

*Annual Spring Retreat*

# **Being the Church God Is Calling You to Be.**

## **Spirit, Blueprint, Simple Tools For Discerning God's Call!**

March 1-3, 2012

**Thursday - Saturday**

at

Fernclyff

**Camp and Conference Center  
Little Rock**

*Sponsored by*

*Congregational Care & Development Committee*

*Presbytery of Arkansas*

**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

4:00-6:00	Registration Opens
4:00-5:30	Seminars
6:00	Dinner
7:00-9:00	Plenary
9:00	Benediction

**Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30	Breakfast
8:45-12:00	Plenary
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Seminars
2:30	Seminars
4:00	Free Time ( Bookstore, etc)
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Plenary
8:30	Communion & Benediction

**Saturday, March 3rd**

7:30	Breakfast
8:15	Plenary
10:30	Seminars
12:00	Lunch
	Closing Benediction– Dining Hall

**All Plenary are held in the CAB Building.  
All Seminars are held simultaneously.**

## Annual Spring Retreat Schedule of Events

### Seminars

**A. A New Form of Government—  
A New Vision of Church.**

*(This seminar will focus on how congregations might use the new Form of Government as a resource for new and creative ministries.)*

**Rev. Dr. Robert Lowry**

**B. Evangelizing with Social Media.**

*(Using Face book to promote the Good Book, Twitter to tell the ultimate truth and Four Square to let people know that you're there.)*

**Rev. Anne Russ**

**C. The Theology of Pastoral Care  
As Story Listening.**

*(Many people say that when it comes to caring for someone, they do not know what to say or they are afraid of “saying the wrong thing.” Learn a simple and effective solution.)*

**Rev. Al Henager**

**D. Evangelism—A natural part of our Life.**

*(Evangelism can be a natural part of our life style without being offensive).*

**Rev. Eric Hoey**

*Each seminar will be presented once on Thursday, twice on Friday and once on Saturday to allow each participant to attend all seminars being offered.*

**This Retreat is For:**

- All laypersons
- Teaching Elders
- Commissioned Ruling Elders
- Lay Academy participants and graduates
- Christian Educators

**Seminar Leaders:**

**Rev. Al Henager** is a minister member of the Presbytery of Arkansas where he has served for eleven years as a healthcare chaplain. He is currently parish associate at Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church, Little Rock.

**Rev. Eric Hoey** is the director of Evangelism and Church Growth of the General Assembly Council. Formerly a pastor for 15 years of two churches in Southern California, he has a deep passion to help churches and governing bodies to pursue their full redemptive potential.

**Rev. Dr. Robert Wm. Lowry** is Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Batesville. Robert holds degrees from Millsap's College, Austin Seminary, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary of NW University, Columbia Seminary and is working toward a PhD from Univ. Of Aberdeen in Scotland.

**Rev. Anne Russ** is the temporary supply pastor at First Presbyterian in Argenta, North Little Rock. She has served as keynote and worship leader for conferences around the Presbytery and Synod. She is on the Board of Ferncliff and has served as a chaplain at camp each summer.

**Rev. Michael Vinson**

He is the staff resource of Congregational Care and Development committee for the Presbytery of Arkansas. He works to help people and communities of faith discern next steps in ministry and mission and equip them to take those steps in healthy and life nurturing ways.

Rev. Vinson will lead our plenary in,

**What if spirit were all that mattered in the church God is calling us to be?**

**What if the Blueprint for being the church God is calling us to be were already present in us?**

**Being the church God is calling us to be..who are we anyway?**

**What if there were simple tools for discerning the church God is calling us to be?  
Being the church God is calling us to be, how do we deal with grief, loss and  
conflict?**

**Registration Form**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Town \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodation Preference:**

	<u>Lodging and meals</u>	<u>Meals only</u>		
	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Single*</u>	<u>Commuter</u>
Entire Event	\$95__	\$115__	\$145__	\$80__
Thurs Eve & Fri only	\$75__	\$90__	\$40__	
Fri Eve & Sat only	\$75__	\$90__	\$40__	

\*Single occupancy is available on a limited first come, first served basis.

There is NO LIMIT on the number of participants from each church.

**Registration deadline is Feb. 24**

**CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**  
**ON REQUEST BY FEB 1, 2012**

**Register online through Ferncliff at [www.ferncliff.org](http://www.ferncliff.org)**

**Or call 501-821-3063**

**Or send registration to Ferncliff :  
1720 Ferncliff Road  
Little Rock, AR 72223**

**This Retreat is exciting!**

**Don't miss it!**  
**Sign up today!!**

**Small Churches** represent the majority of churches in the Presbytery of Arkansas. They face some common challenges that require creativity and insight in order to fulfill GOD's special call in ministry. This conference affirms the small church and provides tools and resources for small churches to become healthier and better equipped to respond to GOD's call.

**This Retreat is For:**

- All laypersons
- Small church installed Pastors, Commissioned Lay Pastors, and people trained as Lay Academy participants and graduates
- Larger church leaders interested in exploring small church ministry.

**This Retreat Offers:**

- Whole group plenary sessions focused on small church ministry
- Small group workshops to meet your special needs
- Opportunities to share
- Worship, fun, and free time
- Great accommodations, meals, and setting at Ferncliff

**Goals of this Retreat:**

- Affirm and celebrate small church ministry
- Inspire and inform people involved in small church ministry
- Share practical suggestions, examples, and resources
- Create community among Presbytery of Arkansas churches

Announcing A Special Workshop!

“This is our story,  
this is our song”

**Retreat Leadership:**

We are pleased to have as keynote speaker **Reverend Philip Lotspeich**.

Philip was called to the position of Coordinator for Church Growth in the Evangelism Program Area of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in February, 2008. He works with new church development and congregational transformation. The Office of Church Growth exists to help grow healthy, missional churches in the PCUSA. Philip's passion is to see people catch the vision to share their faith, start new faith communities and to see churches grow and thrive.

We are also blessed with excellent people from within our Presbytery who have graciously volunteered their time and resources as Workshop and Worship Leaders.

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