2019 John Main Seminar Registration Form

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Name
Address
Phone
Email address
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REGISTRATION
(After June 21 please add \$100)
All rooms are single and feature a private bath (PB) or a shared bath (SB) with the neighbouring room.
Retreat registration: SB \$550, PB \$700
Seminar registration: SB \$700, PB \$850
Retreat + Seminar: SB \$1250, PB \$1550
Commuter (Seminar only +Saturday dinner): \$475
My room preference is ☐ Shared Bath ✓ Private Bath
Bathroom shared with
Dietary restrictions
Bus transportation to Quest University on Monday, August 5 from Vancouver airport at 1 pm downtown Vancouver Hyatt Regency Hotel at 1:30 pm returning August 11: \$40 return
I wish to make a donation of \$ to assist another to attend
Total amount in Canadian \$
Make cheque payable to Christian Meditation Community
I am paying by credit card: \square Visa \square MC \square DISC
Card number
Expiry date
To register online with a credit card: www.jms2019.org or www.wccm-canada.ca/events

The Retreat is not open to commuters

Cancellation Policy

Telephone cancellations are not eligible for a refund. If you need to cancel your registration and request a refund, please email registration@jms2019.org by June 20, 2019.

A \$75 administration fee will be charged on all cancellations. Cancellations received after June 20, 2019 will not receive a refund, regardless of circumstances.

Register early, as residential spaces are limited. Discounted early registration until June 20. Registration closes July 15, 2019

A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Inquire by email: registration@jms2019.org

Special Needs and Accommodation Information

Rooms are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please indicate if you require a special diet or need an elevator.

For questions, send an email to registration@jms2019.org.

Meal Plan

Retreat: All meals from Monday evening through Thursday lunch.

Seminar: All meals from Thursday evening to Sunday lunch.

Check in

Silent Retreat

August 5, 2019, 2 pm to 6:30 pm Opening session begins at 7 pm Silent Retreat concludes August 8, 2019 at 1 pm

Seminar

August 8, 2019, 2 pm to 6:30 pm Opening session begins at 7 pm Seminar concludes August 11, 2019 at 12:15 pm

JOHN MAIN SEMINAR 2019

AUGUST 8-11

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A Contemplative Christianity for Our Time

Presented by

Rev. Dr. Sarah Bachelard

Preceded by

Sources of Wisdom

Pre-Seminar Silent Retreat with

Laurence Freeman, OSB
August 5-8



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A Contemplative Christianity for Our Time

Rev. Dr. Sarah Bachelard

Contemplative experience increasingly looks like our best hope for the world. But what does that mean for Christianity itself? In an age where many say 'just meditate', who needs religion?

In this year's John Main Seminar, Sarah Bachelard explores this challenge and will lead us to fresh insights for the church and society at large.

Contemplation and the transformation of consciousness have been claimed as the only real solution to the urgent questions and overwhelming issues of our time. And yet, the notion of 'contemplative Christianity' can be seen as problematic from two perspectives.

From the point of view of 'Christianity', some struggle to recognize the legitimacy and significance of contemplation. Over the past thirty years, a considerable focus for the WCCM and others has been to re-introduce meditation to the life of Christian communities.

From the point of view of a contemplative mind, however, 'Christianity' itself can be seen as a problem. Meditation, mindfulness, contemplative pedagogy and programs of conscious leadership are widely touted in the West, yet are often detached from their roots in faith. The fruits of contemplative practice are understood to be accessible independently of religious belief or devotion.

The question then arises: what is the meaning and point of faith, and of Christian identity? Why not just meditate, leaving behind the problematic dogmatic and textual trappings of a tradition whose use-by date has been reached in a world come of age?

This John Main Seminar seeks to explore the meaning of a contemplative Christianity and its significance for the world and the church. It will focus on issues such as the relationship between faith and practice, the notion of 'religionless Christianity' and the form and mission of a contemplative church.



Rev. Dr. Sarah
Bachelard is an
internationally
respected theologian,
retreat leader and
priest. She is the
founder and leader
of Benedictus
Contemplative

Church in Canberra, Australia and an honorary fellow at the Australian Catholic University. Sarah was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University where she studied theology with former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. She is the author of two books, *Experiencing God in a Time of Crisis* and *Resurrection and Moral Imagination*.

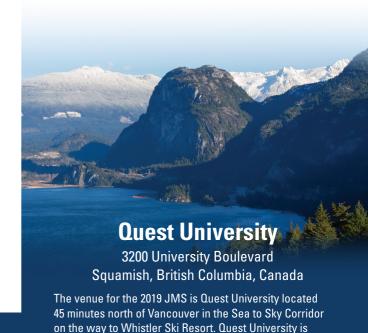
Sources of Wisdom

Pre-Seminar Silent Retreat Laurence Freeman, OSB August 5-8



Through talks and times of silence, **Laurence Freeman, OSB** will reinforce the power of meditation and reflect on sources of wisdom in our time. His talks will explore the sources to be found in Spirit, Failure, Scripture and Silence.

Fr. Laurence is the spiritual guide and Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, an international and ecumenical network of meditators, groups and centers.



surrounded by beautiful forest and offers stunning views

of the mountains.