

Community of the Labyrinth

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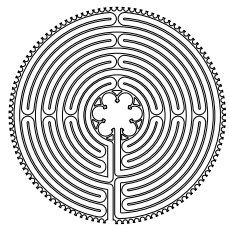
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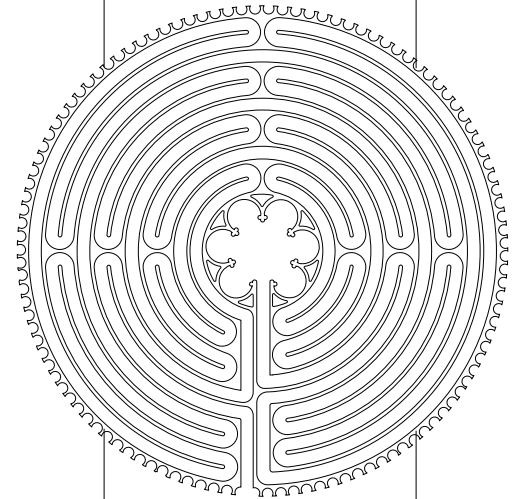
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THE
Labyrinth



**A
PATH
OF PRAYER**

The Community of the Labyrinth

We are an ecumenical group formed in May of 1996 to build a portable, canvas labyrinth. As “guardians” of this labyrinth, we have established spiritual programs and guidelines for its use.

Rental fee is \$150 and there is an extra fee for a facilitator which is negotiated with the facilitator. The labyrinth is not rented without a properly trained person to facilitate your program and we can provide you with names to call. A room 40’ in diameter and without obstruction (i.e.posts) is necessary. Payment is requested at the time of rental.

For more scheduling information please contact: Meg Scott 281-440-6510

To receive more information from the Community of the Labyrinth and the Houston Labyrinth Network, its program, register on our website... <http://HoustonLabyrinthNetwork.org>

The Labyrinth as a Universal Symbol

This 11-circuit labyrinth is a spiritual tool which is used for a walking meditation. It comes from the Christian tradition during the 12th and 13th centuries and is a replica of the one in the floor of Chartres Cathedral outside of Paris, France. Labyrinths are divine imprints found in religious traditions now and in pre-Christian times in various forms around the world.

Walking it leads to a Sacred Place deep within that engages one in the process of healing and transformation. It is a symbol of unity and wholeness, and the winding path that takes us to the center becomes a metaphor for our own spiritual journey. The walk is a shared journey and communities can come together to coalesce and unify a vision.

Our souls hunger for the lost connection to our intuitive nature expressed through myths, dreams, stories and images. We long for a creative, symbolic process that nurtures our spiritual nature and feeds the soul. Walking the labyrinth meditatively and prayerfully can feed that hunger.

There are three stages of the walk:

First, **shedding**—a releasing, letting go until reaching the center.

Second is **illumination**—a place of meditation and prayer (center) in which you receive what is there for you to take on the third stage.

Third is **union**—a joining to God.

Each time you walk the labyrinth you become more empowered to find and do the work that you feel your soul reaching for.

The labyrinth speaks to unknown parts of ourselves in ways that Western civilization has long forgotten:

“The labyrinth is a model of spiritual cosmology that is quite unrecognizable to the modern mentality since this understanding disappeared after the acceptance of Descartes’ world view and the split of the mind/body/spirit.”

Keith Critchlow

From *WALKING A SACRED PATH* by
The Rev. Dr. Lauren Artress