

Wednesday August 23

10:15 | S1 “Inner Life and Solidarity in Light of the Teaching of the Desert Fathers” | With Norman Russell (United Kingdom / France).

From the end of the 3rd century CE onward, young men and women withdrew to the desert, mainly in Egypt. They lived their Christian faith far from the cities. How did they try to love God with all their heart and their neighbour as themselves? This question remains an evangelical challenge still open to various solutions. Norman Russell is an Orthodox theologian from England, with Greek ancestry, living in France.

10:15 | 15 “Eco-Anxiety: Hope in an Uncertain World”. | With Constance Varoquier and Joseph Gotte (France).

Our climate is changing, biodiversity is decreasing, resources are becoming scarcer... Tomorrow seems more uncertain than ever, so much so that 75% of young people worldwide find the future frightening. How can hope still be possible and relevant today? Constance Varoquier is a doctoral student in sociology and the history of religions, and ambassador for the A Rocha association; Joseph Gotte has launched a blog entitled ‘Vivre sa jeunesse autrement’ (‘Live his youth differently’), which was summarized in a book published in 2019.

10:15 | 10 “Taizé behind the iron curtain”. | With Angela Kunze (Germany).

In this workshop, Angela Kunze, a former activist in contact with Taizé, will talk about the peaceful revolution in East Germany in the 1980s, particularly in October 1989, and the links with Taizé during this period.

10:15 | P “Advancing together with others” (third part of message 2023).

As an extension of the meditation given at the end of morning prayer, Brother Raymon will offer a reflection on John 17:20-26, followed by sharing in small groups.

15:15 | P “Why is trust in the media being put to the test?” | With Anne-Bénédicte Hoffner (France).

Anne-Bénédicte Hoffner is a journalist and managing editor of the daily newspaper La Croix. In this workshop, she will share her thoughts on the role of the media, the work of journalists and the reasons for the current loss of confidence in the media. She will integrate the new challenges posed by the digital age into the work of the media, and discuss these issues with participants.

15:15 | M “Theologies from the Heart of the Earth – How does working with indigenous communities help us build our Christian identity?” What do we learn from them?” | With Marian Coy, deacon of the Lutheran Church, Lizbeth Chaparro and Felipe Riaño (Colombia).

This participatory workshop will present and explain how the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia helps the indigenous communities of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in creating their own educational methods. This will be done through weaving, singing and the testimony of young people who have lived in these communities.

15:15 | 15 “Today, committing to life as a couple?” | With José and France Lamour (France).

José and France Lamour are respectively retired doctor and nurse. The workshop will start with their testimonies of their rich 54 years of experience as a couple, followed by a discussion with those present.

15:15 | 10 “Making a 'body and soul' commitment for the climate: Faith and activism, is it possible? Interactive workshop” | With Amélie Franco (France).

How can we take concrete action for the climate today? Can I engage in civil disobedience as a person of faith? What place does my faith have in the fight for climate justice? These questions and many more will be discussed through interactive and entertaining activities. The workshop will also be an opportunity to hear the testimony of Amélie Franco, campaigner at GreenFaith, an interfaith NGO working for climate justice.

21:30 | 10 Screening of the film “The Letter” of the Movement *Laudato Si*.

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote Laudato Si’ (The Letter); an encyclical letter about the environmental crisis to every single person in the world. A few years later, four voices that have gone unheard in global conversations have been invited to an unprecedented dialogue with the Pope. (Film duration: 80 minutes)

- ✓ Today at 16:30, musicians who would like to play during the common prayers this weekend are invited to come to the Isba for an audition. If you have your instrument with you, if you have experience in musical ensembles and if you know how to read music, don't hesitate to come along!
- ✓ Those taking the bus this Sunday to Mâcon and Chalon stations are invited to go to Casa to check the number of places available.
- ✓ If you don't have a sharing group, or no longer have one, go to tent 2 at 17:30.