

Dear friends,

Grace be yours and peace.

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 "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!

Retreat Director: The Rev. Wendell Caron Grahlman

Director of Music: The Rev. Mark Ehlebracht
Chaplain: The Very Rev. Peter Wall
Registrar: The Rev. Colin Cameron

To register, visit: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/233105899825264">https://form.jotform.com/233105899825264</a>

The registration fee is \$380. Payment can be made through the on-line registration form via PayPal, or by sending a cheque to the registrar, The Rev. Colin Cameron, 2402 Hereford Cres, Burlington, ON L7P 1X3

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 19th, 2024.

## **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 7:30 pm. The program begins at 7:30pm.
- 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 part of our retreat experience.
- There will also be the opportunity for social times, so you may wish to bring refreshments to share.
- The retreat will end following lunch on Wednesday February 7th.
- Questions? E-mail the registrar, The Rev. Colin Cameron at: <a href="mailto:pastorcolin@holycrossburlington.ca">pastorcolin@holycrossburlington.ca</a>

Looking forward to seeing you in February!

Bishop Michael Pryse