



An Open Receptive Place: Henri Nouwen's Spirituality

(Virtual At-Home Retreat)

August 31- September 20, 2020

Description: "If we expect any salvation, redemption, healing and new life, the first thing we need is an open receptive place where something can happen to us."

"To convert hostility into hospitality requires the creation of the friendly empty space where we can reach out to our fellow human beings and invite them to a new relationship."

On the 45th anniversary of the publication of Henri J. M. Nouwen's spiritual treatise, *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life* which contains these affirmations, his student and friend, Chris Glaser, will guide us in rediscovering the spiritual wisdom and guidance of this early work of Henri's and how it illuminated his more than forty books on the spiritual life as well as his forty years in ministry.

Henri spent his whole life reaching out to those inside and outside the traditional church. Biographer Michael Ford's newest "portrait" of Henri, *Lonely Mystic* (2018) will help us better understand this "insider/outsider" outlook and how it shaped Henri into one of the most popular spiritual seekers of our time. Readers recognized in his struggles their own to be faithful, fruitful, and compassionate.

Through interactive presentations, personal stories, small groups, video and audio recordings, you will come to know one whose faith was tested in every way like ours as he reached out to his innermost self, to others, and to his God. And you will also get to know the fun side of this soulful writer.

This course is open to everyone. Credit toward the Certificate in Spiritual Formation will be given to those completing the pre-and post-course written assignments

Location: Online.

With: [Chris Glaser](#) Since 2011, Rev. Chris Glaser has written a free weekly blog for progressive Christians, encouraging the use of contemplative spiritual practices as well as continuing involvement in the issues of our times. He is the author of a dozen books, including *Henri's Mantle: 100 Meditations on Nouwen's Legacy*. He was a student of Nouwen's at Yale Divinity School and became a lifelong friend.

Schedule: The program will include two asynchronous online book discussions starting the week of August 31. Daily live plenary sessions, prayer times, and small group discussions will begin September 17 in the afternoon.

The tentative schedule: September 17 2-3:30 pm ET; September 18 & 19 10-11:30 am ET, 2-3:30 pm ET, 7-8:30 ET. Plans are underway for a generous schedule that includes breaks and free time. Times may vary based on time zones. A detailed schedule will be posted in Moodle one month ahead of the program.

Program Fee: \$250

Readings: *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life*, Henri J. M. Nouwen, 1975, Doubleday.

Lonely Mystic: A New Portrait of Henri J. M. Nouwen, Michael Ford, 2018, Paulist Press.

All are encouraged to complete the reading and writing.

Contact: lifelonglearning@ctsnet.edu

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