

# Emergence International Conference 2013

## Thursday, October 3, 2013

5:30 Snacks and beverages in the atrium

## Friday, October 4, 2013

Breakfast in the atrium

9:00 Welcome and introductions

Lunch in the Atrium

1:30 Talk by Tom Taffel (Emergence International member)

“COMING OUT.....FOR GOOD”

“By today’s standards, Tom Taffel should not have survived adolescence. He came out at the wrong time, under the wrong circumstances—only to be blackmailed at the age of twelve by the son of a mobster. With no one to turn to ... but God ... he had to decide whether suicide was the way to end his excruciating, relentless pain and anguish -- or God -- a decision that was to consume him for three years in Junior High School. Completely on his own, with no one to turn to and no support system available, he chose God alone, and is here today to talk about his solitary journey with Christ his refuge.

With no logical explanation for his survival, you will hear more than an impassioned expression of sheer survival, but rather, a metaphysical journey into self-discovery, spiritual growth and healing.

Tom writes regularly for the Christian Science periodicals and will share with Emergence International the most intimate details of his life as well as the truths which brought him through the “valley of the shadow of death” into manhood, happiness, completeness and a long-term relationship of 41 years.”

3:00 Progress Report and Sharing

Snacks and beverages in the atrium

Dinner in the Colorado Room

7:30 Evening program:

A Teleconference with the former Mother Church Soloist, Julia Wade

Screening of *The House On Broadstreet*, a new DVD about Mary Baker Eddy produced by Longyear Museum (90 minutes)

## **Saturday, October 5, 2013**

Breakfast in the atrium

9:00 EI Business Meeting

10:00 Keynote Address by Cindy Zwick, C.S. from Bainbridge Island, WA (Topic: Identity)

12:30 Lunch in the atrium

1:30 Free time to explore Denver/ Rocky Mountains area

## **Sunday, October 6, 2013**

Breakfast in the atrium

9:00 Sunday Service (EI style)

10:00 Circle of Love and farewell

