

# NURTURING PASSIONATE SPIRITUALITY

– A Life Changing and Enriching Day for Clergy and Laity of the New England Annual Conference.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

9:00AM-4:00PM

Sponsored by the New England Conference Spiritual Formation Initiative and Rolling Ridge Retreat & Conference Center.

## BISHOP PETER WEAVER

DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS: “No longer my own, but Thine.”

Music and Worship led by Ben Yosua-Davis

## Workshops to Nurture your Spiritual Journey and Transform the Congregation.

### Morning Pathways (10:45-12:15)\*

Spiritual Paths: We'll explore our individual expressions of spirituality and their implications for congregational life and worship. Led by Evie Doyon, retreat leader and spiritual director from Vermont

It's the end of the world as we know it...or is it?: Despite a tidal wave of change, our religious structures remain essentially unchanged. What are the forms and structures that will help us to better share the Gospel? Led by Barbara Kszystyniak, creative pastor who facebookes and tweets.

New Resources for Nurturing Passionate Spirituality: Fresh Air and Retreat in a Box, new resources from the Conference Spiritual Formation Initiative that can change the spiritual climate of your church. Learn from Beth Garnaas-Holmes and Larry Peacock, authors and leaders of the new materials. (workshop repeated am and pm)

Helping Children Experience God: An introduction to The Way of the child, the Companions in Christ curriculum from the Upper Room that uses the practices of spiritual discipline to help children to increase in wisdom and experience God in their lives. Led by Cathy MacGovern, gifted teacher and Preacher's Aid Society staff.

### Afternoon Pathways (1:30-3:00)\*

Icons as a Spiritual Discipline: Wise African descendant, Abraham Waya leads a cultural and spiritual experience with Russian Icons. Learn to see and be seen by these gifts for the soul.

Spirituality in Retirement- Learn from two who have made the leap. Sam Johnson retired recently from BU School of Theology to do a new thing. Karen Lubic turned from an engineering career and jumped into theology and school.

From My Street: Rediscover how to live an inspiring faith. I will share how the lessons I learned from my life, taught me how to love God unconditionally. A renewing workshop from Rene Perez, new District Superintendent of Central Massachusetts.

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## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE\*

9:00	Gathering /Workshop sign-up*
9:30	Opening Worship Keynote – Bishop Peter Weaver
10:30	Break
10:45	Pathways classes until 12:15
	• <b>Spiritual Paths</b> Evie Doyon
	• <b>It's the end of the world as we know it...or is it?</b> Barbara Kszystyniak
	• <b>New Resources for Nurturing Passionate Spirituality</b> Larry Peacock & Beth Garnaas-Holmes
	• <b>Helping Children Experience God</b> Cathy MacGovern
12:30	Lunch
1:30	Pathways classes until 3pm
	• <b>From My Street</b> Rene Perez
	• <b>Icons as a Spiritual Discipline</b> Abraham Waya
	• <b>Spirituality in Retirement</b> Sam Johnson & Karen Lubic
	• <b>New Resources for Nurturing Passionate Spirituality</b> Larry Peacock & Beth Garnaas-Holmes
3:15	Closing Worship– Communion with Bishop Weaver
3:45	Depart

## Leadership from New England and Vermont including:

Evie Doyon, Beth Garnaas-Holmes, Sam Johnson, Barbara Kszystyniak, Karen Lubic, Cathy MacGovern, Larry Peacock, Rene Perez, and Abraham Waya.

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This Day includes your gourmet lunch. *We suggest* an early arrival time of 8:30am for gathering, workshop sign-up (\* which is on a first come first serve basis), pastry, coffee & tea, prior to a 9:30 program start.

Please let us know in advance should you have specific dietary needs.

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