



# A World Alliance of Interfaith Clergy

An Interfaith, Interspiritual Community  
Linking Spirit and Service

November 13, 2015 to November 15, 2015

## “Catch the Spark – Light the Flame”

### Conference 2015 Weekend Schedule

#### Friday

9am- 5pm

#### Pre-Conference Events

**Exhibitor’s Set Up** - In The Angelique Geay Conference Room

2:15pm - 2:30pm

**Break:** Coffee, Tea & Water

2:30pm – 5:30pm

#### Conference Registration Check in

Arrival & Check in available at 3-pm. Registration at front desk for your room Key, Then check into your room, get settled. Then Check In downstairs in The Angelique Geay Conference Room at the AWAIC registration table downstairs, Get your conference packet and check out the exhibit tables, and socialize, walk the grounds, walk the labyrinth and enjoy the serenity of Bon Secours Spiritual Retreat Center.

5:00pm - 5:45pm

**AIHT Ordination Rehearsal** ~ in the Chapel

6:00pm -7:00pm

**Dinner and Social Time** - Dining Room – Lower Level 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

#### Conference Opening Ceremony Events

7:00pm-7:30pm

**Conference Opening- A World Alliance of Interfaith Clergy Board Members**

- In The Angelique Geay Conference Room – Lower Level 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**Welcome** – Rev. Fran Bagdasarian - AWAIC Chair

7:45pm - 9:00pm

**“Callings - The Search for an Authentic Life”**

**Presented by Renowned Author & Speaker: Gregg Levoy**

Callings are urgings from the deep self that tell you what it will take to make your life literally “come true.” They point you toward awakenings, course-corrections and powerful authenticity. People who are fueled by a sense of calling will bring that kind of passion and spirit to their careers, their communities and congregations, their lives and the lives of others. In this dynamic presentation, we’ll explore the psychological, spiritual and practical processes we encounter in listening and responding to our callings, whether in the arenas of work, service, spirituality, or relationship. While honoring a calling’s essential mystery, we’ll also explore the questions that arise naturally in the presence of any call: What does it ask of you? How do you tell the true call from the siren-song? How do you handle your resistance to it? What happens when you say no? What happens when you say yes?

9:15pm-11:00pm - **Chairman’s Reception:** join the AWAIC Board of Directors for a social gathering of conversation with other attendees and visit the Silent Auction table and the exhibitor tables with Spiritual Beads, Jewelry, Books signing by their authors, & more.....

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## Saturday

- 7:30am - 8:00am **“Start your Day with Meditation”** - Led by Rev. Laurence Miller  
“Reiki As Meditation – RAM” In The Angelique Geay Conference Room
- 8:00am -8:45am **Breakfast**
- 9:00am-9:30am **Opening Worship & Ritual Service** led by the American Institute of Holistic Theology Ordainee’s - In The Angelique Geay Conference Room – Lower Level
- 9:30am - 9:45am **Break:** Coffee, Tea & Water
- 10:00am – 11:30am **“Gregg Levoy - Callings: A Hands on Workshop”**  
This experiential workshop will take a creative approach to the challenges of listening and responding to your callings, whether they involve career changes or creative leaps, taking on new roles or letting go of old ones, launching new ventures or returning to existing ones with renewed enthusiasm & commitment, or simply making changes in our life or work. Through writing, discussion, brainstorming, self-reflection, dyad and small group work, you'll gain clarity about whatever Next Steps will deepen your alignment with that sense of your calling.
- Noon - 12:45 pm **Lunch** - Dining room – Lower Level 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 1:00pm -1:20pm **Round Table #1 select 1 of 3-** *The I Am Journey, How to start your Ministry & Addiction & Behavioral Health*
- 1:25pm -1:45pm **Round Table #2 select 1 of 3-***Website 101, Hospital Chaplaincy & Connecting with the Spirit Within*
- 1:50pm - 2:05 pm **Break:** Coffee, Tea & Water
- 2:10pm - 2:25 pm **Round Table #3 select 1 of 2** – *How to Come Alive! & - Holistic Health = How to live to be 100 and still know your name!*
- 2:30pm - 3:30pm **Gregg Levoy workshop on “Vital Signs - The Nature & Nurture of Passion”**  
What inspires passion in your life? And what defeats it? How do you lose it and how do you get it back? In this presentation, you’ll explore how you can cultivate not just a specific passion, but passion as a mindset---a *stance*---that helps bring vitality to all your engagements, from work and relationships to creativity and spiritual life. We’ll examine the endless, yet endlessly fruitful, tug-of-war between passion and security in our lives, the wild in us and the tame. And we’ll do some courageous inquiry into our *dispassion*---where we’re numb, depressed, stuck and bored in our lives---so that we can rework these tendencies in ourselves, claim our rightful inheritance of vitality, and get our spark back.  
What you'll learn:
- \* Passion can be cultivated. Turned on as well as turned off. And this happens most readily at the level of the gesture and the moment, not the five-year plan.
  - \* Passion is in the risk. In the willingness to step from the sidelines onto the playing field.
  - \* Passion breeds passion and disinterest breeds disinterest. If you lack passion in your own life, your other relationships—your partnerships, friendships, communities, classrooms, corporations and congregations---will be denied that energy.
  - \* Passion is more than exuberance; it's *endurance*. It's sometimes shoulder-to-the-wheel stamina and patience on the order of years.
  - \* Passion is intimately related to health. To the degree passion is vitality, honoring your passions enhances your vitality.
- 3:35pm - 4:45pm **Exhibits:** Spiritual beads and jewelry, Book signings and more
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm **Special Event - American Interfaith Holistic Temple Ordination.**  
**Everyone is welcome to attend.** - In the Chapel
- 6:00pm -7:15pm **Dinner and Social Time** - Dining Room – Lower Level 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 7:30pm - 10:00pm **Celebration - Silent Auction, Entertainment, Talent Show & Exhibits !**



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**Reminder: Sunday – Bon Secours** -Guests are asked to checkout of their Bedrooms on Sunday by 10am. Put all your luggage in your car or in our meeting room before you come to breakfast and check out before you eat or during the Break time.

***Please be seated before 9:00AM .... Please DO NOT Interrupt the Worship Service.***

8:00am -8:45am      **Breakfast**

9:00am -9:45am      **“In the Footsteps of the Masters!” Worship & Rituals** Led by: The American Interfaith Holistic Temple Newly Ordained Ministers - In The Angelique Geay Conference Room – Lower Level 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

9:45 am-10:15 am      **Break** for Coffee, Tea & Water

10:15am -11:30am      **“Sacred Vibration of Kirtan, Devotional Singing & Sacred Dance”**  
Presented by: Rev. Dr. Grace Telesco

Blending East and West, this workshop immerses participants in a sacred experience of singing, call and response chanting, drumming and dancing from various faith practices and in various languages (Sanskrit, Hebrew, English). Participants will learn how to lead Kirtan, devotional singing, and sacred dance. Participants will also learn about the energy behind this spiritual practice and the amazing benefits that calm the mind, open the heart and build deep connection with Divine energy.

This workshop is an invitation to sing, clap, meditate and dance together to create deep connection to the secret places of your soul. - Presenter: Rev. Dr. Grace Telesco (Swami Sharadananda) is an ordained Interfaith Minister, initiated in the Hindu Sanyassi Order by her Guru Sri Swami Jyotirmayananda in the lineage of Swami Shivananda, and is the Spiritual Director and Presiding Clergy at the Darshan Center for Spiritual Evolution. Rev. Dr. Grace Telesco is a graduate of The New Seminary for Interfaith Studies, holds a Ph.D. in Social Work from Fordham University and is currently pursuing a Masters in Holistic Theology from American Institute of Holistic Theology. Rev. Dr. Grace Telesco is also a Professor of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice in South Florida and a member of AWAIC.

11:45am -Noon      **Close out Conference and Announcements**  
By Rev. Fran Bagdasarian, AWAIC Chair

Noon-1:00pm      **Lunch and Farewell**