

# **GATHERING HEALING CENTER**

## **Academic 350/351**

**Organizational Meeting: Sunday July 2, 4:30 pm in the Healing Center**

DESCRIPTION: The Healing Center is a place to BE, just as we are, with our talents and strengths, our ills and wounds, on holy ground. It is a place for us to teach and learn, to give and receive healing modalities in a safe and sacred space, held in a spirit of worship. There will be a staff of volunteers, some professional therapists, some talented amateurs. All of us are interested in exploring healing work as a spiritual practice, possibly going beyond good technique, our training, or our previous experience. If you have a healing practice or modality that you would like to share, please come to the organizational meeting Sunday afternoon at 4:30 PM in the Healing Center. If you cannot come to the organizational meeting but wish to volunteer, call Kathy at 716-984-4854 or leave a message (under H for Healing Center) on the Message Board. **The organizational meeting is for Healing Center volunteers only, be they greeters, persons holding space, compassionate listeners, or healing modality practitioners—all valued and essential to our healing work.**

We want to serve the whole Gathering community. **We are particularly interested in serving those in charge of the Gathering and workshop leaders.**

**At the Healing Center, we do not make appointments, except for Gathering staff.**

**If you wish to experience body work or energy work, or compassionate listening, come to the Healing Center. The greeter (usually Kathy) will talk with you to learn what you are looking for. She will know which volunteer practitioners are available. You may have to wait—but the waiting itself can be part of the healing.** We have found that most practitioners prefer working in this way, rather than having sign-up cards. Kathy, or another greeter, will be at the Healing Center by 1 pm each weekday to talk with you and answer your questions.

**Our process seeks to be Spirit-led;** so it doesn't work like a doctor's office or Massage Envy. You may not receive a session in the order you come in—because we are trying to make the best connection possible in matching what you are looking for with the practitioners available, in a reasonable amount of time.

REMEMBER, if you share as a volunteer practitioner, you become part of the Healing Center. That means that you must practice confidentiality, respect emotional privacy, and check with the participant first about touch that feels appropriate to that person.

### **THE HEALING CENTER IS OPEN:**

**Monday through Thursday, 1:30PM –5 PM, Friday 1:30 PM to 3 PM** for individual sessions (different modalities representing body work, energy work and compassionate listening; the availability of a particular modality depends entirely on practitioners volunteering their time as led).

**REMEMBER: SOME PERSONS HAVE CHEMICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL ALLERGIES. PLEASE KEEP THE HEALING CENTER CLEAN AND FRAGRANCE FREE.**

Thank you. Jan Stansel and Kathy Slattery, Coordinators, Gathering Healing Center