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Executive Leadership
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Retreat Center

Jesuit Retreat House in Cleveland, Ohio, founded in 1893 by German Jesuits, is the first lay retreat center in America. Just a few months ago, another “first” happened when Sister Mary Ann Flannery was appointed the first woman executive director of the center. Though the center is located less than 10 miles from Cleveland Hopkins Airport, it is known as “a place of peace in the city.” For more information, see www.jrh-cleveland.org.

Retreat participants will be assigned to single rooms and will share bathroom facilities (towels and linens are provided). Two chapels are available for prayer and worship services. A prayer pathway, shrines and stations of the cross are located on the 57 acres of forest and meadow. A well-stocked library is also available in the retreat center.

Arrival time is 1:00 pm, Monday, October 26; departure time is 2:30-3:00 pm, Wednesday, October 28.

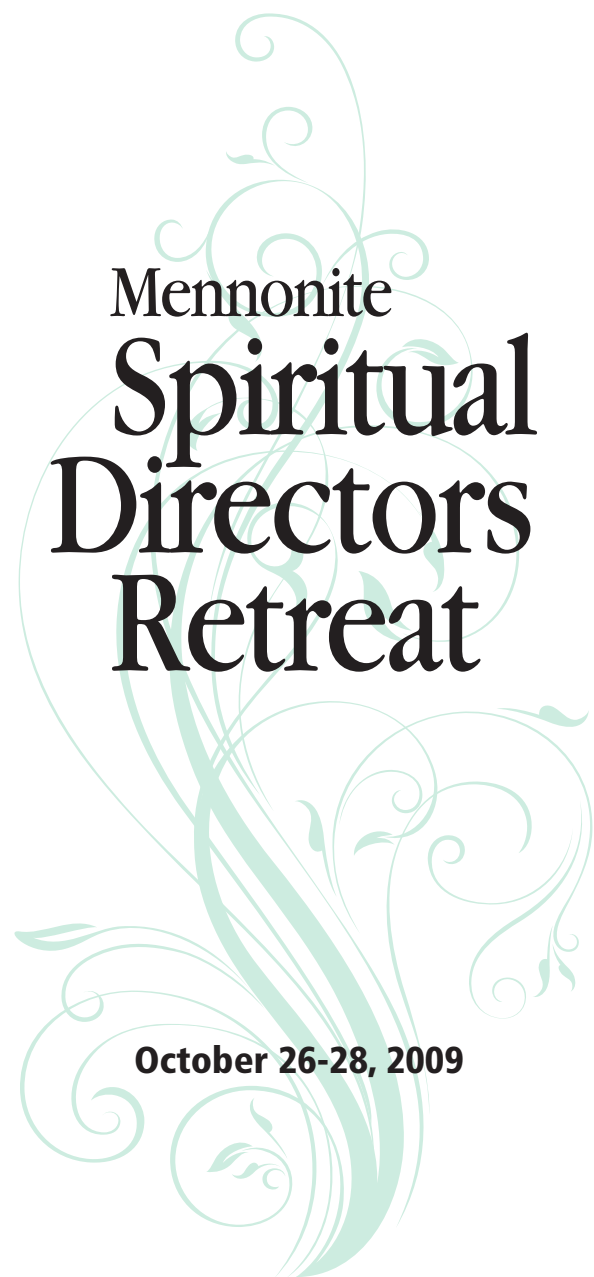
Though the Jesuit Retreat Center has an elevator, the buildings are not completely handicapped accessible. However, the dining room, chapel, meeting rooms and restrooms are on the main floor, and bedrooms are on the other floors.

Bring comfortable clothing for indoor sessions and outdoor walking.

For our book and music display, you are invited to bring along books or other resources you’d like others to know about as well as recorded music you’ve found helpful in spiritual direction sessions or for personal prayer (feel free to bring along your own portable CD player and earphones for listening to music in your room).

Art options/suggestions will be available for those who enjoy praying with art. In addition, we hope to offer massage sessions (a fee will be charged).

A registration reminder will be sent to our mailing list by mid-August. Upon registering, you will receive a letter of confirmation. If you know of other Mennonite spiritual directors or pastors who provide spiritual direction and are not currently listed as part of the Mennonite Spiritual Directors listing (<http://www.mennoniteusa.org/Portals/0/WebDownloads/DM/Spiritual-Directors.pdf>), feel free to pass this information on to them.



Mennonite Spiritual Directors Retreat

October 26-28, 2009

Mennonite Spiritual Directors Retreat

This retreat for Mennonite spiritual directors explores the ministry of spiritual direction in the context of John 15:12-17, where Jesus declares that we are no longer slaves, but friends. Jesus infers that his own ministry of direction with the disciples has evolved over time into a qualitatively different type of relationship. This movement into friendship signaled a radical shift since slaves were trapped in grudging, resentful servitude, while friends gladly sought each other's well-being. In his own relationship with disciples, and in the relationships among disciples of both genders, Jesus' ministry grows friendships of loving union which then bear fruit. In our evolving ministry as spiritual directors, we cooperate with Jesus in fostering these relationships that can go and bear fruit.

Presentations by Dr. Wendy M. Wright will explore the contours of spiritual friendship and spiritual direction relationships, especially as they occur over time.

Questions to be considered include:

- What are signs of healthy friendship/direction relationships in the beginning?
- How do such relationships mature?
- What are significant issues for both directors and directees in long-term relationships?
- How do gender issues affect such relationships?
- What is the good fruit of these relationships?

Presenter: Dr. Wendy M. Wright



Wendy M. Wright holds a PhD degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara and is currently Professor of Theology at Creighton University (Omaha, Nebraska), where she also holds the John C. Kenefick

Faculty Chair in the Humanities. She teaches in Creighton's Christian Spirituality Master's program and the National Methodist Academy for Spiritual Formation.

Special areas of interest include the history of spirituality, spiritual direction, family spirituality, and the Salesian spiritual tradition. In addition to being the author of several books, she is a frequent contributor to *Weavings* and *Family and Community Ministries*. Several of her books include:

Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal:

Letters of Spiritual Direction

Sacred Dwelling: A Spirituality of Family Life

The Vigil: Keeping Watch in the Season of Christ's Coming

The Rising: Living the Mysteries of Lent, Easter and Pentecost

The Time Between: Cycles and Rhythms in Ordinary Time

Caryll Houselander: Essential Writings

Wendy and her husband, Roger Bergman, are the parents of three young adult children.

Retreat Schedule

Monday, Oct. 26

1:00 pm	Arrival/Settle into rooms
2:00	Welcome Circle, introductions
2:30	Worship
3:00	Session #1
4:30	Sabbath time
5:30	Dinner
7:00	Session #2
8:30	Sung evening prayer
9:00	Close of day

Tuesday, Oct. 27

7:30 am	Morning centering prayer
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Session #3
11:00	Sabbath time
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Sabbath time
5:30	Silent dinner
7:00	Session #4
8:30	Sung evening prayer
9:00	Close of day

Wednesday, Oct. 28

7:30 am	Morning centering prayer
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00	Session #5
11:00	Sabbath time
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:30 pm	Closing worship
2:30	Departure

Registration

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State ____ Zip _____
 Phone (____) _____
 Cell (____) _____
 E-mail _____
 Congregation _____
 Conference _____
 Special Needs:
 vegetarian diet
 allergies _____
 other (please specify) _____

If you have special dietary needs (e.g., wheat or peanut allergy) or require a vegetarian diet, please indicate your needs (the center will be informed of your requests; however, if they do not receive this information in advance, they cannot guarantee special meals).

- I have interest in a massage, if available.
- I will need transportation from/to Cleveland Hopkins Airport:

Arrive _____ (am/pm) _____
 (date) (time) (airline/flight #)

Depart _____ (am/pm) _____
 (date) (time) (airline/flight #)

Registration (includes 6 meals/2 nights lodging):
 (postmarked by Aug. 31, 2009) \$270 _____
 (postmarked after Aug. 31, 2009) \$285 _____

Make check payable to **Mennonite Church USA** and send payment with registration to:

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