

New Story Newsletter April 2025

The next meeting of the FMC New Story Group is Monday, April 28, 7-9pm Eastern. Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. First timers are always welcome!

For Zoom access [click this link](#) or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225.

Topic for April is “Does the Earth Charter Speak to you?” We will analyze the relevance of the Earth Charter today, 25 years after its publication. Do you hear the call to action?

Explore the [Earth Charter website](#) and learn about the **Earth Charter +25 Event**, July 1-3, 2025, The Netherlands: Planetary Consciousness, Ethics of Care and Intergenerational Justice

Watch the **2024 Earth Charter Conference** “Reimagining Education for Ecological Civilizations” [video here](#). (See if you can find the cameo appearances of Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim.)

Upcoming New Story Meetings

Monday, May 26, 2025, **Mary Evelyn Tucker** will be our presenter. (Note this is Memorial Day.) Mary Evelyn Tucker & John Grim are Co-Founders and Co-Directors of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology. Visit their [website here](#) to see the many activities of this organization. Mary Evelyn is currently touring China showing the film *Journey of the Universe* in Chinese. She says it is very well received among Confucian scholars.

Think of questions you would like to ask Mary Evelyn next month!

Monday, June 23, 2025, **Alicia McBride** (she/her) Senior Director for Quaker Leadership at FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation), a Quaker lobby group in Washington, D.C., will be our presenter. Visit the FCNL [website here](#) to learn about the legislative issues they are working on. More details to follow.

For more information about the FMC New Story Group, a list of resources, and news from previous meetings, 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 at new-story@fmcquaker.org.

Other New Story News

Thinking with Plants and Fungi

The Center for the Study of World Religions (CSWR) at Harvard Divinity School (HDS) is excited to announce, “Thinking with Plants and Fungi: An Interdisciplinary Exploration into the Mind of Nature,” a three-day conference held May 15-17 at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. This conference will be livestreamed and will convene scholars from across the sciences, humanities, and social sciences with artists, culture keepers, activists, and practitioners to explore how plants and fungi help us rethink the

nature of mind and matter and humans' relationship to the more-than-human world. How might plants and fungi invite us to reimagine cooperation, flourishing, and co-existence amidst ongoing ecological and social crises? [Register here](#).

Quote from Mr. Rogers

Submitted by **Mary Gilbert**.

As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each one of us has something no one else has or ever will have, something inside that is unique to all of us, to all time.

It is our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and provide ways of developing its expression.



Renate Rose writes:

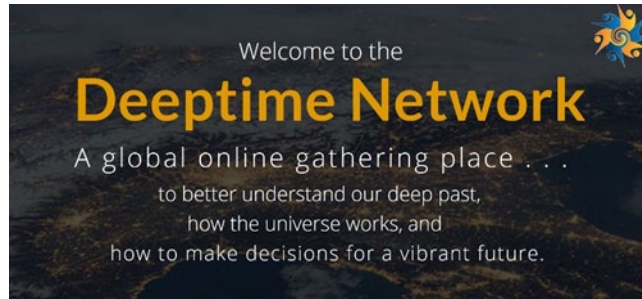
For several years, the Harvard Divinity School has had a new Department called “Religion and Public Life” which for me has been part of “The New Story.” The first Dean was Diane Moore an outstanding woman of Faith. I was able to meet her and attend some of the programs. Of course, since the firing of President Gay and our political landscape, this program is very controversial. The motto of Harvard “VERITAS” (Truth) is ironically not lived anymore. Many of our group may be interested (especially the artists among us), see the program of April 15 and April 28. I highly recommend that you take a look [at their [April Newsletter](#).]

People and Ruins: Remapping Narrative of Demolished Spaces in Haifa

Monday, April 28, 5:30-6:45pm

James Room, Swartz Hall, Rm 120/122

Dr. Orwa Switat, RPL Fellow in Conflict and Peace, will launch an innovative digital map that traces the history of Haifa and its displaced spaces and memories. The event features segments of the map and website, a screening of short films, and a panel, featuring Orwa Switat, Harvard Divinity School, Diane Davis, Graduate School of Design, and Diane L. Moore, Harvard Divinity School. [Click here to register](#).



Lots of good stuff here!

Mary Coelho writes:

As you see [this] is premiere showing of a short film celebrating the discovery of the background radiation 60 years ago at Holmdel, NJ. It helps draw attention to one of the major discoveries that are foundational to the New Story.... We want it to be a big, celebratory event that calls attention to a major discovery and the changes we have to absorb and respond to. [Note that **Mary** is one of the producers!]

The Cosmic Signal: The Moment We First Heard the Echo

Premier Showing May 8, 7-8 pm ET, FREE Registration Required

This is a Deeptime community wide celebration and premier showing of a video about the in-person 60 year anniversary celebration, that happened one year ago, at the Horn Antenna in Holmdel, New Jersey. Join the production team: Jennifer Morgan, Sarbmeet Kanwal, Stephan Martin, Mary Conrow Coelho, and Orla Hazra. Hear about the significance and drama around this discovery of proof that the universe actually began in an exploding fireball, giving us THE NEW STORY of an evolving universe. [Click here to register.](#)

The Worldview of Thomas Berry

Six Tuesdays, May 20 – June 24, 7:00 – 8:30 pm ET with Sam King

Adapted from Yale/Coursera, this course investigates Berry's life and thought in relation to the Journey of the Universe project. It draws on his books, articles, and recorded lectures to examine such ideas as the New Story, the Great Work, and the emerging Ecozoic era. The course explores Berry's insights into cosmology as a context for locating the human in a dynamic unfolding universe and thus participating in the creative work of our times. In particular, we will examine Berry's reflections on renewal and reform in the areas of ecology, economics, education, spirituality, the arts, and jurisprudence. [Click here for more information.](#)

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