

in the JOY JOURNEY



Off-site Excursions Saturday

The Niagara Region is a perfect area to explore! With that in mind, we have arranged a couple of off-site excursions which you can take advantage of.

1. Tour the Teaching Winery at Niagara College—for a small fee, tour the vineyards, cellars and have a taste of some fantastic wines. Transportation can be arranged.

2. A Bus Tour to the Butterfly Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. An extra fee applies.

All off-site tours subject to cancellation if not enough participants—money will be refunded.

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

Niagara College and Residence
— where it is all taking place



Niagara College & Residence and view of Vineyards and Teaching Facility

The event will take place at Niagara College Campus and Residence in beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. The cost for the entire weekend (includes food and accommodation) is **\$275.00** per person based on double-occupancy. While you are in a residence apartment (2 persons in each unit), each have their own bedroom, so there is no single occupancy available.

The facility is situated perfectly for visiting some of the better tourist attractions in the Niagara Region. For that purpose, Thursday night accommodation at the college is available for an additional cost (Friday meals would be on your own).

Registration forms will be sent out to congregations in January. Look for updates for the event on the new Women's Ministry Website www.eswomensministry.com.

Make your plans now and
SAVE THE DATE!

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An Event for all Women

Sponsored by Women's Ministry of the Eastern Synod



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With the "Red Shoe" Banquet

A Weekend Retreat for Women of All Ages

May 24-26, 2019

Niagara College

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON



Keynote Speaker **JOANNE GOODWIN**

Joanne is a dynamic speaker who has often been referred to as Canada's own "Barbara Johnson". She is constantly travelling and sharing what she has learned through her many trials, and heartaches. Her

unique ability to share her experiences with transparency and humour leaves her audiences laughing and crying—but most importantly, encouraged.

Joanne currently resides in Hamilton, ON and is the mother of three young adults and the grandmother of 10. She is married to Joe who is an interim pastor when the need arises and sometimes travels with her. She has appeared several times on 100 Huntley Street and is the former co-host of a Montreal radio talk show.

Some of the Stimulating Breakout Sessions on Saturday

Arts & Crafts



Labyrinth



Wampum Beads



BIBLE STUDY



Chair Yoga



Chaplain **REV. KAREN KUHNERT**

Ordained in 2008, Karen has been a congregational and transitions pastor for the last decade. She is well known to the women of the Synod as Archivist (Story-keeper) for the Eastern Synod, beginning in 2009. Since 2011 she has also been a leader in our Church on Indigenous Rights Advocacy and Reconciliation. In 2015 and 2017 Karen helped write the World Council of Churches' Statements on Climate Change for COP21 and COP24 at international ecumenical conferences in Sweden and Iceland. She looks forward to a participatory Women's gathering. Her thoughts on the gathering, as of Summer 2018, centre around God's love for the earth and all that is in it (Psalm 24). Pr. Karen currently serves St. James in St. Jacobs.

Strong Water Women – Zhoonge Niibii Kwe



Saturday we will be joined by our sisters from the Strong Water Women, or Zhoonge Niibii Kwe, a group of Indigenous Women from many different nations who reside in the Niagara Region, and who gather together weekly to promote identity while nurturing each other's Spirit. The main purpose of the group is unity as intended in our original teachings. The group has been together for over two years and they practice every Wednesday night, hosted by the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.