

We Make the Road By Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation

Introduction

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The title of the book comes from one of author, Brian McLaren's heroes, Brazilian educator/activist Paulo Freire. He used this title for a published dialogue between Freire and another seminal educator/activist, Myles Horton, who was an important figure in the Civil Rights Movement in the US. Freire may have derived the quote from the great Spanish poet Antonio Machado:

"Caminante, son tus huellas el camino, y nada más; caminante, no hay camino, se hace camino al andar. Al andar se hace camino, y al volver la vista atrás se ve la senda que nunca se ha de volver a pisar. Caminante, no hay camino, sino estelas en la mar."

Wanderer, your footsteps
are the road,
and nothing more;
wanderer, there is no road,
the road is made by walking.
By walking one makes the road,
and upon glancing behind
one sees the path that never will
be trod again.

Wanderer, there is no road
– Only wakes upon the sea.

— *Antonio Machado, Campos de Castilla*

The title and the poem suggest that Christian faith is still "in the making" (as Dr. John Cobb has put it). It continues to grow, evolve, learn, change, emerge, and mature ... in and through us. What we will be as Christians in the 21st century, for better or worse, will surely change what Christian faith will be in the 22nd century and beyond.

Invitation

McLaren invites his readers to hear God's story as told in the Bible, Genesis through Revelation; and to enter into the great adventure of that story, participating along with God's people in the story that even now continues to unfold.

This year (Sept 2018-Aug 2019) at First Mennonite Church we will use the book, *We Make the Road By Walking* as a guide or template for our shared life together. In worship we will follow the scriptures at the beginning of each chapter. You're invited to consider participating in one or several of the various options included in the "Using *We Make the Road by Walking*." The options and a schedule for our year of walking are included in this packet.

Come! Make the Road as we Walk Together!

~Pastor Wanda

~Pastor Theda

This packet contains:

- Introductory Brochure
- Schedule of Scriptures and Chapters for the year (September 2018 through August 2019)
- Using *We Make the Road by Walking*



