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Reflections

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'CREATING THE LABYRINTH AT LAFORET'

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This labyrinth was inspired by the Contemplative Life Camp, which had walked an outdoor labyrinth at Benet Pines and an indoor labyrinth at First Congregational, C. Springs. It was a dream of Don Seymour to leave something special for the children and adults of LaForet, something that would give them joy in their spiritual time at this beautiful place. It was also the outcome from contemplative courage, which finds purpose in the silence of God. When asked about a labyrinth for LaForet, the late Jim Koob, simply said "Why Not?"

The labyrinth was created by the entire Seymour family, who planned and worked over a number of years to find the right location. It was also an immense labor of love by life-time camper –Eileen Abbattista. The size of the labyrinth is 85 feet in diameter, twice the size of the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral. The surveyor for the labyrinth was Dana Seymour, ably assisted by Marilyn. The measurements had to be exact as well as the careful treatment of existing pines...our green which help us on our way. Finally, after seasons of measurement and placement of the markings, forty tons of river rock were donated by the Seymour and transported to their sacred home. Besides these able hands, the LaForet labyrinth was brought to birth by past directors –Ken and his dear wife, and youth from the Disciples of the Christ and the U.C.C.



- At first, the labyrinth was planned for a south location, and then the present site seemed more suitable.
- If you wish to know the master-mind, himself, a long time contemplative:
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