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## CENTER POINT: A MESSAGE FROM THE CAC DIRECTOR

Dear Radical Readers,

Blessings and peace as we enter the Advent season, traditionally a time of waiting for the birth of Christ and all that his presence promises. His coming teaches us the way of peace and compassion and his legacy passes on to us the responsibility of attending to that left undone. So there is work to be done!

Exposure to injustice, analysis of systemic causes, along with teaching and practice of contemplative prayer are the backbone of our programs. Enclosed in this issue of Radical Grace you will find our calendar for 2001. Hopefully you will find our offerings as exciting as we do! From responses such as "this was a conversion experience" and "I will never be the same" we trust that our internship program is a powerful vehicle of transformation. With this kind of encouragement we will continue to offer our 12-day and month-long internships, but also expand our programming. After several days of prayer and creative brainstorming we have developed three new week-long immersion experiences. These will offer an intense focus on the topics of contemplative prayer and its overflow into service, non-violence and militarization, and global economics and border issues. I invite you to choose one and come explore how prayer and justice work fit into your life.

Richard Rohr, the founder of CAC, is giving two conferences for us this year, his men's Rite of Passage (his last in this form) and the New Year conference, "Scripture as Liberation." Be sure to join us for one of those. Our summer conference, "Women's Journey into Justice" will be an exciting event as well when Edwina Gately and Megan McKenna, along with other committed women, explore women's justice issues throughout history.

The use of Tepeyac as a retreat center is increasing. It is a perfect spot for quiet contemplation with offerings of spiritual direction and an opportunity to "catch the spirit" of CAC. If a program doesn't fit your schedule, we welcome you to come and take some reflective time with us at a time convenient for you.

As a staff we struggle with determining the costs of our programs wanting to make sure our offerings are available to all. We want to stay true to our mission and touch the lives of anyone moved to journey with us. But we also have to pay the bills! The following income and expense report will give you a perspective of our costs, which determine tuition fees. Additionally, we do offer scholarships and accommodate many people in this way.

Please consider investing in CAC's future by sending a donation. It will be gratefully received and well-utilized in our ministry. May this blessed season of promise bring our journeys closer to a world of peace.

Kathleen O'Malley

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