



# Word and Life

*Thoughtful Christians in search of mature faith*

This Fall, 2009

## ***The Emerging Church***

This Fall we are expanding our format beyond books, to explore a current topic called "The Emerging Church." We will view and discuss video clips by leading authorities such as Richard Rohr, Ken Wilber, Thomas Keating, and others. We will also have personal-experience presentations relating to the emerging church as well as expert speakers on related subjects. Instead of a book, we will provide summaries and booklets based on the speaker or theme of the video. The Steering Committee thanks Bob Doering for his leadership in selecting and preparing the video clips.

All sessions will be on Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 noon at the Holy Cross Church Parish Hall, 1740 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. The series fee, \$50, includes all handouts and study material. Financial aid is available to enable those on restricted budgets to attend; contact a member of the [Steering Committee](#),

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
Sept. 17	What is the "Emerging Church?" Overview.	Video clips & discussion*
Sept. 24	Fr. Richard Rohr on the Emerging Church	Rohr video clips & discussion*
Oct. 1	The Growth of Intentional Eucharistic Communities	Suzanne Dunn, Church of the Beatitudes
Oct. 8	Environmental Spirituality at the Personal Level	Franklin Fong, OFM, priest & scientist
Oct. 15	Honoring Creation as Church Communities	Betsy Reifsnider, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton
Oct. 22	Ken Wilber and Thomas Keating on the Future of Christianity (pt. I)	Video clips & discussion*
Oct. 29	Ken Wilber and Thomas Keating on the Future of Christianity (pt. II)	Video clips & discussion*
Nov. 5	The Divine Awakening Within	Christiane Richards, member, Word & Life community
Nov. 12	Survey of Emerging Creeds	Overview by Keith Forster, member, W & L steering comm. Small group discussions
Nov. 19	Summary of Leading Trends in the Emerging Church	Video clips & discussion*
	Pre-registration for Winter Study and CLOSING LUNCHEON	

\*NOTE: All video clips & discussions will be facilitated by Bob Doering and members of the Word & Life Steering Committee unless otherwise noted.

Word and Life is an adult faith community founded in Santa Barbara by a group of Catholic lay persons. Respecting the diversity of contemporary spiritual experience and dedicated to educating its members principally by reading and discussing books pertinent to scripture, theology and spirituality, the community welcomes all who hunger and thirst for a deeper relationship with God and others. Study, dialogue, prayer, celebration, song and community enable us to experience God's Spirit alive in one another.