

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

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7. It's Not Too Late

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18. Sharing Gifts (Sunday on or after Christmas Day)

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33. The Uprising Begins (Easter Sunday)

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44. Spirit of Love: Loving Self

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45. Spirit of Unity and Diversity

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