

Meeting Rivers

Meeting Rivers is a global peace forum of inter-religious and secular initiatives. The Meeting Rivers programme has the following objectives:

1. Renew religious, spiritual and secular traditions so that the urgent challenges of personal change, social transformation and ecological engagement are addressed.
2. Harness the motivation and values of people from different religious and spiritual traditions to help solve problems related to religious fundamentalism, human rights, participatory democracy and good governance.
3. Form a common platform of people and organisations from the religious, the spiritual and the secular traditions. It is clear that when religions are not in active social solidarity with people from secular and other spiritual backgrounds, they cannot achieve much success in carrying out their social and environmental objectives.
4. Give the same importance to personal change as one gives to social and ecological change. This means to further deepen changes in attitudes, values and beliefs.

Monthly e-mail dispatch:

An e-mail dispatch, written by a leading theologian or social thinker, is sent out to thousands of people all over the world. These dispatches explore the relationship between religions/spiritualities and social and ecological action. If you would like to be on this list, write to: meetingrivers.fireflies@gmail.com

Conferences and workshops:

An international conference called February Dialogues (now renamed Fireflies Dialogues) is held each year, bringing together intellectuals, religious thinkers and social and environmental activists. For the past few years the themes of the Dialogues have been concerned with spirituality/religions and Climate Change. There has also been an effort to look at concrete Climate Change related action that may contribute to mitigation and adaptation, particularly in relation to the poor and the excluded.

Other workshops have been held related to Sufism, re-thinking festivals, religions and conflict resolution, spiritual values and sustainable development etc.

Publications:

List of publications related to spirituality, religions and social and ecological engagement published by Meeting Rivers:

1. The Inter-cultural challenge - Agusti Nicolau Coll
2. Re-enchanting the World - Hamilton Faria and Pedro Garcia
3. Inter-religious Dialogue: Some proposals for building peace together -edited by Jean Fischer
4. Socially engaged religions - Edited by John Clammer. (Published by Books for Change)

5. Buddhism, Human Responsibilities and Social Renewal - Dr. Nalin Swaris
6. Earth Spirituality - Siddhartha
7. Fireflies: An Ashram Without a Guru - Siddhartha
8. Kabir is Back! A Tale of Two Friends - Siddhartha
9. Rethinking Festivals for Social and Ecological Engagement - Siddhartha

Forthcoming publications:

1. Socially Engaged Hinduism - Edited by Siddhartha
2. Religion and Climate Change - Edited by Siddhartha