



Drawing Closer

An Overnight
Retreat for the
Diocese of WV.

Come closer
to your God.

An overnight retreat to draw you deeper into relationship with God and your fellow Episcopalians. Sign up now.

What: An overnight retreat for Episcopalians in West Virginia

Who: For all who yearn to draw closer to God and Neighbor ... lay people in our churches, clergy, and those who serve the diocesan committees and all those want to get connected with God and neighbor.

When: Friday May 4 – Saturday May 5th. Check in is from 3-5 p.m. on Fri. May 4th and the retreat ends by 4 p.m. Sat. May 5th.

How Much: \$50 per person

Where: Bishop Hodges Retreat Center in Huttonsville

Why: To draw closer to God and one another

This deeply meaningful retreat will

- increase your sense of God's presence in your life
- give you the time and space you need to draw closer to the holy
- help you connect your passion for serving God with the mission & vision of our diocese
- form long lasting relationship with others who share your love for the Episcopal church.

See other side for schedule and registration forms ... due April 23rd!

Friday, May 4

- 3 to 5 Check in
- 4:30 Group gathers for fellowship and introductions/ice breakers
- 6 PM Dinner with Eucharist at tables
- 7:30PM Gather to watch: The Single Story
- 8:00 Welcome and introduction to stations (
- 8:15 Social time – dessert and hot drinks
- 9:30 Compline

Saturday, May 5

- 8 AM Breakfast.
- 9 -10 The Science and language of God
- 10 – 10:20 Movie clip ‘The lunch date’ with Conversation.
- 10:20 Break
- 10:30 Drawing Closer Stations of Choice
Stations are meant to draw people closer to God. This will be a quiet period and participants are welcome to spend time at the stations or outdoors walking or praying in nature. Stations may have visuals, short readings, discussions, cards, suggestions for journaling other artistic expressions. Stations may include:
 - **Drawing closer to Diversity - movie with discussion or meditation**
 - **Healing of body, mind and spirit - anointing and laying on of hands for healing**
 - **Expressing the Holy through art - multi media creativity**
 - **Seeing God in nature and science.**
 - **Meditation and journaling**
- 12 noon Lunch
- 1-3 Stations continue, choose a new one.
- 3-4 Closing Eucharist and Dismissal ... drive safely!

Registration Form Due by April 23, 2018

Name _____

Church: _____

Address _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

I am ____ A Diocesan Committee Leader: (name of Committee) _____

I am ____ A Diocesan Committee member: (name of Committee) _____

I am ____ A Diocesan church member: (name of church) _____

I am ____ not affiliated with the Diocese of West Virginia but I want to attend the event.

____ My fee of \$50 is enclosed, made payable to the Diocese of West Virginia, please note: retreat fee.

Return by April 23, 2018

Mail to: Diocese of WV, P.O. Box 5400, Charleston, WV 25361 ATTN: Mollie Bailey, Retreat