

# Honoring the Sacred Hoop of Life

## All Faiths, All Nations, One Prayer

SOPHIA  
FOUNDATION

24th Annual  
Meditation Retreat

September 14 - 17, 2018

YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO

with  
Karen Rivers PhD  
and pianist Marcia Burchard,  
First Nation Elders, and  
Our Sophia Community

According to Lakota Star Knowledge, the birth of "Miracle," a female white buffalo, signaled a time of Earth changes and the coming of The Mending of the Hoop of all Nations. The Summer Solstice is said to be a powerful time to pray for peace and harmony among all Living Beings. Grandmother Earth's gifts; the air, water, plant, animal, and rock nations must be allowed to heal if we are to live in harmony with Her.

"We have been warned from ancient prophecies of these times we live in today, but have also been given a very important message about a solution to turn these terrible times.

To understand the depth of this message you must recognize the importance of Sacred Sites and realize the interconnectedness of what is happening today, in reflection of the continued massacres that are occurring on other lands and our own Americas.

I ask you to join me on this endeavor. Our vision is for the peoples of all continents, regardless of their beliefs in the Creator, to come together as one at their Sacred Sites to pray and meditate and commune with one another, thus promoting an energy shift to heal our Mother Earth and achieve a universal consciousness toward attaining Peace." - CHIEF ARVOL LOOKING HORSE



Hopi Madonna and Child - JOHN GIULIANI

Join us in the Sacred Circle. Make your offerings and prayers for the healing of our Beloved Mother Earth, our water and the human family!

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The program will begin with dinner on Friday, September 14, followed by a Peace Service. Saturday - Monday will be filled with presentations by First Nation Elders and Karen Rivers, Sacred Dance, Sacred Drama, Singing, outings to special sites, evening Sacred Circle Ceremony and The Liturgy to the Earth, followed by star gazing. The program will end Monday evening. Departure will be after breakfast on Tuesday morning, Sept. 18.

**“To us, as caretakers of the heart of Mother Earth, falls the responsibility of turning back the powers of destruction. We are the ones who must decide.**

**Each of us alone can make this crucial choice, to walk in honor or to dishonor our relatives. On our decision depends the fate of the entire World.**

**Each of us is put here in this time and this place to personally decide the future of humankind. Did you think the Creator would create unnecessary people in a time of such terrible danger? Know that you yourself are essential to this world. Understand both the blessing and the burden of that. You yourself are desperately needed to save the soul of this world. Did you think you were put here for something less? In a Sacred Hoop of Life, there is no beginning and no ending.” — CHIEF ARVOL LOOKING HORSE, *Keeper of the White Buffalo Calf Pipe***



**KAREN RIVERS**, Ph.D, author of *Love and the Evolution of Consciousness: a Study of the Transformation of the Human Soul, the Double, and the Spirit*, together with Robert Powell, co-founded the Sophia Foundation where she teaches and co-leads pilgrimages to sacred sites around the world. In 1996 Karen founded the Rosamira Circle, “the Rose of Peace”, which seeks to awaken within children and adults an understanding and respect for all faith traditions, toward the realization of world peace. Karen also works as Director of the New Chartres Academy, as a faculty member of the Wisdom School of Graduate Studies. For further information see: [www.karenrivers.info](http://www.karenrivers.info)



**MARCIA BURCHARD**, pianist/composer, has worked with the Sophia Foundation since 1998, providing piano accompaniment for Choreocosmos workshops as well as original compositions, including music for the Chrysalis Productions sacred dramas *Parsifal* and *The Mystery of Love*, and choral settings of the Sophia Foundation *Prayer Sequence* and *The Beatitudes*. Her 4 CD set of *The Harmonies of the Starry Spheres*, is available through the Sophia Foundation.

**SPECIAL GUESTS**, Indigenous Elders and Youth Leaders:Assisting in the fulfillment of the Mending of the Hoop of all Nations, join all who share concern for the welfare of the Earth and humanity.Help our vision make important contributions to the progress of Earth Awareness and World Peace.



## FEEES AND EXPENSES

Limited space available - registration on a first come basis.

## LODGING, FOOD & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DOUBLE ROOM 2 QUEEN BEDS: \$ 107/NIGHT PER PERSON (4 NIGHTS) = \$428

SINGLE ROOM \$179.50/NIGHT PER PERSON (4 NIGHTS) = \$718

ALL ORGANIC MEALS DINNER 9/14 THROUGH BREAKFAST 9/18 = \$189

REGISTRATION FEE: \$498 if registered by March 31, 2018

\$598 if registered after March 31, 2018

**Total Cost with Early Registration: \$1,115; w/ Single Room: \$1,405**

**Total Cost with Late Registration: \$1,215; w/ Single Room: \$1,505**  
payable to the Sophia Foundation

### LIMITED TO 32 PARTICIPANTS - REGISTER EARLY

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FOR TRAVEL INFORMATION: <https://YMCARockies.org/About-Us/Maps-and-Directions/>

YMCA of the Rockies is located on the edge of the Rocky Mountain National Park, and is surrounded by beautiful mountain views and magnificent wildlife.

### REGISTRATION REQUEST

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Friday, September 14th - Tuesday, September 18th, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle One:**

Double Room: Cost before March 12, 2018 — \$1,115 Cost after March 31, 2018 — \$1,215

Single Room: Cost before March 12, 2018 — \$1,405 Cost after March 31, 2018 — \$1,505

The total includes tuition, activities, housing & meals from dinner 9/14 through breakfast 9/18

**Register Early to Reserve Your Spot**

*The Sophia Foundation is founded to help create a culture of love and wisdom.*

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**Send Registration Form &  
Payment To:**

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