

Labyrinth update from Lisa Moriarty, CSJ Consociate  
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I am writing to announce the birth of the new temporary labyrinth on the Carondelet Center grounds. On Saturday, April 18, Marilyn Larson, MJ McGregor, and I, assisted by three others from the MN Labyrinth Network (Dennis and Susan Searle and Ann Hobbs), co-created a new 11-circuit medieval labyrinth west of the original labyrinth. Its present form is in landscape chalk and surveyor flags until the grass grows sufficiently (thank you, rain) for the mowing to hold the pattern.

We chose not to install lunations and the center rosette at this time, feeling that in the present form (chalk and flags), that would only be confusing. These will come as the grass allows mowing.

Both Marilyn and I repeatedly dowsed the area for orientation and location of center. That plus use of compass and mathematics, resulted in the current placement which is oriented with the entrance at the southwest, almost identical to that of the labyrinth in the cathedral in Chartres, France. This orientation points to Bethany, as opposed to where the new building will be jutting out into the space.

The center is located almost exactly due west of the original labyrinth. This results in the farthest outside circuit/path to loop around the youngest tree in the sacred circle of seven. This "adolescent" tree seemed to want to be right in the midst of the action. As a new permanent labyrinth is contemplated, it will likely be smaller in overall diameter, so this tree will no longer be inside the permanent labyrinth. Likewise one older tree has its "toe" dipping into the outside circuit, but this occurs at a point where there is a turn/labrys so the pattern accommodates this easily. There will be two laminated signs on stands which will be placed at the entrance of each labyrinth.

Please visit, walk, and experience.

