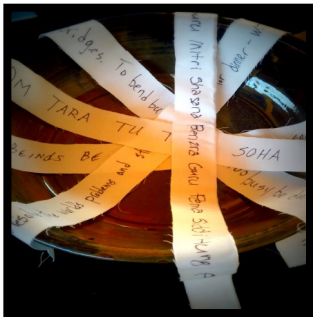




November 2015 Newsletter

*Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre
Inspiring Spirituality*

A New Day is Upon Us Highlights of the Month



The process of transformation can sometimes be very daunting, frightening and exhausting; however, it can also be very liberating, empowering and rewarding.

It is evolution at its finest.

Five Oaks represents a microcosm of the church today, mirroring the same uncertainties and the same financial challenges. We know it is time to transform.

We are so blessed to have just received an anonymous donation for \$128,000 which will keep our doors open through 2016. We are so very grateful! But what comes beyond that is where we are being called to focus and with great discernment, we see a new pathway emerging.

We believe God is calling us to inspire, to teach and to heal; to inspire connection to Spirit, to Self, to Humanity and to the Earth. We believe we are being called to help shape the church of tomorrow for all those yearning for a deeper connection to their soul, their inner being, to their higher power, to others and to Creation.

Five Oaks is preparing to respond to the cry of the Earth, of all Creation during this pivotal time in our Universe. All our practices and buildings will reflect an honouring of the Earth and the Spirit.

Some things will change, some things will remain.

Buildings at Five Oaks will change; there will be fewer, they will be off-grid. Earth-centric teachings, including learnings from our Native elders will be offered. Christian Education, taught through the Oaten Institute, a ministry of Five Oaks, will be accessible across the country.

We invite you to reflect on the new concept for Five Oaks by clicking [here](#) and reviewing a presentation that has been circulated among some of our stakeholders. Melissa, our Executive Director and the Five Oaks Board welcome any feedback and encourage you to email Melissa at director@fiveoaks.on.ca should you wish to share your thoughts.

We believe, we are all in this together and are all being called to transform for a better tomorrow.

Upcoming Programs...

To find out more about these programs, or other programs and events please visit www.fiveoaks.on.ca or call 519-442-3212

[Intercultural Worship: Living Faithfully into God's Call](#)

Nov. 20-21, 2015. Fri.
5:30pm - Sat. 4pm. Program
starts with dinner on Fri.
Plus three conference calls
following the program from
7-8:30pm on Feb. 3, Apr. 6 &
June 1, 2016.

Join us for a life-giving
program that will involve
worshipping and learning
together. During this program
we will explore how to honour
all of our God-given
differences in the planning
and leading of worship. We
will explore how to build
authentic worshipping
communities that honour and
respect our diversity.

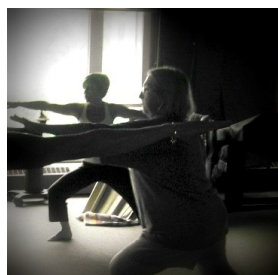
Cost: \$160



[Winter Yoga Retreat](#)

Jan. 22-24, 2016. Fri. 7pm -
Sun. 12:30pm ending with
lunch.

There is a hushed magic in the
darkest time of the year. Time
spent moving more deeply
inward is a gift we can
receive from the long dark
period of winter.



Yoga in the
winter can
be more
internal
and subtle
in order for
us to
recognize

the regeneration of our core
energy. Meditation and
reflection will be used during
this winter retreat to replenish
our energy.

During this retreat we will offer
daily yoga and meditation
sessions suitable for all levels,
take time for rest, reflection and
being in nature, walk the
labyrinth together and take part
in other group activities.

Cost: \$380

[Male Spirituality Circle](#)

Feb. 8-11, 2016. Mon.
12:30pm - Thurs. 12:30pm &
Feb. 16-19, 2016. Tue.
12:30pm - Fri. 12:30pm.

Offered twice in February
every year, this judgment free,
life-affirming event is for
courageous men of spirit to
explore relationships, spiritual
issues and ultimately
themselves.

Spend time singing, sharing
stories and poetry in a sacred
trusted circle, enjoy lots of free
time for naps, personal
reflection, hikes, reading and
each other's company.

Cost: \$365



[Christmas at Five Oaks](#)



Nestled in amongst the forest, Five Oaks is a beautiful space to host
your 2015 Christmas party.

Connect with those who are near and dear to you while sipping hot
cocoa by the fire. Let the peaceful setting warm your hearts and the
delicious cuisine nourish your Soul.

For more information about any of these group offerings, please
contact Jen Nichols at info@fiveoaks.on.ca or
519-442-3212 x26.