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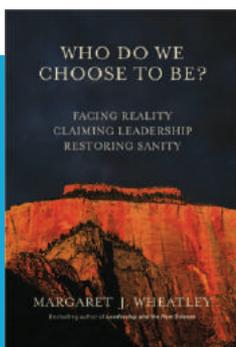
Meg Wheatley in South Africa!

It is with great excitement that I would like to announce that the SAODN will be hosting the wise and phenomenal Meg Wheatley in June 2018 in South Africa. I know many of you are familiar with Meg's work. I first came to know of her when I read *Leadership and the New Science* in the mid 1990's, my first introduction to the world of complexity. The brief interactions I have had with her on past visits to South Africa have left me wanting to learn more with and from her, which is why this opportunity excites me so much.

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We invite you to participate in her workshops and retreat in June 2018. Book these dates and take the opportunities to be with Meg in her master classes or the Retreat right now. We have worked hard to make the prices affordable and we will be offering scholarships to all the events as well. If your organisation would like an in-house master class with Meg, there is one opportunity to host her during her trip available – let us know if your organisation would like to take up that offer.

Lucille Greeff, SAODN CEO



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"Warriors for the Human Spirit are awake human beings who have chosen not to flee. They abide. They serve as beacons of an ancient story that tells of the goodness and generosity and creativity of humanity. You can identify them by their cheerfulness. You will know them by their compassion. When asked how they do it they will tell you about discipline, dedication and the necessity of community."

~ Warrior in Training

This is what some of the South African practitioners that have been on the year-long Path for Warriors for the Human Spirit programme say about Meg and her work:

"Being part of the 'Path for Warriors for the Human Spirit' with Meg Wheatley has been quietly disruptive. I have been challenged by some of the thinking, touched by the compassion of the way and called to practice developing clear perception and an open heart. Meg's teachings are hard to hear and impossible to ignore. She makes you think!" ~ Judy Bekker, Renaissance Business Associates.

"What a relief to find a programme that isn't trying to fix, reverse or change systems, but rather is focused on building a community of 'decent' human beings who are seeking to arm ourselves with compassion and insight, and bring out the best in ourselves and others, while (trying to be!) unattached to outcomes."

~ Paul Hollesen, Sustainability Practitioner.

"The warriors' path has been a direct experience of finding the hidden connection between the spaces of life and people. A path of unfolding sacred belonging. It has strengthened my capacity to be in the world and with myself with steadfastness and lightness. The gifting of the teachers and fellow warriors community has been one of deep holding and care - it has given me the freedom to choose. Gratefully it continues with wonder."

~ Inge Adelfang-Hodgson.

RETREAT INFORMATION

A Path For Warriors For The Human Spirit.

Date: 7 – 10 June 2018

Venue: Stanford Valley, Stanford Western Cape

Time: Arrive by 12:00 on 7 June, leave 15:00 on 10 June

Cost: R8500 per person sharing; R9950 for single accommodation

MASTER CLASS INFORMATION

Community Master Class

Date: 5 June 2018

Venue: Erin Hall, Cape Town

Time: 9am – 4pm

Cost: R850

SAODN Member: R680

Practitioner Master Class

Date: 15 June 2018

Venue: WorldsView Academy, Johannesburg

Time: 9am – 4pm

Cost: R1880

SAODN Member: R1440

One Day Master Classes:***Who Do You Choose To Be? A call to restore sanity and possibility to leadership.***

For many years, Margaret has defined a leader as anyone willing to step forward in service to a person, situation, cause, or organization. At this time when fear and polarization predominate, when thinking and problem-solving skills have disappeared, what is sane leadership? How do we use processes that do not add to fear and aggression? How do we cultivate the skills of patience, compassion and insight, so that we find viable solutions to the complex problems that confront us?

These are critical questions for all who desire to make a positive contribution during this time of profound disruption and continuing assaults on the human spirit. And answers are within reach if we reinstate the most essential skills of leadership: thinking, reflecting, and building community. This day long seminar is an opportunity to reflect and respond to the question: Who do I choose to be in service to this time? And to explore this in the company of like-minded others who also want to be discerning and compassionate leaders.

Using a variety of personal and collaborative processes, we will explore two key areas:

Morning: Your Personal Leadership, past, present and future

Afternoon: Leading an Island of Sanity

Retreat: A Path For Warriors For The Human Spirit.***Who Do We Choose To Be As Leaders For This Time?***

This retreat summons us to be leaders for this time of profound disruption, to reclaim leadership as a noble profession that creates possibility and humaneness in the midst of increasing fear and turmoil. It is based on Margaret's newest book *Who Do We Choose to Be? Facing Reality | Claiming Leadership | Restoring Sanity* (June 2017) and her work for the past two years training leaders as Warriors for the Human Spirit.

It is possible, in this time of profound disruption, for leadership to be a noble profession that contributes to the common good. It is possible, as we face the fearful complexity of life-destroying problems, to experience recurring moments of grace and joy. It is possible, as leaders of organizations, communities, and families, to discover deep and abiding satisfaction in our work if we choose not to flee or withdraw from reality. It is possible to find a path of contribution and meaning if we turn our attention away from issues beyond our control and focus on the people around us who are yearning for good leadership and engage them in work that is within reach. It is possible to use our influence and power to create islands of sanity in the midst of a raging destructive sea. This week-end retreat provides the time, questions, and companions to explore how we each exercise choice in determining how we will lead through this time.

Please use the booking form at www.saodn.net or contact us (info@saodn.net) if you would like additional information on the retreat or the master classes.

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