



SIEBENQUELL

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Dear Friends of Siebenquell,

Our center for Narrative Theology celebrates its fourth anniversary today. After 55 Brunntage (Wellspring days of recollection), 36 Shea Courses and 15 Storytelling Evenings, a journey to Ireland in the footsteps of the Celtic storytellers and two trips to the Ritten in search of a deeper narrative impulse of our daily spirituality, more than 60 retreats, and 10 CD's, we are grateful to all of you for helping us, in the words of John Shea, to »gather the folks, tells the stories and break the bread«.

Why tell the stories of God? Why go to all this bother, make all this effort for the sake of the stories. What can be more fitting than to leave the answer to John Shea himself?

»These are some of the stories that were told to me. Now if you cut down all the forests that ever were, and you took all the trees from all the forests that ever were and turned them into paper; and then you took all the ink that ever was, and all the quills that ever were, and dipped them into all the ink that ever was and put them into the hands of all the scribes that ever wrote; they could not record all the things that Jesus of Nazareth did and said while he lived among us in the flesh. But I tell you these stories, so that we can have life.

I never saw him. I never heard him. I never touched him. But there were those who were there, and those who did see, touch and hear him. And they told others. And others told others. And others told others still. Until finally someone told me, and now I tell you, that you, too, can tell others.

So you see, there will never be an end to it.«

We will continue to tell the stories with and for you, so that we can have life.

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