

Rostered Leaders Retreat

Purpose and Values: Why Do We Do What We Do and Why Does it Matter?

February 23-25, 2025
Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre
Niagara Falls, ON

Dear friends,

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

Our theme this time will be ***"Purpose and Values: Why Do We Do What We Do and Why Does it Matter?"***

All people are drawn to communities, events, and ideas that match with their own internal values. Values are the internal beliefs and ideals that give significance to our lives. They underpin our worldviews, beliefs, and assumptions about everything we encounter and form the basis of our behaviour.

Similarly, purpose is what drives people and groups to achieve, improve, or persevere. Purpose is what gives energy and focus, and it is what builds community and shared commitment. However, most congregations and leaders cannot articulate their own values or purpose.

This retreat will be the beginning of exploring personal and organizational values and purpose so that leaders can more effectively lead their congregations and ministries toward a shared purpose and common values. With shared purpose and common values, congregations and ministries will be better able to take part in what God is doing in our church and in the world.

Our retreat presenter will be Bishop Jason Zinko of the Manitoba/ Northwestern Ontario Synod of the ELCIC. Bishop Jason graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon in 2010 and will graduate from Royal Roads University in Spring 2025 with a Master of Arts in Leadership with a focus on values-based leadership. He is a Certified Executive Coach and working toward a credential with the International Coaching Federation.



Retreat Director:	Bishop Carla Blakley
Chaplain:	Rev. Kimberlynn McNabb
Registrar:	Rev. Colin Cameron

To register, visit: <https://form.jotform.com/243464830911052>

The registration fee is \$300. Payment can be made through the on-line registration form or by sending a cheque **by courier to the registrar, The Rev. Colin Cameron, 143 Hixon Road, Hamilton, ON L8K 2C3. Due to the ongoing mail strike, cheques can also be dropped off at the synod office during regular business hours.**

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 31st, 2025.
The agenda is not yet finalized, but will be shared before the retreat.**

ACCOMODATIONS:

- We will be housed in the main building.
- There are a total of **45 guestrooms** available.
- Retreatants should arrive Sunday between 6:30 and 7:00. The program begins at 7:30 pm.
- There will be opportunity for social times, so you may wish to bring refreshments to share.
- Albs will **not** be required this year.
- The retreat will end following lunch on Tuesday, February 25th.
- Questions? Email the registrar, The Rev. Colin Cameron at: colin@burlingtonanglicanlutheranchurch.ca

Looking forward to seeing you in February!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Carla Blakley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross symbol at the beginning.

Bishop Carla Blakley