# RE-TOUCHER / TOUCHING / LOOKING

Michaël Picard, Max Picard's son, told Levinas one day that his father was in the habit of saying that

"the face of the other is proof of God's existence"

The French verb 're-toucher' says it all: repairing something means leaving yourself open to being touched. What does touching mean at a time when we have to keep a meter and a half distance. Can you touch without touching? Can you touch by looking?

### THE RITUAL OF

(per two people)

- Step quietly into the Choir with someone else (acquaintance or stranger).
- Choose a stone from the full circle of stones and in so doing place yourself in the story of the opposites (John 8,1-11).
- Walk separately to each side of the wall and place your stone on the pedestal.
- Behind the wall you'll find two chairs. Sit opposite each other in silence and look each other in the eyes.
- Take the time you need. You can use the hourglass (3 min).
- After that place your stone in the open arch of the dialogue.
- Leave the Choir in silence.

#### THE LIGHT

Leonard Cohen

**GETS IN** 

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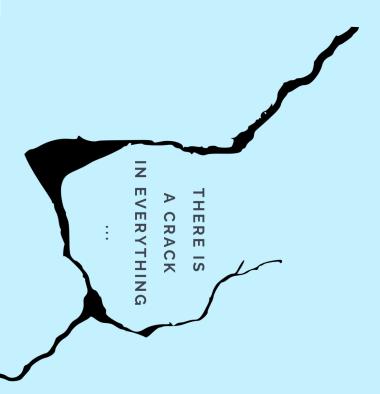
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## TOUCHER

we are all touched by recovery
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some point in our lives. After a fracture, after Every one of us has to deal with recovery at illness, after trauma

entire society at once like a virus. unintentional. Sometimes it happens to an Sometimes intentional, conscious, sometimes Sometimes it happens to you, it's done to you. Sometimes it's what you do or don't do.

Whether we want it or not, recovery is part of

church as a place of recovery. Welcome to the Holy Magdalene Church, the

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### Recovery starts with you.

With looking consciously. See inside/

Quizzing yourself and letting yourself

backtrack, to advance Repentance that makes it possible to

Allowing yourself to feel sorrow,

between head, heart and gut. Re-allowing a connection and balance

You can't bring peace if you don't feel

It's about regaining your right to exist spite of everything RE-STORING. Repositioning yourself. In

## Recovery starts with others

glance". With those who don't pin you down on your actions With those who look beyond "a quick

but query you,

Try to understand

give space and open up perspective.

### Pollie Gregoor Installation eyewitnesses (2018-2020)

silently on the lookout and in blind faith lorgetting that both insight and eyes staring at what's going on in their field of vision are required here



Eisden-Maasmechelen (Limburg, Belgium). Multidisciplinary installations and land-art projects have Pollie Gregoor (1949) lives and works with Roosje Chini in

played an increasingly important role in his work in

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### NOVING

Recovery requires change, movement



A path of hope and

motion. swing that sets you in movement on the axis suggests this making sense with meaning, route with direction, perspective, a future Choir. Along the way, between portal and This church space you come across a

or an accidental passer-by. Just ask! A back and forth between The Other and The Self With a welcome boost from someone familiar

#### THE RIGHT QUESTION

(John 8:1-11). There is a story in the Gospel of John

stone" and everyone slinks away. way. "He who is without sin cast the first broken by Jesus in an unprecedented ignore the law. Classical A or B thinking is law is to stone her. To set her free is to challenges him to take a stand. To follow the An adulteress is brought to Jesus and she

position RE-STORING someone by taking a stand Choosing to take an open and unbiased