

Singspiration!

Making a Joyful Noise

Sunday-Time for Reflection & Praise!

We will conclude our time together Sunday with one final breakout session with Debbie Lou and morning worship with communion with Pastor Heather.

Who knows you might even find yourself part of choir that morning. Stranger things....

So, still not convinced this is for you?

Low Cost for the Weekend—Too Good to Miss!!!!

Cambridge Hotel & Conference Center
— where it is all taking place



The event will take place at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre conveniently located off the 401 in Cambridge, ON. The cost for the entire weekend (includes food and accommodations) is **\$200.00** per person based on double-occupancy. If you do not wish to share a room you can elect to have a single room for and additional \$100.00 for the weekend.

Our local arrangements will provide transportation from Toronto or Hamilton airports and all bus and train depots in the area both on Friday and Sunday.

Registration forms are included with this brochure along with a poster that can be reproduced and posted in your Narthex.

Make your plans now and **SAVE THE DATE!** Early registration (before **March 15, 2015**) saves you \$\$!

An Event for all Women

Sponsored by the Women of the Eastern Synod

Eastern Synod Women's Ministry
Presents...

Singspiration!

Making a Joyful Noise.

A Weekend Retreat for Women of All Ages

May 29 - 31, 2015

Cambridge, Ontario

Supported in part by a grant from the Women of Faith Fund.

Singspiration!

Making a Joyful Noise

Friday—Inshallah sings for us

Inshallah is a group of community singers based at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary under the direction of Debbie Lou Ludolph our keynote speaker. The idea for the choir was inspired by a trip to Palestine in 2007 where Debbie Lou and a team of others had a transforming time worshipping and singing in the midst of all that they were experiencing. The Arabic word *inshallah* means “God willing.” *Inshallah* sings songs of praise and prayer from around the world. In particular, they focus on songs from the global South that speak to themes of social justice. The concert will be in St. Peter's Church in Cambridge and be a fundraiser for the Seminary.



Some of the Stimulating Breakout Sessions on Saturday



Keynote Speaker Debbie Lou Ludolph



Our keynote speaker for the event will be **Debbie Lou Ludolph**. Debbie Lou is the Dean of Keffer Chapel at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Director of Worship Ministries for the Eastern Synod and teaches voice at Wilfrid Laurier University. In addition, she is Director of both the *Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song* and the *Centre's* global song community choir—*Inshallah* Choir. The Kanata Centre has a specific interest in the opportunity for Canadians to grow in our connectedness to the rest of the world by building bridges to other cultures and in church renewal.

Debbie Lou was named Companion of the Worship Arts in 2006 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. She has led worship and music on two trips to the Holy Land with WLS, and also creates opportunities for public conversations about worship practice and ecumenical worship opportunities partnering with musicians and artists in the community.

Saturday—Make a Joyful Noise!

From worship to keynote addresses to many varying breakout sessions, Saturday offers something for everyone. Debbie Lou will have two keynote addresses, one at the beginning of the day, and one with our special guests *Mino Ode Kwewak N'Gamowak*—The Good Hearted Women Singers. They will take us on a walk through time from before contact to present day reconciliation efforts. They will share information about Indigenous way of life before contact, after contact with Europeans, impact of assimilation policies such as the Indian Act and residential schools, present day efforts to reclaim culture, healing, languages to efforts in building relationships with Settler peoples.

Our worship leader, Pastor Heather Spencer-Stoltz will provide uplifting worship opportunities as well as bible study for those interested. Breakouts are varied, and will appeal to all age groups. Read the descriptions found on the registration form enclosed.

Not really musical? You don't have to be! You can take a class in handbell ringing or you can learn to play a musical instrument—without knowing a single note of music. There will be a class in leading or teaching a song to your group or congregation, and some old-fashioned line dancing. There are even breakouts devoted to the younger women—of interest to them or to anyone. Most breakouts will be offered twice, once in the morning and afternoon. There is, however, an offsite trip planned to the community of St. Jacobs for an afternoon of shopping or observing history for those interested.