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InterFaith Works Presents 18th Annual Central New York Spiritual Care Day Highlighting a “Listening Presence”

Syracuse, New York – On Thursday, October 23, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m., InterFaith Works of Central New York will host the **18th Annual Central New York Spiritual Care Day** at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church (5299 Jamesville Road, Dewitt). This year’s theme, “Listening Presence,” recognizes the significant impact of communication as it relates to nuance – to what is implied rather than directly spoken. The topic will explore being a listening presence to both verbal and non-verbal means of communication. Listening is a skill essential to counseling and in any intimate conversation and this program will provide those in the medical and spiritual care fields the opportunity to learn how to “hear” the unspoken word.

The program features keynote speaker **Thomas Moore**, author of the bestselling book *“Care of the Soul”* and fifteen other books on deepening spirituality and cultivating the soul in every aspect of life. He has been a monk, musician, university professor and a psychotherapist. Today, he lectures widely on holistic medicine, spirituality, psychotherapy, and ecology. He writes columns for *Resurgence, Spirituality & Health*, and will soon publish *“Writing in the Sand: The Spirituality of Jesus and the Soul of Gospels,” “The Soul of Medicine,”* and *“Hole in One: Stories about the Game of Life.”*

Crouse Hospital and the Institute for Spirituality and Health are organizing the event, in cooperation with InterFaith Works and the Spiritual Care Day Planning Committee. Major sponsors are The Dr. Lee R. Stoner & Ruth H. Stoner RN Fund of the Crouse Health Foundation and St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center.

Spiritual Care Day is held annually in conjunction with the nation-wide celebration of Pastoral Care Week (October 20-26, 2008). Registration pricing for this event offers tickets for \$20 which include morning coffee and the speaker or tickets for \$25 which also includes morning coffee, the speakers, and lunch. Additional information and printable registration forms are available on our website at www.interfaithworkscny.org. Or you may contact the Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams, Director, InterFaith Works’ Spiritual Care Program, at (315) 449-3552 x 111 or tatwoodadams@interfaithworkscny.org.