

Communion, Conversation, Contemplation: Thomas Merton's Prophetic Practice

A Residential Retreat led by

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What does it mean to 'be human in this most inhuman of ages', to 'transfigure the evil and stricken world' with 'words of hope'?

This retreat will explore these questions of Thomas Merton, and his responses as he continues to speak into the heart of our turbulent times, beckoning us into an expansive, visionary political life open to unknown futures. It will combine guided contemplation with discussion of Merton's late classics, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander* and *Raids on the Unspeakable*.

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