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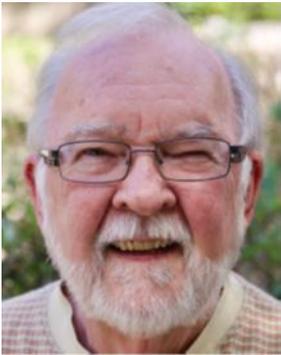
FALL GATHERING OF MEN

AN MKP COMMUNITY EVENT

RECONNECTING TO *The Soul of Life*

6:00 PM Fri Nov. 9 – 2:30 PM Sun Nov. 11

FEATURED SPEAKERS

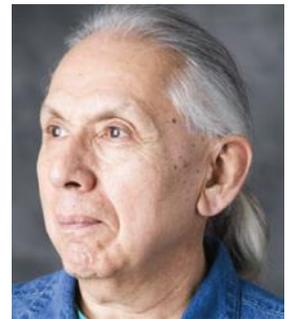


Keynote: Dr. Bill Kerley – Therapist and Spiritual Teacher

“Hidden in Plain Sight”
“Discovering Spirituality in Everyday Life”

Luis Bautista – Shaman, Coach and Spiritual Teacher

“Four Powerful Tools
From the Shaman World”



A special Friday night presentation by Brian Kurtz
Healer and Trainer

“Creating Your Soul Connection”

About the Retreat

This year's annual **Fall Gathering of Men** features a great lineup of speakers. **Dr. Bill Kerley** will teach us that peace, joy, love, connection, and authentic living are available to us, right here, right now, if only we learn how to see the spirituality in everyday, Ordinary Life.

There is no path that brings you to yourself. There is no method to make you what you have always been. True Spirituality is only a matter of becoming who you truly are, an understanding of how to become whole in a fragmented world.

Luis Bautista will offer ancient indigenous practices for finding awareness, peace and healing in our life. In the fast paced world we live in connection to the "human being" often gets lost in the chatter of daily living.

Luis will address the dis-connection of the human being with tools from his personal experience in altered states of consciousness. Learn how to live in two worlds simultaneously, our daily world, "the world of the solids" and the indigenous "invisible" world.

Brian Kurtz will kick off the weekend with a process that will connect you with other men on the weekend and

show you how the judgments and projections you carry get in the way of experiencing true connection.

Weekend activities include our presentations, a talent show, campfire stories, morning meditation, and breakout sessions for discussions and presentations.

Two special activities are planned for the weekend. The first is the "**Vets Journey Circle**", a process to honor all veterans and non-veterans. This is a time to gather and hear the stories of all men impacted by war.

A "**Declaring Elderhood Ceremony**" will be held on Sunday for those men who wish to declare their purposeful commitment to becoming an elder in their community, following the long tradition of elders who came before them.

The Fall Gathering is hosted by the Elders of the Mankind Project, South Central Region and is held at the beautiful and rustic "**Land of My Grandfathers**", a retreat center near Madisonville, Texas.

LOMG has modern facilities, bunkhouse style sleeping quarters, and beautiful grounds for relaxation and contemplation. Your weekend includes tasty meals prepared by our excellent chef.

Weekend Program and Activities

Friday, November 9

3:00-6:00 PM	Arrival and Registration
6:00 PM	Dinner and Welcome – Dining Area
7:00 PM	Smudge and Purification
7:15 PM	Opening Ceremonies
7:30-9:00 PM	Evening program – Brian Kurtz
9:00 PM 'til...	Campfire time

Saturday, November 10

7:30 AM	Morning Meditation
8:00 AM	Breakfast – Dining Area
8:45 AM	Opening Ceremonies
9:00 AM	Keynote Presentation – Bill Kerley
10:30 AM	Bio break
10:45 AM	Keynote Presentation – Bill Kerley
12 Noon	Lunch – Dining Area
1:00-2:00 PM	Keynote – Small Group Interaction
2:00-3:00 PM	Keynote Presentation – Bill Kerley
3:00-4:00 PM	Personal Downtime
4:00-6:00 PM	Veterans Journey Circle
6:00 PM	Dinner – Dining Area
7:00-9:00 PM	LOMG's Got Talent! – Talent Show
9:00 PM 'til...	Campfire Tall Tales Contest

Sunday, November 11

7:30 AM	Morning Meditation
8:00 AM	Breakfast – Dining Area
9:00 AM	Declaring Elderhood Ceremony
10:00 AM	Sunday Presentation – Luis Bautista
12 Noon	Lunch – Dining Area
1:00-1:30 PM	Personal Time – Cabin Cleanout
1:30-2:30 PM	Closing Ceremonies
2:30 PM	Homeward Bound



Speaker Biographies

Dr. Bill Kerley

Bill is a therapist, lecturer and spiritual teacher with more than fifty years of experience in practicing the art of living. Bill is a long-time staff member at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, where he teaches a class called "Ordinary Life". Bill maintains an active speaking schedule and a private counselling practice, where he focuses on men's issues. You can learn more about Bill at his website, <http://www.billkerley.com/about-bill-kerley/>.

Bill explains, "Every dissatisfaction we have with our lives is a result of a conflict between what is actually true and what we believe to be true. When we learn to give up beliefs about how life "ought to be", we are given brand new possibilities for living life as it is - right now and right here!

Luis Bautista

Luis Bautista is a Personal Life Coach, Spiritual Teacher and Public Speaker. He has been on a journey of healing for over 40 years and through his life experiences has gained the wisdom and insight of an elder in a modern-day world. The focus of Luis's work has been spirituality and healing. His mission is a simple one: "to heal".

Blessed with a Mother who healed through prayer, Luis learned at an early age the power of compassion, forgiveness and gratitude. Luis's has dealt with drugs, addiction, depression and despair, along with being a drug dealer for 10 years. His story is one of redemption and grace of an ordinary man who discovers the living spirit of the soul within.

Luis is a natural and gifted speaker who touches the hearts of all who hear him. His approach is authentic, honest, entertaining and educational.

Brian Kurtz

Brian is a teacher and light worker who calls in Spirit's power and love to heal physical, psychological, and emotional issues. Brian's divinely-inspired method includes chakra and life-history energetic residue clearing, client-specific healing, and divinely-channeled counseling sessions.

Through his workshops and sessions, Brian teaches how to overcome the noise in life, to be SEEN and HEARD, and to SEE AND HEAR OTHERS. You will gain the ability to know that you are the active co-creator of the space in which your life occurs. Prepare to touch your own soul and the soul of another.

Weekend Logistics

Directions and Map to Land of My Grandfathers

Land of my Grandfathers is centrally located 13 miles from Madisonville, Texas, and is easily accessible from all major Texas metropolitan areas. Driving time is approximately two hours or less. The address is 1047 Diserens Road, North Zulch, TX 77872.

LOMG is listed in Google maps, and you can obtain driving maps from Google by simply searching for "Land of My Grandfathers". More information, including maps and driving directions, can be found at the Land of My Grandfathers retreat center website at <https://landofmygrandfathers.com/>

What to Bring

Bring your personal toiletry items, a towel, casual clothes, and closed toed, comfortable shoes. Bring your own sleeping bags and/or bedding (blankets, sheets, pillows). A hat for the Texas sun is recommended and you may want a light jacket if the weather is cool. Bring a flashlight in the event you venture beyond the lighted areas.

If you have a drum or musical instrument, or an object meaningful to you, please bring it and share with us on Saturday night.

Scholarships and More Information

Scholarships are available for men who need them. If you need financial assistance, or have other questions about the weekend, contact Jerry England at 713-963-0060 or email him at jengland@england-cpa.com. See also www.texaselders.com for information.

Registration and Payment

Space is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. The full weekend tuition of \$175 includes all presentations, meals, and your bed for Friday and Saturday nights.

Dr. Bill Kerley's Saturday keynote presentation can be attended for \$100 and includes lunch and drinks.

Please register online at www.texaselders.com Click the "Register for the Elder Weekend" link.