

Embracing the Silence: A Day of Contemplation
A Quiet Day Retreat by the Congregational Retreat Society
June 26, 2024

Dr. Lisa S. Bircher will be the Retreat Guide for the Quiet Day Retreat on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 8:00 am-4:00 pm, asking questions that will be examined in the silence: How do you sense the Holy Spirit? How do you pray and listen for answers? How are you guided by Jesus Christ and welcome his invitation to be in a personal relationship with Him? How do you recognize God’s still, small voice? If you think you could use time set aside for pursuing your relationship with the Almighty, this retreat is a golden opportunity!

Your retreat guide, Dr. Lisa S. Bircher, is a retired high school science teacher and a NACCC Lay Ministry Training Program student, completing her first year of study. Lisa was interim lay leader for Grace Church of Columbiana, Ohio this past fall and winter. She is excited to guide you in pursuing your conversations with our Lord at this retreat. She prays for your peace and renewal on this day set aside for quiet contemplation.

The event will take place at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, 6910 S. Ben Burr Rd., Spokane, WA 99223, a 15-20-minute drive from the Centennial Hotel in Spokane, and featuring approximately 33 wooded acres, including numerous walkways, paths of the cross, as well as the Cedar Chapel and White Chapel which are small, private wooden structures overlooking Moran Prairie, where retreatants can enjoy solitude, prayer and reflection. The facility is adjacent to the Queen of Peace Cemetery which may be explored. Plan to meet in the hotel lobby at 8:00 am to depart for the retreat facility as a group via shuttle bus. The shuttle bus will return you to the Centennial by 4:00pm.

This form and a check for \$30.00, which covers the cost of lunch and use of the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center facilities, made out to the Congregational Retreat Society, must be received by Monday, June 3, 2024. Send checks to Miriam Bryant c/o First Congregational Church, 312 West Main St., Marshalltown, Iowa 50158. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY INFORMATION OR PAYMENT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OR TO THE NACCC OFFICE IN OAK CREEK, WISCONSIN. Please pre-register by Monday, June 3, 2024 (strict deadline), at the address above — Registration will only be finalized when full payment is received. Please email Dr. Lisa S. Bircher with any questions.



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Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Transportation Information

_____ I will be driving myself.

_____ I am willing to drive # _____ others in my vehicle.

_____ I will need transportation. We will have a shuttle departing and arriving from the Centennial.

Payment Information

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