

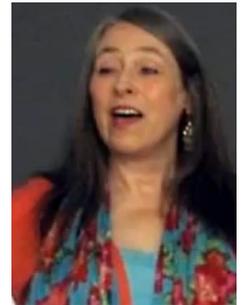
CREATION OR EMPIRE?

Cooperation or Domination? Where Will We Stand?



Pace e Bene Australia presents

**Wes Howard-Brook
& Sue Ferguson Johnson**



Weekend Retreat

Resistance and Contemplation *Following the Way of Jesus*

26-28 July

The Hermitage, Mittagong

Authors, activists, theologians, spiritual directors and educators, with many years' experience in community and activism, Wes and Sue are well equipped to help us explore the journey of resistance and contemplation. Wes' most recent book, *Come Out, My People: God's Call out of Empire in the Bible and Beyond* has won widespread praise from the likes of Walter Brueggemann, Ched Myers and John Dear.

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The National Inspiritor Tour seeks to inspire and equip people exploring or engaging in active nonviolence for peace and justice in our world. Pace e Bene thanks the following supporters:



Wes Howard-Brook and Sue Ferguson Johnson

Authors, activists, theologians, spiritual directors and educators. Wes and Sue (US) are leaders in helping people find ways to nonviolently challenge dominance, violence and injustice. Advocating the need to integrate the inner and outer, the mystical and prophetic, the private and public journeys, Wes and Sue will be using their skills as academic teachers and spiritual directors as well as their experiences living in community and engaging in activism to help us explore the competing religions of empire and creation.



Wes Howard-Brook has been teaching, writing and living at the intersection of church, academy and the world since 1988. After a career as an attorney for the US federal government and Washington state governments, Wes left law practice in 1985 to earn a Master of Divinity degree at Seattle University. During the late 1980s and early 1990s, he was part of Galilee Circle, an ecumenical Christian small community, which sought to live the radical Word of the Gospel in both personal and public ways, including a series of nonviolent direct actions at various private and public places of warmaking and imperial violence. He has written, co-written or co-edited six books, including *Unveiling Empire: Reading Revelation Then and Now* (with Australian Anthony Gwyther) and his most recent, *"Come Out, My People!:" God's Call Out of Empire In the Bible and Beyond*. He has also written for numerous publications, including *Sojourners*, *The Other Side*, *Tikkun Daily*, and several Catholic Worker newspapers.

After an upbringing as a nonpracticing Jew, Wes discovered the classic mystics and was baptized into the Roman Catholic Church in 1976. Since that time, he has explored other Christian traditions, and is currently at home in the Mennonite Church in Seattle.



Sue Ferguson Johnson is a spiritual director of individuals, couples, and groups, a retreat leader and Scripture teacher of many years' experience. Formerly a psychologist, Sue left her practice to engage in full-time ministry in 2002. Sue was raised in the United Methodist Church, but with Wes is now at home in the Mennonite Church, where she has been instrumental in reshaping the local church from a committee model to a prayer-Scripture-discernment model. With Wes, she cowrote a Pax Christi USA Lent Reflection booklet.

Sue's call and passion includes accompanying spiritual leaders and others in listening to God and others, seeking to collaboratively create a generative space, centered in a rhythm and practices through which all can embrace and pour out Life together.

Together, Wes and Sue share the ministry "Abide in Me," grounded in the imagery from the Gospel of John that calls disciples to integrate the inner and outer, the mystical and prophetic, the private and public journeys. They seek to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all that they do, in proclaiming and embodying Jesus' Word of passionate purity in love and truth for all creation.

For more info: contact Gill at gill@ozburrows.com or phone. 9922 2927

REGISTRATION: can be done online via <http://www.paceebene.org.au/resistance-and-contemplation-retreat-sydney/> or by completing the form below and emailing to gill@ozburrows.com or posting to Gill Burrows 9/4 Riley St North Sydney

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COST: \$295 per person – includes single en-suite room, and all meals including Friday dinner and Sunday Lunch

PAYMENT: cheque or money order made out to Pace e Bene Australia Inc, or .

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