MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

4:00–7:00 PM	General Registration	Lobby
5:00–6:45 PM	Donor Reception (Invitation Only)	Mansion
7:00–7:15 PM	Opening Ritual	Ballroom
7:15–8:30 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Ilia Delio, OSF “Love and the Indestructible in Teilhard de Chardin”	Ballroom

For Teilhard de Chardin, love is the indestructible energy that outlasts universal collapse — but only because it participates in Omega: a real, personal, already-actual center, immanent yet transcendent. Omega is uncreated Love, and the possibility of love when everything else breaks down. As the ground of the personal, it ensures that what finally survives is not impersonal energy but persons in communion, held by a Love that resists breakdown and pulls us onward.

8:30-8:45 PM	Keynote Q&A	Ballroom

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026

8:00-8:15 AM	Optional Morning Reflection Excerpt from *Teilhard de Chardin: A Book of Hours* Kathleen Deignan, CND & Libby Osgood, CND	
8:30–9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast & Gathering	Ballroom
9:00–10:15 AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Tom Oord “Disruption and the Many Meanings of Love”	Ballroom

At least a half dozen meanings of love are on offer today. Each meaning suggests a particular way to make sense of disruption in an evolving universe. Some do so poorly, others do better. In this lecture, I will draw from different meanings of love to propose a way of understanding love that makes sense of disruption. This way is inspired by Alfred North Whitehead, Teilhard de Chardin, and Christian scripture, but it is not restricted to them.

10:15–10:30 AM	Coffee Break	
10:30–11:45 AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Andrew Del Rossi “Build the Earth: Involution, Embodiment, and Planetary Healing”	Ballroom

“The Age of Nations is past. The task before us now, if we would not perish, is to shake off our ancient prejudices, and to build the Earth.” — Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Teilhard's prophetic words present an urgent question for today: What does it mean to build the Earth? Drawing from the vision of Teilhard de Chardin, Thomas Berry, and other contemplatives, this presentation explores the relationship between involution—the inner expansion of consciousness—and embodiment as essential dimensions of healing and wholeness on a global scale.

In a world marked by conflict, fragmentation, and ecological crisis, lasting transformation requires more than external change. It calls for an inner awakening that expands our capacity for love, communion, and creative participation in an unfolding universe. As consciousness ascends, it seeks expression through the very matter of our embodied lives and is committed to the mutual flourishing of the entire earth community. This talk invites us to explore how personal transformation and planetary healing are inseparable dimensions of a single evolutionary process in which each of us is called to build the earth.

11:45 AM–1:00 PM	Lunch Break	
1:00–2:00 PM	WISR Circle Networking	Ballroom
2:00–3:30 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	

Dan Horan Breakout Room 1

"Discovering God and the True Self: Contemplation according to Thomas Merton"

This breakout presentation explores the rich tradition of Christian contemplation as practiced and taught by the twentieth-century mystic, monk, and author Thomas Merton. Widely recognized as the father of contemporary Christian meditation, Merton's teachings on the practice of contemplation retrieved ancient wisdom for modern audiences, inspiring generations of spiritual practitioners to discover God and, in turn, discover their true selves. In this session we will examine who Merton was, what Merton's teachings on contemplation and the 'True Self' are, and why these spiritual insights matter for us today.

Shaleen Kendrick Breakout Room 2

"Do This in Re-Membering: The Last Supper, Glimmers, and Co-Regulation as Worship"

If theology for humans is corporeal, then worship must reach us where we actually live: in sensing, breathing, relating bodies. This experiential breakout draws on a neurospirituality reading of the Last Supper as a ritual of re-membering. Through the lens of interpersonal neurobiology and polyvagal theory, the bread and wine become what that theory calls glimmers: sensory cues of safety that help nervous systems regulate, alone and together. "Do this in remembrance" becomes an invitation to return, again and again, to wholeness-making. Rather than a transaction rooted in unworthiness, the table becomes a practice of co-regulation and grace as a somatic reality. Participants will explore how shame-based ritual can encode fragmentation and how integrative ritual can cultivate belonging, then practice a simple table ritual together: a sensory anchor, naming what is fragmenting and what nourishes, and the norm

"witness, don't fix." Participants will leave with a practice they can bring to their own tables, classrooms and communities, and with a question: what might it mean that God meets us through the rhythms of the body?

Tripp Fuller with Ilia Delio Podcast Ballroom

"Love at the Edge of the Fracture: Ilia Delio on Ten Years of Christogenesis"

Teilhard de Chardin lived through two world wars and still found love working beneath the rubble, pulling the universe toward greater unity. So what do we do with that vision now, in a world that seems committed to splitting apart? I sit down with my friend Ilia Delio as the World Institute for Science, Religion and Culture marks its 10th anniversary with *Love, Conflict, and an Unfolding Universe*.. We talk about WISR's future, why conflict might be part of evolution and not a sign it has failed, what *The Christian Mutation* says about the dynamic God of Jesus, and whether cosmic love can still lead in the age of AI. Are we doomed as a species, or is something deeper going on? Ilia thinks it's the second. Come find out why.

3:30–4:00 PM	Music & Coffee: Rusty Nelson, singer/songwriter/guitar Songs inspired by the teachings of Sr. Ilia Delio	
4:00–5:00 PM	Integration Session	Ballroom

Conference attendees will be given the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers who have presented so far and an open dialogue space will open for mutual learning and integrative process.

5:00–7:00 PM	Dinner Break	On Your Own
7:00–7:15 PM	AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEILHARD STUDIES Recipient: Kathleen Duffy, SSJ Award Presentation: Ilia Delio, OSF	Ballroom
7:15–8:00 PM	AWARD ADDRESS: Kathleen Duffy, SSJ "The Promise of Paradox"	Ballroom

During his tenure as stretcher bearer during World War I, Teilhard experienced a deep spiritual/psychological encounter with God and the Cosmos that initiated a new way to understand reality. As a result, he was able to live a more integrated life, a life that could deal with the many contradictions that beset him. In fact, his profound synthesis depends on his ability to live with paradox. In his first wartime essay, "Cosmic Life," Teilhard attempts to share this event and its effect on his view of the world. In this paper, I share examples of Teilhard's abundant use of paradox both in his relationships and in his writings and his process for transcending such barriers. I argue that understanding more clearly his approach to

contradiction could help us evolve toward a more integral way of living that has serious implications for our modern world at this very polarized time in history.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

8:00-8:15 AM	Optional Morning Reflection Excerpt from *Teilhard de Chardin: A Book of Hours* Kathleen Deignan, CND & Libby Osgood, CND	
8:30–9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast & Gathering	Ballroom
9:00–10:00 AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Speaker: Dan Horan "The Difference Love Makes: What the Incarnation can Teach Us about Living in Community with All Creation"	Ballroom

This presentation explores what difference a Christological view grounded in divine love might mean for those of us living in a time of violence and conflict, and how embracing this theological outlook can shape our faith and relationships in practical ways. In particular, we will explore how God becoming human in the Christ event reveals insights about how we human beings are called to live in community with all creation and renew our sense of ecological interdependence in an age of environmental degradation and climate crisis.

10:00-10:15 AM	Coffee Break	
10:15–11:15 AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Gregory Stock "AI as Agent of Human Transformation: Toward a post-truth world?"	Ballroom

The general focus on the raw capabilities of AI frontier models and the implications of the coming emergence of AGI and ASI are blinding us to the far more powerful implications of massively networked specialized systems. From a macro-evolutionary perspective, it seems clear that coming massive networking effects in AI will be much more transformative than the evolution of AGI itself. Termite colonies, multicellular organisms, and today's global brain all show how even relatively simple elements can, once massively interconnected, produce sudden phase transitions, and that is precisely what is unfolding with AI today.

The implications for us, a dramatic transformation of what it means to be human, are profound. We are rapidly entering a post-truth environment in which reliable evaluation what it is "real" becomes nearly impossible, yet narrow threads of verification remain possible—especially in the domain of human-to-human communication, which can still be deliberately walled off and made trustworthy through our technology. Doing so might meaningfully ease the turbulence of the immediate decades ahead.

11:15–11:30 AM	Stretch/Stand/Move Break	

11:30 AM–12:00 PM	Panel Discussion	Ballroom
12:00-12:30 PM	Closing Ritual	Ballroom
12:30-1:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS: Ilia Delio, OSF	Ballroom
2:00-3:30pm	Post-Conference Lunch (Board & Staff Only)	Mansion