

# Thomas Merton Society of Canada

## WHAT WE DO

The Thomas Merton Society of Canada (TMSC) seeks to make Thomas Merton's life and thought better known and to provide opportunities for reflection on some perennial issues of his time and ours. Steeped in Western and Eastern literature, Merton enhanced our knowledge of the self and showed the implications of this knowledge for our social thinking as well as our spiritual awareness.

In his lifetime, Thomas Merton was hailed as a prophet and censured for his outspoken social criticism. For twenty-seven years he was a monk of the austere Trappist order in Kentucky where he became an eloquent spiritual writer and contemplative as well as a poet, Zen calligrapher, photographer, and peace activist. Born in Prades, France on January 31, 1915, Merton was educated at Cambridge University (England) and Columbia University (New York City). He died in Bangkok on December 10, 1968.

Our 2004/05 program schedule features a series of free public talks at the Central Branch of Vancouver Public Library, retreats and workshops at Canadian Memorial Church & Centre for Peace in Vancouver, a one-day conference at the University of Victoria on Saturday, March 5, 2005, and the 3rd Annual TMSC/Chalmers Institute events on February 11 & 12, 2005.

## HOW WE DO IT

The TMSC is run by a group of volunteers who meet monthly to manage the Society's diverse programs and projects. The TMSC is a registered charitable organization with a Board of Directors. There are no paid employees.

We depend on your annual membership fees and financial gifts to pay for day-to-day operating costs such as printing, postage and website maintenance; for program costs, including facility rental, hospitality, and travel expenses of guest speakers and retreat leaders; and the acquisition of tapes and audiotapes for our lending library, as well as books for the Thomas Merton Reading Room, which is scheduled to open in July 2005 at the Vancouver School of Theology.



## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Borrowing privileges from our extensive audio/videotape library
- Reduced retreat and program fees
- Subscription to the "Quarterly News," TMSC's newsletter
- Advance notice of TMSC and international Merton events
- Invitation to our member recognition Decadent Dessert Party
- Voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting
- Volunteer opportunities that support the work of the TMSC

*“Either you look at the universe as a very poor creation out of which no one can make anything, or you look at your own life and your own part in the universe as infinitely rich, full of inexhaustible interest, opening out into the infinite further possibilities for study and contemplation and interest and praise.  
Beyond all and in all is God.”*

— **Thomas Merton**, *A Search for Solitude, The Journals of Thomas Merton*

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(Sept. 1, 2004 – Aug. 31, 2005)

\$25.00

I enclose my tax-deductible gift to support the work of the Thomas Merton Society of Canada.

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**PAYMENT**

Membership: \$25.00

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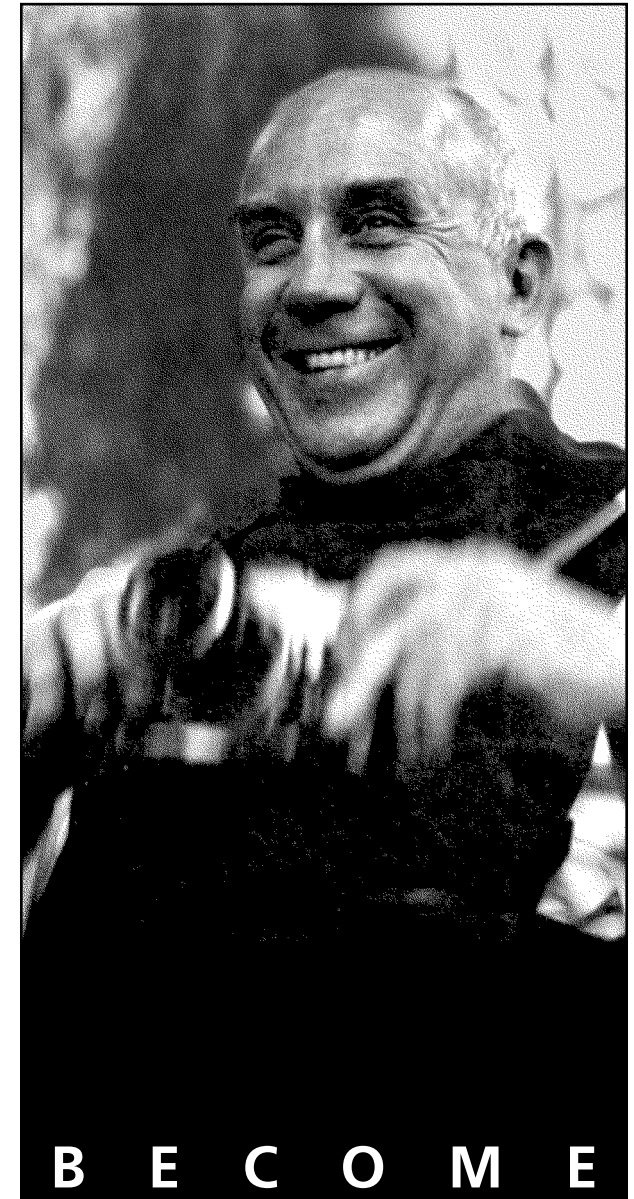
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