

# NEWSLETTER

HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY



Dear Friends,

Back in my university days, a philosophy professor shared with our class the teaching of Heraclitus: “You cannot step into the same river twice.” The river is always changing—and so are we. These strange times—politically, socially, and economically—are a powerful reminder of how true that is.

For many of us, these uncertain days are deeply challenging. At the Henri Nouwen Society, we want you to know we’re thinking of you and praying for God’s strength, mprotection, and blessing in your life.



BRUCE ADEMA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I continue to find comfort and encouragement in the words and teachings of Henri Nouwen. In his book *Here and Now: Living in the Spirit*, he writes:

“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.”

That choice is possible because joy is a gift from the unchanging One—the Lord who calls us His beloved.

Thank you for your continued support of the Henri Nouwen Society. In this newsletter, you’ll find updates on the many initiatives we’re engaged in together, and the impact we’re making in the world.

For the Kingdom,

Bruce Adema, Executive Director



**30 Leaders  
9 Countries  
1 Year**



30 young adults will journey in a special leadership cohort for the year leading up to the 30th Anniversary Conference. These young leaders are eager to learn, grow, and share in Henri’s spiritual wisdom.

We are looking for sponsors to cover travel and accommodation costs to attend the 2026 conference. We believe God will use this young leader cohort to amplify, extend, and deepen spirituality in their generation! To sponsor a young leader, contact Wendy VanderWal Martin at: [wvanderwalmartin@henrinouwen.org](mailto:wvanderwalmartin@henrinouwen.org)

*“Henri’s words speak to my heart and my relationship with Jesus.”*



Thanks to the nearly 300 who signed up for the *Following Jesus Book Club* and to all our volunteer moderators. Join us in the fall to go through the trilogy: *Spiritual Direction*, *Spiritual Formation*, *Discernment*. 3 weeks / book in September, October, and November.

*“I’ve loved Henri Nouwen for many years and his writings have shepherded me through many of my life, transitions and difficulties.”*



If you love Henri Nouwen and want to take a deep dive into his contribution to spirituality and other disciplines, join us! Keynote speakers include: **Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Deirdre LaNoue, Dr. Sarah Jean Barton, and Dr. Robert J. Wicks.** There will be 15 additional presenters sharing on panels and covering a wide variety of fascinating topics related to Henri Nouwen and his work.

**Get tickets today: <https://tinyurl.com/yp6jzudd>**

***Do you long for a place of safety that feels like home?***

Based on Henri Nouwen's bestseller, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, this video series will engage, challenge, and bring healing to both individuals and small groups through this three-part experience: Reading the book, engaging the videos, and responding to the reflection questions.

**Available on Vimeo**  
**<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/homecomingseries>**



*“The Holy Spirit continually uses Henri Nouwen’s insights to encourage me.”*



## LEGACY GIVING:

Remembering the Henri Nouwen Society in your will contributes to the future sustainability of this ministry!

Henri often addressed the topic of death. He said, “When we are able to die with grateful hearts, grateful to God and our families and friends, our deaths can become sources of life for others.” If you are one of our long-time, faithful supporters, you may receive an email about legacy giving. Please give this prayerful thought and consideration. We cherish the opportunity to support you in making plans to bear good fruit long into the future.

**For more information visit:**  
**<https://henrinouwen.org/your-legacy/>**