

### **OPTIONAL PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN NEW ORLEANS**

Wednesday night after closing circle, you can join an optional private tour of New Orleans with Mike Indest, tour guide, minister, art gallery owner. Here's what he says about the walk we'll be taking:

"I think the most interesting stories about New Orleans are about the Religious figures and Institutions that molded the city and the people. Great stories of brave and interesting characters, Priests, Voodoo Priestesses, Nuns, and of course the Fallen. Their partnership created one of the most interesting cities in the world."

- ❖ The Inquisition in New Orleans
  - The Ursuline Nuns - early feminists
  - Sisters of the Holy Family - First black convent in New Orleans
  - Voodoo - Ancient Ancestor worship that survived by "hiding" in Catholicism
  - Architecture
  - French/Spanish History
  - and anything else that comes up during the tour.
- ❖ Mike was raised Catholic, rebelled and became a Calvinist. After High School he moved to Switzerland to study. Moved back to New Orleans and 18 years later finished his Masters in Theology. He has been leading tours for over 6 years, meeting the need for tours that are fun, that tell stories not just facts and that are slightly irreverent.
- ❖ The cost of the tour is \$20 per person. We'll meet at Graphite Galleries, 956 Royal Street at 7pm. The tour will conclude at 8:30pm (a perfect time for dinner on the town in New Orleans). There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby (maximum number is 28). A great way to cap off our time in "the Big Easy."