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The Labyrinth Society (TLS) 18th Annual Gathering

WHEN: November 10-12, 2016

WHERE: The campus of [St. Paul's United Methodist Church](#), 5501 Main Street, Houston, TX 77004, 713-528-0527

DESCRIPTION: The Annual Gathering is a casual, public conference spanning three days with special workshops and local tours before and after the main event. It is a time when labyrinth enthusiasts and experts gather from around the world to learn, share, and celebrate labyrinths. The Annual Gathering includes featured speakers, workshops, sales of labyrinth-related products, a silent auction, and a wide variety of labyrinths for walking.

It is a time to meet and network with others who use and love labyrinths, learn new approaches, experience new labyrinth designs, and support the spread of labyrinth wisdom and community around the world. You can have lunch with a labyrinth expert from another continent, try your hand at building a labyrinth, or shop for unique items not available anywhere else.

THEME: *Diverse Journeys on a Common Path; Building Community Through the Labyrinth*

ABOUT TLS: The Labyrinth Society, founded in 1998, is an international organization whose mission is to support all those who create, maintain and use labyrinths, and to serve the global community by providing education, networking and opportunities to experience transformation. Committed to bringing labyrinth enthusiasts together in order to share our interest, energy, and expertise, we hold our Annual Gathering, sponsor World Labyrinth Day, provide small grants for individual labyrinth projects, engage in joint projects with [Veriditas, Inc](#), and provide a host of other services which support the international labyrinth community.

CO-CHAIRS: [Reginald Adams](#), well-known local public artist and [Karen Kelley](#), local area labyrinth facilitator and liaison for St Paul's.

FEATURED SPEAKERS: Debi and Marti Kermeen, master stone artistic team and builders of the St Paul's Cathedral labyrinth and Reginald Adams (see above.)

SAMPLE WORKSHOPS: *Integrating Labyrinths on the Autism Spectrum, Promoting Labyrinth Use for Diverse Groups, Labyrinths Online: Pathways Beyond Borders, Sacred Symphony: Souls on a Journey of Synchronicity, Making Peace with Our War Path, Making Peace with Our War Path, Meeting Millennials On the Path Student Panel Discussion*

PRE & POST GATHERING EVENTS:

Pre-Gathering Choices on November 9th and 10th include:

- 1) An afternoon exploring your soul's journey with Margaret Harle & Margaret Strader
- 2) Exploring the Akashic Field from a labyrinth perspective with Laura Esculcas and Calen Rayne
- 3) Learning how to create temporary labyrinths for community events with Lars Howlett.

Post- Gathering Choices on November 12th and 13th include:

- 1) Exploring colors and chakras on a distinctive, "Prism Path" labyrinth
- 2) Touring Houston labyrinths with local artist, Sarah Gish
- 3) Taking a unique bus tour to Galveston to visit one of Marty Kermeen's famous terrazzo labyrinths in its newly relocated home.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Wednesday evening candlelit labyrinth walk, Thursday evening Opening Ceremony with special guest dance group, [CORE](#), [Silent Auction](#) (Wed-Fri), Friday evening Veteran's Day Candlelit Labyrinth Walk, and Saturday morning Student Panel Discussion.

PARTICIPANT BENEFITS: Morning yoga and stretching classes, Creation Station art area, many temporary labyrinths on the grounds, and TLS Marketplace.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: There are many ways to attend the Gathering with fees ranging from \$50 for a Pre-Gathering Workshop to a Non-member Full (late) Registration of \$645. A Friday Day Rate for local residents costs between \$275-\$375 depending on the date of registration and membership status. A special [Student Rate](#) is offered this year as well.