

Leslie and John's Biography

In 1999 Leslie Wright walked her first labyrinth and it sparked something in her. In 2014 she became a certified Veriditas labyrinth facilitator. Leslie feels privileged to have done her training with Dr. Lauren Artress, the author of *Walking a Sacred Path: Rediscovering the Labyrinth as a Spiritual Practice*, in San Francisco. Since that time, she had led over 70 workshops including Stratford Festival volunteers and Spruce Lodge Retirement. Her workshops include tools like finger labyrinths and books to explore and help continue the meditative experience. Leslie has been described as a passionate and welcoming facilitator.

In September 2018 Leslie and her husband John participated in a week long pilgrimage to Chartres Cathedral in France with Veriditas. In November of 2018 they were part of team of facilitators who offered the labyrinth at the Parliament of World Religions. In February 2020 they went to Petaluma, California to complete their advanced Veriditas labyrinth facilitator training. Leslie joined the Veriditas Council in January 2021.

Leslie and John have 3 labyrinths. In June 2015 they purchased a 24-foot canvas, 7 circuit Chartres style labyrinth. In November 2016 work was completed on a permanent labyrinth in the backyard of their Stratford home. In June 2019 Leslie and John were gifted with a 42-foot 11 circuit Chartres style canvas labyrinth.

In June 2016 Leslie and John moved to Stratford permanently from Toronto. After having had a house in Stratford for 9 years they knew that they wanted to make Stratford their home. In addition, from 2009 until June 2016 Leslie sat on the Christian Education team at St. Mark's United Church in Scarborough. Her portfolio was adult education with a focus on exploring spirituality and providing tools for quiet contemplation. She is currently sitting on both the worship and tech teams at Avondale United Church. John is an active member of Rotary.