

2018 BISHOP'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR CLERGY



Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre
7021 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario
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February 4-7, 2018

Dear friends,

Grace be yours and peace.

This letter is written to invite clergy of the Eastern Synod, ELCIC, and clergy of the Diocese of Niagara, Anglican Church of Canada, to the Bishop's Spiritual Retreat for Clergy.

Spiritual Direction:	The Reverend David Maginley
Retreat Director & Chaplain:	The Reverend Wendell Grahlman
Registrar:	The Reverend Kevin J. Baglole

Continually, God calls us not to worship God as much as participate with God, for we are each particular manifestations of the underlying Consciousness from which reality emerges and by which it is sustained. Our presenter, Rev. David Maginley, is a spiritual counsellor with the cancer, palliative and ICU programs at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and author of *Beyond Surviving: Cancer and Your Spiritual Journey*. He has also survived cancer four times, which resulted in a profound near-death experience and explorations in the nature of consciousness and the connection of body, mind and spirit. He is an advisor for provincial and federal cancer initiatives, and lectures throughout Canada on integrative spirituality in health care. David knows what it's like to have cancer from both sides of the hospital bed, and has a sense of this life from both sides of the veil.

Our worship coordinator will be The Rev. Wendell Grahlman, who has long served the participants of this retreat in leadership since 1996. Ordained in 1986, he has served parishes in Magnetawan, Cambridge, Elmira, Midland and Kitchener, and has served as Secretary of the Eastern Synod since 2002. Wendell's toys and joys have included philately (stamp collecting), reading, music, computers, Star Trek, and dabbling in many sports as participant and observer. He also likes making lists, driving, and pushing the boundaries on things (within reason and with good reason). Along the way, Wendell has had a long time interest in liturgical texts and sources, and at this point in the life of the church has some concerns about the continuing intersection of texts with the changing lives of worshippers and faith communities.

To register, visit <https://form.jotform.com/EasternSynod/2018SpiritualRetreat>. **The registration fee is \$350.** Payment can be made through the on-line registration form via PayPal, or by sending a cheque to the registrar, The Reverend Kevin J. Baglole, 17 Apex Ct, Stoney Creek, ON L8J 1J2. Please make cheques payable to *The Eastern Synod*. Your registration will not be complete until payment has been received.

Please note that the registration deadline is January 12th, 2018.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- We will be housed in both the Main Building and, as necessary, Avila Hall. Sharing with your favourite room-mate is encouraged as this will keep more folks in the Main Building. Avila Hall has shared washrooms BUT ALL SINGLE ROOMS. Please indicate on your registration form who your room-mate will be, after consulting them, of course!
- Retreatants should arrive Sunday between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. The program begins at 7:30 pm. The retreat will end following lunch on Wednesday.
- Single rooms are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Please bring your alb as retreatants will be invited to wear their albs for worship. We will follow a daily regimen of worship including daily Eucharists; an opening Affirmation of Baptism, closing Affirmation of Vows, and a Healing Service.
- Silence will be a part of our retreat experience.
- There will also be the opportunity for social times, so you may wish to bring refreshments to share.
- Questions? E-mail the registrar, The Rev. Kevin J. Baglole at kjbaglole65@cogeco.ca.

Looking forward to seeing you in February!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Michael". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M'.

Bishop Michael Pryse
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