



## Work Group Proposal Form

From the Bylaws, “The Church of Conscious Harmony exists for the sole purpose of facilitating the spiritual journey for people who want to make God-devotion the center of their lives”. To this end, in addition to the regularly-scheduled core classes (e.g., Lessons in Truth, Simple Explanations of Work Ideas, new member classes, the Gospel & Work class, etc.), a new form of small group spiritual enrichment is encouraged. “Work groups,” are small (generally 7-12 people), self-directed, semester oriented and focused on a particular topic or practice related to the two foundations of the Church: the Christian contemplative tradition and the Work of Inner Christianity.

The aim of work groups is to provide participants with transforming spiritual enrichment, inspiring love of God and love of neighbor.

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**Work Group Title:** Meditations on the Tarot: Arcanum VI The Lover, Arcanum VII The Chariot

**Meeting day/time:** Friday 6 – 7:15 pm

**Duration:** Sept 16 – Nov 18

**Purpose/aim of Work Group:** Personal relationship with the sixth and seventh major arcana.

**Sources for content or practice:** Meditations on the Tarot p.122-169...participants are encouraged to expand this material with personal experience and engagement with other sources such as the Work of Inner Christianity, other work groups, classes and enrichment events offered at CCH as well as additional related readings and symbols.

**Outline and timeline for study and/or practice:** Group members will read appx 5 pages of the text per week to prepare for group sharing and are encouraged to expand their engagement to other sources as time and interest allows.

**Prerequisites for participants:** Minimum of 1 yr Work of Inner Christianity class and a daily Centering Prayer practice; a commitment to regular attendance and participation in this work group. Participants who have previously engaged with Meditations on the Tarot are encouraged to register.

**Facilitator's Name:** Judith August, Gay Bullard, Jeff Frank, Mary Gifford

**Additional comments or considerations:**

“How is it that we who seek love assume that somehow it should not be too difficult in the grace of God, require no great endeavor, need no demanding discipline? Yet, after all, love is the greatest of arts... It is the art of arts, and the love of God as art is sanctity. There is no greater good on earth or in heaven. It is literally a lifetime work. We cannot assume then that it is easily come by. This is said by way of encouragement to carry on in so good a work, a work often without much tangible result... no tangible reward for so much effort: not reward really, but response, growth a sense of achieving something. And still [Lovers] carry on. So much for so little.”

Fr Matthew Kelty OCSO, Give Us This Day, Mon. July 11, 2016.