

Thomas Merton A Voice for Our Times

A Centenary Celebration

January 31, 2015

Free and Open to the Public

A Panel on Aspects of Thomas Merton's Life and Thought Saturday, January 31, 2015 9 a.m. to Noon

Des Moines Intentional Eucharistic Community

3300 University Drive, Des Moines, IA 50312

Thomas Merton's life and writings speak to us as clearly today as they did fifty years ago. His commitment to contemplative wisdom and practice, to social justice and nonviolence, his ecumenism, and his ecological sensibilities offer a prophetic message that is truly "a voice for our times." On the occasion of his centenary, CNV-Iowa is pleased to sponsor a panel of presentations and readings to celebrate the man and his remarkable life.

Speakers and readers include

- The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Hendricks, coordinator of the new Dubuque chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society, and Lutheran pastor ("Merton: Inward Journey, Outward Expression")
- Paul Witmer, pastor of Covenant Christian Church, and spiritual director ("Merton: Silence and Solitude")
- Patrick J. McDonald, Des Moines psychotherapist ("The Intimate Merton")
- Jerry Donovan, retired Washington lawyer ("Raids on the Unspeakable: Merton and the Problem of Systemic Evil")
- Hilary Mullany, O.S.F., Clinton, Iowa ("Merton: Peacemaking and Nonviolence")
- Janet Drey, co-facilitator, Spiritual Journey Series: Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton
- Joyce Rupp, O.S.M. (Closing meditation)