

South Church Fall Community Retreat

Columbus Weekend October 6-9, 2017

Information and Registration Form

Come share a weekend of re-creation and rejuvenation with your friends from South Church. This year we return to Geneva Point Retreat Center on beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee. The retreat is scheduled for the long Columbus Day holiday weekend, beginning Friday night and ending at noon on Monday. You have the option to stay three nights or just Friday and Saturday nights. This is a collaborative retreat and we encourage all participants to share their interests, skills and talents with the larger community. You can help out with building the bonfire, making coffee in the Inn, and staying to clean up at the end of the weekend for example.

The Fall Community Retreat has become an annual tradition at South Church. This gathering offers the opportunity to know other church members and friends in a deeper more intimate way. Because the group is small when compared to the overall church membership (about 40-50 people attend), it is easier to make new friends, reaffirm old ones, and know ourselves better through workshops and activities. Each year welcomes a well-rounded mix of veterans as well as newcomers. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend. If needed, financial assistance may be available.

Housing

Our entire group will be housed on the second and third floors of the Inn building at Geneva Point. Other wheelchair accessible accommodations are available. Most rooms feature two single beds and we encourage assigning two people per room. Families will be assigned adjacent rooms. When you arrive you will be given your room assignment. The Inn features a spacious lobby, the central meeting place, where many activities are held. With *no central heating - just a large wood stove*, it is a lot like camping.

Accommodations

Common bathrooms are shared and hot showers are on each floor. Pillows and blankets are provided. Sleeping bags or warm blankets are strongly suggested.. *The second floor rooms are more comfortable and warmer than the third floor and are offered as a premium to the earliest registrants. The third floor rooms are quieter and offered at a discount.*

Rooms are assigned in order of receipt by the registrar.

Meals

The cost of registration includes all meals beginning with breakfast on Saturday through lunch on Monday. We have requested vegetarian options. Meals are offered buffet-style in the dining hall and there has always been plenty to eat. The committee provides snacks and beverages in the Inn. You are also allowed to bring your own snacks and beverages including beer and wine.

Activities and Workshops

Attendees facilitate the activities and workshops; therefore, they are as diverse as the group itself. Past offerings have included: meditation, yoga, poetry, writing, tai chi, improvisation, crafts, drawing & painting, prayer flag construction, tarot, music, board games, 'new' games, pumpkin-carving,, guided nature walk, hiking, dancing, singing, and always a bonfire gathering. Musicians are encouraged to bring instruments. There is no additional cost for workshops. There are great hiking trails and fields to explore. Bring poems, songs and other things to share at the community bonfire.

Children

This is an all-church retreat and children are welcome! Children can participate in many of the workshop offerings and family activities. Child-centered activities and child supervision have occurred so parents can participate in workshops. If you have an interest or talent working with children, please let us know.

Registrant Information

Registrant #1: _____ [] Adult [] Child (age : _____)

Registrant #2: _____ [] Adult [] Child (age : _____)

Registrant #3: _____ [] Adult [] Child (age : _____)

Registrant #4: _____ [] Adult [] Child (age : _____)

Note: Children include those up to and including age 17

Phone: () _____

E-mail: _____ Special requirements (vegetarian, etc): _____

2. Cost Calculator

2-day option: Friday and Saturday night accommodations, 3 meals Saturday, 2 meals Sunday

3-day option: Friday-Sunday night accommodations, 3 meals Saturday and Sunday, 2 meals Monday

Rate

	3-days single room	3-days double room		2 -days single room	2 -days double room
2nd floor	\$320	\$230		\$245	\$185
3rd floor	\$260	\$200		\$205	\$165

FAMILY DISCOUNT: First child is ½ price; all other children attend for free.

(from chart above)

Registrant #1		
Registrant #2		
Registrant #3		
Registrant #4		Total

(Optional)

I understand that rooms are filled first come first served, and would like to request room # _____

I am registering for a double and would like to room with _____.

Rooms are assigned in order of receipt by the registrar. Last year the Inn was full so get your registration in early! We will submit our guest list to Geneva Point on September 25, so registrations are due by then. *Some financial assistance is available. **Contact: Paula Boivin, Registrar, paulamboivin@yahoo.com**

Registrations can be completed and paid for in the following ways:

- Online at the church website – fill out the form and use your credit card.
- At church after Sunday service at the Fall Retreat Table – fill out a paper registration and pay with check.

If you would like to contribute extra money toward the Financial Aid, please add that amount to your payment. Cancellations before September 25th will be granted a full refund, after that refunds will be dependent upon the retreat team's ability to fill your spot.