth Charter+25 Event](#): “Planetary Consciousness, Ethics of Care and Intergenerational Justice” July 1-3, 2025, in the Netherlands.

Dave Damm-Luhr is pleased to share with you a [1-page snapshot of our intent and direction as the New Story Group](#). As with the [8-page version](#), this reflects the effort in 2024 that **all of us** made to describe who we are and where we're headed. Having both these not only helps in welcoming others into our community but also grounds us as we define our activities in the coming months.

Skip Schiel is watching “A Faith Perspective from Teilhard de Chardin & Thomas Berry” by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grimm, Co-Directors, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology. (Mary Evelyn was also involved in writing the Earth Charter.) Watch the webinar [here](#). He is finding it helpful to revisit the basics of the New Story.

Mary Coelho, Mary Kay Klein, Judit Morse, and Cornelia Parkes are rereading *Cosmogogenesis* by Brian Swimme SLOWLY. The first time we read it we couldn't put it down the story was so compelling. Now we are rereading two chapters a week and exploring the meaning it holds for each of us.

Do you have a special New Story event to report? Please write to me at new-story@fmcquaker.org.
Cornelia Parkes,
Convener, FMC New Story Group

The Gaia Foundation

[A New Story for the Earth](#)

"The deepest crises experienced by any society are those moments of change when the story becomes inadequate for meeting the survival demands of the present situation." - Thomas Berry

Earth Jurisprudence is the guiding principle of a new story that is also very ancient. It is a story in which we are invited to remember and re-establish a mutually enhancing relationship with our living world. As we stand at a crossroads unprecedented in human history, below we explore the principles of Earth Jurisprudence, where they came from and why they are crucial for our future, illustrated by examples of African leaders putting Earth Jurisprudence into practice with their communities and landscapes. For 35 years, Earth Jurisprudence has been the lodestar by which we navigate at [The Gaia Foundation](#). We are a small, international organization accompanying partners, communities and movements around the world to revive and protect bio-cultural diversity.

The Village of Lovers

John Wolfstone, long-term friend, collaborator and ally of [Tamera Peace Research & Education Center in Portugal](#) is one of the co-directors of "The Village of Lovers" film, sharing Tamera's paradigm-bending story with the world.

Here in the USA, with wildfires devastating "The City of Dreams" and political upheaval looming as Trump comes into power, the need for grassroots, globally connected solutions that address systemic change has never been more urgent.....We believe this film holds essential keys to that change - and we need your help sharing it with the world.

Here's how you can participate in this consciousness shift:

- **Watch and share the film** - [now streaming!](#)
- **Join us at the Fugitive Futures Visionary Summit** (Jan 29 - Feb 2).
- **Become an Affiliate Pollinator** - receive 15% of donations from film and summit contributions through your unique sharing links - [Sign up here](#).

Even if you've already seen the film, many have shared how transformative it was to watch it multiple times, especially with partners, family, and community. **Let's raise this revolution of the heart together!**