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# Press Release

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## The Labyrinth Society (TLS) 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering

**WHEN:** Our annual public conference will take place **November 10-12, 2016**

**WHERE:** Houston's Museum District on the campus of [St. Paul's United Methodist Church](#)

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

**ABOUT THE EVENT:** The Annual Gathering is a casual, public conference spanning three days (Nov. 10-12) 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.

**FEATURED SPEAKERS:** [Reginald Adams](#), local public artist and community builder and [Debi and Marty Kermeen](#), master stone artistic team and builders of St Paul's Cathedral Labyrinth.

### **FREE PUBLIC EVENTS:**

- Wednesday evening candlelit labyrinth walk
- Thursday evening Opening Ceremony with special guest dance group, [CORE](#)
- Friday evening Veteran's Day Candlelit Labyrinth Walk

**SPECIAL LOCAL RESIDENT FRIDAY DAY RATE:** \$275-\$375

(depending on the date of registration and membership status.)

**SPECIAL [STUDENT RATE](#)** for all students with ID, 18 years and 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, Meeting Millennials On the Path Student Panel Discussion*

## **PRE & POST GATHERING EVENTS** – examples include:

- Learning how to create temporary labyrinths for community events with Lars Howlett.
- Experience the holographic field of the labyrinth with Calen Rayne and Laura Esculcas.
- Touring Houston labyrinths with local artist, Sarah Gish
- Taking a unique bus tour to Galveston to visit one of Marty Kermeen's famous terrazzo labyrinths in its newly relocated home and creating sand labyrinths on the beach.

## **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.

**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, the worldwide labyrinth facilitator training organization, and provide a host of other services to support the international labyrinth community.

## **What is a Labyrinth?**

Generally labyrinths are defined by a single path that meanders toward a center space. Unlike mazes with puzzling choices and dead-ends, labyrinths are more contemplative, calming, and balancing. Dating back 4,000 years or more, there is no certain origin or record of the original use or intention for labyrinths, so they can be used in all manner of ways and settings. Today labyrinths are experiencing a modern resurgence of interest, installation and use, for group walks to personal practice; for psychological and spiritual transformation among other approaches.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** <https://labyrinth society.org/annual-gathering>

