

# ***Bishop's Spiritual Retreat for Lay Persons***

**Participating in the Christ Consciousness - a reprise!**

**APRIL 5-7, 2024**

**MOUNT CARMEL SPIRITUAL CENTRE  
NIAGARA FALLS, ON**

Dear friends,

Grace be yours and peace.

This letter is written to invite laypersons of the Eastern Synod, ELCIC, and the Diocese of Niagara, Anglican Church of Canada, to attend a spiritual retreat.

Our theme this time will be ***"Participating in the Christ Consciousness – a reprise!"***

Our retreat presenter will be Rev. David Maginley. In 2018, David led us in an exploration of how we participate in the Christ Consciousness by examining the nature of consciousness, prayer, and near-death experiences. Seven years later, David returns to that theme by applying Non-Duality. This is the recognition that underlying the multiplicity and diversity of experience, there is a single, infinite, and indivisible reality whose nature is pure consciousness, from which all objects and selves derive their apparently independent existence. It is, indeed, as St. Paul states: God is that through which we live and move and have our being.



From the wisdom of the Christian tradition and his experience being with thousands of people as they approach the edge of mortality, David will explore this Non-Dual nature of being in Christ, and how all experiences are met by God's grace... especially suffering and death!

Worship Leader:	The Rev. Doug Reble
Director of Music:	Jamie Courtney
Retreat Director:	Dorothy Frook
Registrar:	Prijna Gingrich

**Register soon, for space is limited!**

The retreat will be held from Friday April 5th – Sunday April 7th, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

**The all-inclusive registration rate is \$275.00, and commuter rate is \$125.00.**

\*Payment can be made via Paypal or credit card when registering online,  
or by mailing a cheque to: The Eastern Synod 74 Weber St. W Kitchener, ON N2H 3Z3\*

Please make cheques payable to 'The Eastern Synod' ( be sure to write on memo line "Lay  
Retreat".) Your registration will not be complete until payment has been received.

**\*Please note that the registration deadline is March 22, 2024 at 4pm\***

Registration will be available at: <https://form.jotform.com/240045228030239>  
or on the Eastern Synod website at [www.eastersynod.org](http://www.eastersynod.org)

**\*\* ALL ATTENDEES MUST COMPLETE AN ONLINE REGISTRATION \*\***

If you have any questions about the retreat, you are invited to contact the Registrar, Prijna  
Gingrich ([anp.gingrich@rogers.com](mailto:anp.gingrich@rogers.com) or by telephone (519) 591-5652) or the Retreat Director,  
Dorothy Frook ([dbfrook@wightman.ca](mailto:dbfrook@wightman.ca)).

Looking forward to seeing you in April!

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

Bishop Michael Pryse