

1. Your search: In the years/months prior to finding the Church of the Beloved, regarding your spirituality, church community and religious experience: What was happening in your heart? What were you thinking? Spiritually? Emotionally? Intellectually?

I was finding that I was hearing a very limited expression of the commandment to love. It seemed the church was stuck in the past and confined by men's laws of the RC church. These living an authentic life of the Spirit were being excommunicated silenced and denied the ability to teach from their spiritual lives.

2. Your finding: How did you first learn of Church of the Beloved (or the ECC)? What finally prompted you to attend Mass? Tell us about your first experience and your response to it.

December 2009 there was an article in the Denver Post that talked about Church of the Beloved. It was all that I felt a spiritual community that was alive with the Holy Spirit would be. My first experience was Saturday's Mass in December 2009. It was very welcoming. I knew I was home.

3. Your staying: Share why you keep coming back.

The inclusiveness of community at church. The Social Justice activities – being involved with the larger community. I feel that Church of the Beloved is a generous, open-minded group of Catholics following the Holy Spirit and acting according to each one's conscience to bring God's Love.