

**Rosendale World Service Group
Festival Week Gathering
December 21 – 28
Lifebridge Sanctuary, Rosendale, New York, USA**

The Festival Week gathering hosted by Rosendale World Service Group at Lifebridge Sanctuary in the Hudson Valley, New York began with a Solstice celebration for the local community on December 21st, including a shared Silent Minute, and ended on December 28th.

Well attended with participants from as far afield as Russia, Brazil and Colombia, the residential gathering included three daily meditations for world service, studies from selected passages in the Bailey books, group reflection and conversation, and occasional linking with other groups in shared webinars. Many deep, heartfelt conversations were held in the circle in response to the energies of the Week. Some of these conversations were stimulated by brief spontaneous presentations from participants actively serving in different areas. These included insightful sharings on the United Nations, international cooperation and the SDGs; on work with animals including those domestic animals who possibly form something like the 'Group of World Servers' equivalent within the animal kingdom; on work with prisoners and the insights this work brings to issues of race, poverty and economic sharing; on the experience of trauma therapists who shared insights on the work of the Psychology Seed Group who are required to be present (with detached love) to the depth of the pain (youth suicide, addiction, relationship issues) that is such a part of the transition into the Aquarian Age.