Sisters of Earth Conference  
Sharing the Wisdom, Shaping the Dream

**July 7-10, 2016**

**Presentation Center***
19480 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA

**An extraordinary venue** will host the 2016 Sisters of Earth Conference. The Presentation Retreat and Conference Center (a mission of the Presentation Sisters) is nestled in California’s Santa Cruz Mountains on 67 acres. It is a LEED** Gold Certified Center and a rare jewel of sustainable architecture at the leading edge of the green movement. It offers gracious hospitality, delicious cuisine, and ample space to gather. Come experience this straw-bale / solar power conference center tucked among the great Redwoods.

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**2016 Conference Theme:**

**Zest for Life**

Partnering with Our Sacred Earth Community

*with special guest presenters:*

**Beata Tsosie-Peña**  
Santa Clara Pueblo  
Española, NM

**Melina Laboucan-Massimo**  
Lubicon Cree  
Little Buffalo, Alberta

**Birgit Weiler**  
rep for Awajún + Wampis  
Amazon region of PERU

**Jihan Gearon**  
Navajo + Black American  
Flagstaff, AZ

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Our presenters will lead us in morning presentations and dialogue toward strengthening our Earth community. Each has been specially chosen because of the environmental impact of industry - oil, gas, uranium, nuclear, gold, forestry - in their communities and their own notable prophetic witness on behalf of environmental health and justice.

Afternoon sessions will explore responses to the morning material and ways of partnering with Earth’s creativity, her human initiatives, and her zest for life.
Sisters of Earth is an informal network of women who share a deep concern for the ecological and spiritual crises of our times and who wish to support one another in work toward healing the human spirit and restoring Earth’s life support systems. We are teachers, gardeners, artists, writers, administrators, workshop and retreat givers, mothers, contemplatives and activists … in the US, Canada and beyond. This network of sharing and support is open to all women whose life and work would identify them as Sisters of Earth. Since 1994 we hold a conference every two years in different parts of the US. We encourage local/regional groups to meet during the off years.

More information: www.sistersofearth.wikispaces.com

The 2016 Sisters of Earth Conference features … from sunrise to sunset …

- Great opportunities to network with kindred spirits - to share, inspire and be inspired, cross-pollinate ideas, support and encourage;
- Earth prayer and ritual;
- Panelist engagement during two mornings – witness women’s stories, courage and wisdom;
- SOE guided afternoon offerings related in some way to the morning;
- SOE Art/Action Exhibits and Market Place;
- Experience of the L.E.E.D. certified Presentation Center;
- Time to walk among and breathe with coastal redwoods;
- Evening socials.

Conference cost: (includes room, meals and tuition, and $15 membership fee)

by April 1st / after April 15th

- private room $375 / $395
- shared room (double occupancy) $340 / $360
- commuter: $180 / $195

Travel Options:

Greyhound Bus: into San José 70 S Almaden Ave: A 30-min drive to/from the Presentation Center.
Amtrak: into San José Diridon Station, 65 Cahill St: A 30-min drive to/from the Presentation Center. A pick-up will be arranged for you from/to the bus or train station for $20 each way or $40 roundtrip.

Air Travel: closest airport is Mineta San José (SJC) International Airport
This airport is a 30-min drive to/from the Presentation Center. Factor in a roundtrip shuttle cost. This cost ranges from $30/person roundtrip if shared with six others each way; as high as $170 roundtrip if alone in the shuttle each way. The most cost-saving group shuttle riders will be coordinated once travel information is received from everyone. On July 7th if possible please arrive into San José airport no earlier than 11am and no later than 3pm. On July 10th plan to depart no earlier than 2pm. July 7th/10th shuttles will be reserved every hour from 12/noon to 4pm. When registering, please note which shuttle times best suit your travel plans. If you are unable to do this at time of your registration, simply indicate that you will require a shuttle service.

Although it is possible to arrive at Oakland (OAK) or San Francisco (SAO), we will not be coordinating shuttles from these airports. Either is about a one hour drive to Los Gatos. Contact the Registrar/Transport Coordinator, Allysyn Kiplinger, to inquire about shuttle services and costs. Email: Allysyn@ArthaSoaps.com
Deadline for entry into the SOE Directory is May 31, 2016.

Sisters of Earth 2016 Membership Form

The membership directory is printed every two years just before each Sisters of Earth Conference. Membership entitles you to a printed and/or Excel copy. [Note: Now there will only be one phone number and email address, so please complete this section even if renewing.] If your statement of Earth interest remains the same, just write “the same” in the space OR provide new language!

Please print clearly

Name: __________________________________________

Affiliation (example: CSJ): ______________

Organization / Company: __________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________

Preferred Phone: (______) __________________________

Preferred Email: __________________________________________

Short Statement of Earth Interest:

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I would like a printed directory __________ and/or Excel file __________

Note: If you are registering for the 2016 Conference, please email this form separately to Loretta at loretta502@embarqmail.com or mail it to her address below. The $15 (USD) membership fee is included in the registration fee.

If you are not attending the 2016 conference, or at any other time, please return this form with the $15 fee (USD) to the address below, making the check payable to ‘Sisters of Loretto.’

Loretta Peters, FS
219 Shalley Drive
Plymouth, IN 46563

Questions about Membership:
Email or call Loretta (574) 936-1246
Registration Opens December 15th, 2015

Please mail this form along with your check made payable to ‘Sisters of Loretto’ to:
Sisters of Earth 2016 Conference, c/o Allysyn Kiplinger, Conference Registrar
3772 Leighton Street, Oakland, CA 94611

Questions or concerns about registration?
Contact the registrar, Allysyn Kiplinger, at (510) 420-0696 or email: Allysyn@ArthaSoaps.com

Please print clearly

Name______________________________________________________________

Address_____________________________________________________________________

City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code_____________________________________________

Email__________________________________________________________________________

Home Ph. (____) ____________________ Cell: (____) ______________________

CONFERENCE FEES   Please register early to take advantage of our Early Bird discount!
Full conference fee includes the conference, room and all meals and $15 membership fee. It does not include transportation cost from/to the airport or from/to bus or train station.

Single Room $375 by April 1 / $395 after April 1 $___________

Double Room $340 by April 1 / $360 after April 1 $___________

Preferred Roommate(s) ____________________________, ____________________________

Commuter Rate $180 by April 1 / $195 after April 1 $___________

Commuter rate includes the conference, lunches & dinners and the $15 membership fee.

EXTRA NIGHTS at Presentation Center
If, because of travel necessities, you need to arrive one night early (July 6th) and/or stay an extra night (July 10th) there is an added charge of $70/night. This does not include meals.

$70 per night at # _______of nights $___________

Date(s) of your extra nights: ______________________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED - Check payable to ‘Sisters of Loretto’ $___________
REFUND POLICY

We offer a full refund, minus a $50 non-refundable deposit, if cancellation is received by **June 1, 2016**. After June 1, 2016 there is no refund unless your case deems a compassionate consideration by the SOE Planning Committee or you/we find a replacement.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We strive to keep conference costs as low as possible. We are aware that some of you may have difficulty paying the full cost. Some scholarships are available. If you need assistance please contact the Planning Committee Co-Chairs: Joan Brown [joankansas@swcp.com](mailto:joankansas@swcp.com) and Dorothy Calvani [dorothycalvani@gmail.com](mailto:dorothycalvani@gmail.com) with your specific request.

MEALS and SPECIAL NEEDS

Presentation Center can accommodate these special needs: 
(please indicate)

- ☐ Vegetarian
- ☐ Gluten-free

*Other dietary needs: refrigerators are available in all the sleeping areas for your own food.*

- ☐ I require ADA/wheelchair accessible accommodations.

*Please let Allysyn know if you have other special needs.* [Allysyn@ArthaSoaps.com](mailto:Allysyn@ArthaSoaps.com)

EXHIBIT & MARKETPLACE

- ☐ I would like half a table (3’ long)
- ☐ I would like a full table (6’ long)

EARLY MORNING OR AFTERNOON EMBODIMENT EXPERIENCES

If you would like to lead a short session in yoga, dance, singing, music, please provide us with information and the committee will get back to you as the planning continues.

Comment: __________________________________________________________

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TRANSPORTATION (please see Travel Options section above)

If you are driving to the conference, might you be willing to pick up Sisters of Earth from San Jose airport, or from Oakland or San Francisco airports?

If you have specific transportation offers, please also contact Allysyn: Allysyn@ArthaSoaps.com

☐ Yes, I am driving and can pick-up (#)____ from ____________________________airport.

Arrival time on July 7th: [Note: Please try to arrive at San José airport between 11am and 3pm.]

I am arriving by ☐ AIR_________ ____________________________ (Time) (Airline and Flight #) (Airport)

☐ I need a shuttle ride from San José airport to PC: ☐ 12:00 ☐ 1pm ☐ 2pm ☐ 3pm ☐ 4pm

[I'm aware that the cost depends on how many share the same shuttle ride.]

I am arriving into San José by ☐ AMTRAK - Time: _________ ☐ BUS - Time: ______________

[Arrive into San José train/bus stations only. Try to arrive between 11am and 3pm.]

☐ I will need a ride from the train / bus station to the Presentation Center.

Departure time on July 10th to San José airport: ______________

☐ I need a shuttle ride to San José airport, leaving PC at: ☐ 1:00 ☐ 2:00 ☐ 3:00 ☐ 4:00

[I'm aware that the cost depends on how many share the same shuttle ride.]

☐ I will need a ride to the train/bus station from the Presentation Center. Time: __________

☐ I will leave by car and I can take others to a station or airport.

Comment: __________________________________________________________

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By May 1st, please send this transportation information to Allysyn so that necessary arrangements can be made for coordinating shuttles and so forth.

Allysyn Kiplinger, SOE Conference Registrar, 3772 Leighton Street, Oakland, CA 94611
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