About This Training

A retreat is an invitation to deepen one’s relationship with God, self, and community. In the advanced retreat leadership training, we focus on developing our skills as retreat leaders, and creating retreat content to help retreatants become more attentive to these relationships. This training is experiential, with periods of lively creativity interspersed with prayer pauses and shared silence. You will hone your listening skills, open new windows into prayer and scripture, explore a few of the classic spiritual disciplines of Christian faith, and engage the practice of discernment as a means of self-reflection and encouraging others.

Thursday evening
Overview and logistics
“Retreats and relational”
Sharing

Friday morning
Spiritual Disciplines 1
Creativity and Music

Friday afternoon
Discernment
Solitude

Friday evening
Listening
Creativity and Clay

Saturday morning
Spiritual Disciplines 2
Sharing/Processing
Closing

The Advanced Retreat Leaders Training is:

An opportunity to go deeper into some elements and practices of effective retreat leadership. This training is recommended for anyone who has attended previous retreat leader trainings, or has some experience in leading retreats or other spiritual formation experiences.

SCHEDULE

Thursday:
7:00 - 9:30pm Session I

Friday:
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00 Session II
noon Lunch
2:00 - 5:00 Session III
5:30 Dinner
7:00 - 9:00 Session IV

Saturday:
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 - 11:30 Session V

“Many People are searching for a deeper understanding of their own spiritual journey, their own experience of God: how to claim it, how to integrate it, and how to articulate it. A retreat gives persons the opportunity to explore all three dimensions. A retreat leader is, in essence, a facilitator of that process, a process through which retreatants discover for themselves.”

— Gwen White

Leadership Training
November 19-21, 2015
Rolling Ridge Retreat & Conference Center
660 Great Pond Road
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Meet Our Leader

Susan MacKenzie
A spiritual director for almost 20 years, Susan works with those who seek to live their faith and to become more attentive to their spiritual gifts. Susan leads retreats on topics including prayer, sabbath, nature, environmental justice, and sustainability to faith-affiliated groups throughout the Northeast. A Master Naturalist, she leads kayak, hiking and snowshoe trips for personal renewal and affinity with God’s creation. Susan is a member of Pleasant Street UMC in Waterville Maine, and part of the Parish Consultant Network of the United Methodist Church.

The grounds at Rolling Ridge

COST

Single $250 / Double $200 until October 23; after January 15, the cost increases to $260 Single/ $210 Double.
Includes two nights lodging, six meals, refreshments, and program materials.

Commuter -- $100 until October 23; after October 23, the cost increases to $110.
Includes refreshments and program materials and all meals.

Scholarships for laity are available, please contact Cathy MacGovern: pascm@comcast.net or Evie Doyan: eviedo@gmail.com.

MEF funds available for clergy

2 CEU’s will be available upon request.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Received by Nov. 1, 2015
Participants refunded all costs except $25.00 deposit.

Received after Nov. 1, 2015
Participants responsible for the full fee.

Advanced Leadership Training cancelled:
Participants will be notified by Nov 1, 2015 and refunded full amount.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Registration Deadline is Nov 1, 2015)

Name _______________________________________
Address _____________________________________
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Phone: ______________________________________
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