

# Spiritual and Personal Wholeness

## *Rest and Renewal Information*

### **CALIFORNIA**

#### **Genesee Home**

7202 Genesee Road  
Taylorsville CA 95983  
530-284-1082

[www.geneseehome.org](http://www.geneseehome.org)

Special retreat opportunity for pastors and spouses.

\$375 a week for a couple includes bedroom with private bath for five nights, three meals per day, and the use of library and recreation activities on the ranch.

Contact Bill Godwin at [begodwin@earthlink.net](mailto:begodwin@earthlink.net) to learn more about this facility. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Redwood Glen Conference Center**

100 Wright Dr., Loma Mar, CA 94021

Phone: 650-879-0320

[info@redwoodglen.com](mailto:info@redwoodglen.com)

Website: [redwoodglen.com](http://redwoodglen.com)

Redwood Glen provides several conferences and retreats for clergy during the year, including our Pastor's Sabbath weeks which welcomes the entire family. Clergy are welcome any time during the year, space available, for only the cost of cleaning the motel-style room with private bath and balcony or patio. Redwood Glen is located in the Santa Cruz mountains, 10 miles from the Pacific Ocean, and less than 90 minutes from all three Bay Area airports.

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### **MAINE**

#### **China Lake Conference Center**

Neck Road  
China Village ME  
(207) 968-2101

<http://www.chinalake.net/>

China Lake Conference Center is situated on a lovely hillside in central Maine along 2000 feet of scenic lakeshore. The 208-acre campus offers a beautiful year-round setting for daytime and overnight events of all kinds. Comfortable, functional rooms for meetings, workshops, retreats, private gatherings, conferences and concerts are available. Opportunities for recreation at the center and in the surrounding area abound.

#### **Greenfire Retreat Center**

329 Wallston Road  
Tenants Harbor ME 04860  
[Greenfireretreat.org](http://Greenfireretreat.org)

Greenfire is a small retreat house for women from all backgrounds who seek spiritual transformation, rest or renewal. Greenfire provides opportunities for silence, solitude, recreation and reflection, as well as consultations and workshops. See website for costs.

#### **Ocean Park**

14 Temple Avenue, P.O. Box 7296  
Ocean Park, ME 04063  
(207) 934-9068

[opa@oceanpark.org](mailto:opa@oceanpark.org)

[www.oceanpark.org](http://www.oceanpark.org)

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The seaside Chautauqua community of Ocean Park, Maine, has 126 years of history and heritage as a summer assembly in the Chautauqua tradition. Ocean Park is a retreat to the quiet of the pines and the beach offering lectures, workshops, family programs, and opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal in a nondenominational, interfaith setting. The seven-mile beach and the surrounding marsh and forest land are national treasures.

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### **MASSACHUSETTES**

#### **Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center**

660 Great Pond Road, North Andover, MA 01845

(978) 682-8815

[thestaff@rollingridge.org](mailto:thestaff@rollingridge.org)

[www.rollingridge.org](http://www.rollingridge.org)

Rolling Ridge is a retreat and conference center open to individuals of all faiths and to a wide variety of groups who seek a time of rest and reflection, who desire new resources for living, who long for space to listen or to plan and create. The 38 acres of woods, rolling hills, and lakefront and the 40-room Georgian estate provide the setting and accommodates for you or your group. Rolling Ridge is a ministry of the New England Conference, United Methodist Church.

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### **MICHIGAN**

#### **The Leaven Center**

7981 Peckins Road, P.O. Box 97, Lyons, MI 48851

(989) 855-2606 (Office) or (989) 855-2805 (Lodge)

[www.leaven.org](http://www.leaven.org)

The Leaven Center is a retreat and study center for people engaged in movements for social change. The Leaven Center is a place of beauty where you can find rest and nourishment for your body and spirit. It is also a context for bold and innovative programming that addresses significant issues of our day. The Leaven Center was born of the conviction that the spiritual life cannot be divorced from an active concern for the world and that those who work for justice need resources for spiritual renewal and vitality. The land at the Leaven Center has a special magic that makes it ideally suited for individual and group retreats. Meditative walking paths wind through meadows, woods, and alongside the Grand River. The Center welcomes people of all races, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, and faith traditions who seek to deepen their commitment to social transformation.

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### **MINNESOTA**

#### **Christ the King Retreat Center**

621 First Avenue, South, Buffalo, MN 55313

(763) 682-1394

[christtheking@kingshouse.com](mailto:christtheking@kingshouse.com)

[www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com)

Christ the King Retreat Center has 69 rooms with private baths and is handicapped accessible. It also has two dining rooms, two large conference rooms and one small conference room, as well as numerous break-out rooms. Services offered are spiritual direction, on- and off-site presentations, and directed retreats.

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## Ministers Council Rest and Renewal Sites

### **NEBRASKA**

Site Name: Camp Moses Merrill

Location: Camp Merrill is located approximately 60 miles west of Omaha NE and 60 miles north of Lincoln NE  
2849 Road 31, Bldg. 3  
Linwood NE 68036  
402-666-5639

Description: Relax in the peacefulness of 568 acres of wooded hills. You may enjoy hiking, bird watching, reading, or just taking in the scenery. Spend some time on the Prayer Walk or looking for deer and wild turkeys.

Cost: \$60 per room per night. Meals negotiable.

Web Site: [www.campmerrill.com](http://www.campmerrill.com)

Contact: MaryBeth Robertson, Program Director  
[mrobertson@campmerrill.com](mailto:mrobertson@campmerrill.com)

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### **NEW JERSEY**

America's Keswick

601 Route 530

Whiting, NJ 08759

1-800-453-7942

[www.AmericasKeswick.org](http://www.AmericasKeswick.org)

two free nights/year bed and breakfast for pastors and spouses in motel-style rooms with private baths pool, sauna, hot tub, gymnasium, seasonal sports, trails and benches around small lake in the Pine Barrons additional days at \$58 per night.

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### **NEW MEXICO**

#### **Water in the Desert Ministries**

P.O. Box 65818, Albuquerque, NM 87193

(505) 899-3738

<http://waterinthedesert.org>

Water in the Desert Ministries is dedicated to teaching people how to gain a deeper relationship with God. They believe God is yearning to quench the thirst of anyone who is willing to walk a journey of transformation. Water in the Desert Ministries is for individuals (lay and clergy) seeking spiritual renewal or formation; any individual or church seeking to discern God's will for life or ministry; groups seeking speakers, retreat leaders, guidance in spiritual renewal and formation, consulting/training on corporate spiritual discernment, training in the practices of Worshipful-Work, or a facilitator for a planning/working retreat.

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### **NEW YORK**

#### **Center of Renewal Retreat & Conference Center**

4421 Lower River Road, Stella Niagara, NY 14144

(716) 754-7376

[Hospitality@Center-of-Renewal.org](mailto:Hospitality@Center-of-Renewal.org)

[www.center-of-renewal.org](http://www.center-of-renewal.org)

The Center of Renewal, Inc. at Stella Niagara is a community of service. In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, they provide hospitality, promote spiritual growth, and foster the development of people. Individuals and groups are welcome to this environment of peace and beauty located on the scenic Lower Niagara only 10 miles from Niagara Falls.

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### **Christ the King Retreat House**

500 Brookford Road, Syracuse, NY 13224

(315) 446-2680

[christthekingretreat@gmail.com](mailto:christthekingretreat@gmail.com)

Christ the King Retreat Center offers Silent Men's Retreats; Silent Women's Retreats; Catholic Singles, Separated or Divorced; Serenity Retreats as well as space for meeting and retreat space for groups of all denominations.

### **Christ the King Seminary**

711 Knox Road, East Aurora, NY 14052

(716) 652-8900

[psieracki@cks.edu](mailto:psieracki@cks.edu)

[www.cks.edu](http://www.cks.edu)

Christ the King Seminary welcomes nonprofit organizations to use its campus for conferences, meetings, lectures, retreats, banquets, and other events. Residence halls with an average of 34 rooms are available for overnight accommodations. Each hall is equipped with a lounge, chapel, and small kitchen.

### **Holy Cross Monastery**

PO Box 99

West Park NY 12493

(845) 384-6660 X3002

[guesthouse@hcmnet.org](mailto:guesthouse@hcmnet.org)

[www.holycrossmonastery.com](http://www.holycrossmonastery.com)

A beautiful retreat site on the west bank of the Hudson River. An Episcopal monastery of the Benedictine Order, they focus on the ministry of hospitality. Guests are invited to participate in the services of Daily Office. Spiritual direction is available. See their website for scheduled retreats. Individual retreatants are also welcome.

Cost: \$70 per night includes three meals.

### **Mt. Irenaeus Franciscan Mountain Retreat**

P.O. Box 100, West Clarksville, NY 14786

(585) 973-2470

[Mount.irenaeus@gmail.com](mailto:Mount.irenaeus@gmail.com)

[www.mounti.com](http://www.mounti.com)

Rooted in the Franciscan tradition, the Mt. Irenaeus community is committed to simple, joyful, healing communion with God and all creation through contemplation and the communal experience of God's justice, love and peace in contemporary everyday life. Life at Mt. Irenaeus is centered on attending to what is primary: presence to God, others, one's self and earth. All who participate in the mission of the Mountain join with Jesus Christ in "making all things new" by creating and nourishing a community that transcends a particular place, opening to all peoples, ages and cultures.

### **Notre Dame Retreat House**

5151 Foster Road, P.O. Box 342, Canandaigua, NY 14424

(585) 394-5700

<http://ndretreat.org>

Notre Dame is a well-equipped facility, with breath-taking views of Canandaigua Lake. The beautiful spacious grounds on a quiet hill are just minutes from town. Notre Dame's chapel has seating for 200 people. They have overnight accommodations for 110 people, with a mixture of both single and double rooms. They have hosted conferences for hospital staffs, college and school faculties, Natural Helpers school programs, young men & women Christian organizations, various divisions of companies, as well as social and religious groups. Notre Dame Retreat House is a holy place where people come to reflect on life and their relationship with God. All are welcome.

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### **RETREAT, Village Baptist Church**

PO Box 136

Fort Edward, NY 12828

Need a Vacation?

As part of our mission and ministry in 2007, we are again offering our parsonage as a vacation home for one week of your choice from Memorial Day weekend through the end of October. There is no charge. We ask that you leave it as clean and as nice as you find it.

The small historical community of Fort Edward is nestled in the foothills of the Adirondacks just minutes from Saratoga Springs and Lake George. There are plenty of attractions for families as well as individuals and couples.

If you would like further details regarding this opportunity, please write or e-mail:

Attention: Board of Missions

[ruthless76@verizon.net](mailto:ruthless76@verizon.net)

Board of Missions

Village Baptist Church

Fort Edward, NY

### **Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks**

87 Silver Bay Road

Silver Bay, NY 12874

Tel: 518-543-8833 X 286; Fax: 518-543-6733

[www.silverbay.org](http://www.silverbay.org)

Offers private and shared baths with meals for pastors and their immediate family members.

Availability: September through May. No charge; donations accepted.

### **St. Columban Center**

6892 Lakeshore Road, P.O. Box 816, Derby, NY 14047

[columban@buffnet.net](mailto:columban@buffnet.net)

[www.stcolumbancenter.org](http://www.stcolumbancenter.org)

St. Columban Center is a Christ-centered facility which affords all people an opportunity for renewing and discovering ways of living in harmony with God, self, and others. Founded by lay Catholics, its continuing mission is to help people of God meet present and future needs of the church. Leading and hosting parish, school, and church groups both Catholic and other Christian denominations.

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## **OHIO**

### **A Valley View Inn**

Located on 42 acres of gently rolling hills in eastern Ohio, A Valley View Inn rests among the farms, fields and woodlands of Amish country. As our guest, you will enjoy first-rate hospitality in a lovely rural setting. Each room has a private bath, queen-size bed and handcrafted Amish furnishings.

Awaken to the smell of baking bread as our Amish cooks prepare wonderful meals from traditional family recipes. Introduce yourself to the draft horses or watch the birds at the feeders. Or wander the hills on the grounds, fish in the pond (no license needed) or enjoy a leisurely drive through the countryside.

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At A Valley View Inn, the pace is slow, the neighbors friendly and the air clean and fresh. Come restore your spirit as you experience the serenity of Amish country and the companionship of others who share your calling.

### Basics

Rooms: Six, each with private bath

Daily Meals: Continental breakfast, a three-course community meal and an abundant buffet each evening

Retreat length: 6 p.m. Sunday through 10 a.m. Friday

Reservations: Required

Cost: Free to qualifying pastors

[www.pastorsretreatnetwork.org](http://www.pastorsretreatnetwork.org)

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## **OREGON**

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey**

Abbey Road, Lafayette, OR

P.O. Box 97 Lafayette, OR 97127

(503) 852-7174

<http://www.trappistabbey.org/>

Description A beautiful site with 1400 acres, mostly woods. Hiking is available. The monks chant the psalms several times daily, and guests are welcome to attend. The guest facilities include single rooms on two levels with a shared bath. We have had our Oregon Ministers Council retreat here several times. A very peaceful, restful place. Call well in advance for reservations.

Cost Suggested donation of \$40/night, includes vegetarian meals (2-night minimum).

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## **RHODE ISLAND**

### **Motter Resource Center**

Canonicus Camp and Conference Center - ABCORI

PO Box 330

54 Exeter Road

Exeter RI 02822

401-294-6318

800-294-6318

[www.canonicus.org](http://www.canonicus.org)

This facility can accommodate a family of four with two bedrooms each with two single beds. Microwave, refrigerator and coffee maker. Meals available at area restaurants or in the dining hall when conference groups are on site. No housing charge for American Baptist ministers. Contact Conferencing Coordinator Linda Martin. – [Lindam@canonicus.org](mailto:Lindam@canonicus.org)

### **One Christian Hill**

Joyce Duerr

1 Christian Hill Road

Westerly RI 02891

401-377-2745

[jbuerr@cox.net](mailto:jbuerr@cox.net)

Private home with three bedrooms – Sleeps six: one double, one twin, one bunk – and bath; kitchen privileges. River access for kayaking or canoeing. Donation

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### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

#### Retreat or Sabbatical Option

There is a house, furnished and free, located on Lake Hartwell on the northern SC-GA border. The church intended it for furloughing missionaries, but there have been no takers for the past year. The church is open to SBC, CBF, and ABC ministers or missionaries using it. Location is convenient to UGA, Clemson, one hour from Atlanta. It might make a good place of retreat and refreshing for ministers taking a sabbatical.

Contact Pastor Dan Vincent at [ABCpastor1@mindspring.com](mailto:ABCpastor1@mindspring.com) (Dan is pastor of American Baptist Church, Fort Collins, CO) or Pauline Tucker at [Sardis@hartcom.net](mailto:Sardis@hartcom.net).

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### **TENNESEE**

#### Jamestown, TN

#### **PASTORAL RETREAT CABIN**

*By Jim Rogers, retired pastor of Jamestown United Methodist Church, Jamestown, TN*

Our dear friends, Tom and Joyce Pickard, are making available without cost to Christian ministers a get-away cabin north of Jamestown for rest, relaxation and reflection.

Able to sleep up to 8 people, the cabin is fully furnished with everything except food. In keeping with the theme of privacy and tranquility, no telephone or television is provided. They ask only that the cabin be left as clean as it is found.

Located four miles from Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area and seven miles from Pickett State Rustic Park, one can enjoy as much privacy as desired. Rental horses can be obtained nearby. Situated well off a seldom traveled road, noise is usually limited to the singing of birds, deer grazing in the yard and other natural sounds. My Mollie and I spent a week there in June and were most comfortable and refreshed.

Tom and Joyce understand and appreciate the job related stress of ministers and want to give them something in return. They have asked us to assist with the scheduling. Those wishing to arrange for a few days stay or for more information may contact me at [jimrogers@frontiernet.net](mailto:jimrogers@frontiernet.net) or (931) 261-9676.

#### **Pilgrim House Hostel & Retreat Center**

1000 South Cooper Street, Memphis, TN 38104  
(800) 330-7622 or (901) 273-8341 or (901) 278-6786, ext. 5  
[pilgrimhouse06@yahoo.com](mailto:pilgrimhouse06@yahoo.com)  
[www.pilgrimhouse.org](http://www.pilgrimhouse.org)

Pilgrim House Hotel and Retreat Center is located inside First Congregational Church, in the heart of Cooper Young, a vibrant and diverse neighborhood in Midtown Memphis. They have shared and private rooms available from \$15 per person. With traditional hostel values at its core, Pilgrim House operates with the help of guest participation in light daily chores and serves individuals and groups alike.

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### **TEXAS**

#### Texas Stagecoach

Located just 90 minutes northwest of San Antonio in the Texas Hill Country, is the picturesque and secluded Texas Stagecoach Inn in Vanderpool, TX. The beauty of the Texas Hill Country sets the stage for your retreat. Nearby Lost Maples State Natural Area provides bountiful opportunities for hiking and observing nature.

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The Texas Stagecoach Inn is a stately white mansion overlooking the Sabinal River and shaded by a century-old pecan tree. Five beautifully appointed guest rooms with private baths—most with king size beds—and gracious common areas reflect elegance and careful attention to detail. “Set a spell” on the decks that overlook the river and enjoy the view from this Texas paradise.

### Basics

Rooms: Five, each with private bath

Daily Meals: Continental breakfast, a three-course community meal and an abundant buffet each evening

Retreat length: 6 p.m. Sunday through 10 a.m. Friday

Reservations: Required

Cost: Free to qualifying pastors

[www.pastorsretreatnetwork.org](http://www.pastorsretreatnetwork.org)

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## **WASHINGTON**

### **The Palisades Archdiocesan Retreat & Faith Formation Center**

4700 SW Dash Point Road, #100, Federal Way, WA 98023

(206) 748-7991 (Seattle) or (253) 927-9621 (Tacoma)

[www.seattlearch.org/FormationAndEducation/RetreatCenters/Palisades+Retreat+C](http://www.seattlearch.org/FormationAndEducation/RetreatCenters/Palisades+Retreat+C)

Unique among the retreat and conference centers in Western Washington for its beauty, history, and ministry, the Palisades is a place of personal and spiritual growth within the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle. Catholic Parishes and Schools as well as community and nonprofit organizations of the Pacific Northwest find here a place that celebrates its history and a sign of faith in the future. They offer affordable overnight guest rooms, full meal service, and three private meeting areas perfect for group and individual retreats, workshops, formation experiences, and staff training. They have a beautiful view overlooking the Puget Sound and a peaceful setting for quiet reflection and prayer.

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## **WEST VIRGINIA**

### **Faith Mountain**

<http://www.faithmountain.org/>

HC 73 BOX 18 C

Rosedale, WV 26636

Phone and Fax: 304-364-4019

faithmtn@mountain.net

### **Parchment Valley**

<http://wvbc.org/>

WV Baptist Conference Center

Route 2, Box 304

Ripley, WV 25271

Guest Services & Events Manager: Koreen Villers [villers@wvbc.org](mailto:villers@wvbc.org)

Phone: (304) 372-3675

Fax: (304) 372-5160

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## Ministers Council Rest and Renewal Sites

### **WISCONSIN**

#### **Cedarly Pastors Retreat**

Located about 30 minutes west of Milwaukee in the quaint town of Delafield, Cedarly is a completely restored turn-of-the-century home resting on the shores of Upper Nemahbin Lake. Six beautifully appointed guest rooms with private baths and spacious common areas reflect the simple elegance of life a century ago. Also on the property is the Woodshed Prayer House, often used by local pastors and open to retreat guests, when available.

Enjoy the beauty of the four seasons as you wander 6 ½ acres of wooded grounds, canoe on the lake, bike along tree-shaded roads or sit on the screened porch and watch the birds at the feeder. Wildlife is varied and plentiful.

At Cedarly, we plan every detail for your enjoyment—from the clean, comfortable rooms (each with a gorgeous view) to the fabulous food prepared by our personal chef. The center operates year round, with each season bringing its own special charms.

#### Basics

Rooms: Six, each with private bath

Daily Meals: Continental breakfast, a three-course community meal and an abundant buffet each evening

Retreat length: 6 p.m. Sunday through 10 a.m. Friday

Reservations: Required

Cost: Free to qualifying pastors

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#### **Camp Tamarack**

E879 Golke Rd.

Waupaca, WI.

715-281-2267

[www.camptamarack.org](http://www.camptamarack.org)

Camp Tamarack is made up of 200 beautiful, wooded acres on the Chain of Lakes in Central Wisconsin.

Enjoy hiking, deer watching, swimming, reading, relaxing surrounded by peacefulness and the beauty of God's creation.

The Hyde Suite is a hotel type room equipped with private bath, fridge, microwave, coffee maker, individually controlled heat & AC. \$35.00 per night for pastor and family.