# Wesleyan Contemplative Order

## 12th Annual Fall Retreat

# **Soul Tent**

## The Spiritual Practice of Hospitality

Starrette Farm Retreat, Statesville

Sunday, October 10th: 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. (optional but highly suggestive not to be missed)

For Sunday attendees, you may either commute or stay at a nearby Statesville hotel. Arrive after 3:00 pm. Prompt start at 4:00 p.m. with Welcome followed by an afternoon of learning, discovery and growth, a delicious dinner and closing Compline . . . departing in silence.

Monday, October 11th: 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Arrive in silence after 9:00 a.m. to get parked, settled, and seated for Morning Worship with Centering Prayer. Prompt start at 9:30 am. Lunch is provided.

COST is only \$40 (for one or both days)

#### SPACE IS LIMITED TO 30 ATTENDEES

- Invitation opens to Vowed Members first.
- If space allows, after April 1, the Fall Retreat will be extended to all band members (those who have not yet taken their vows).
- If spaces remain as we near October 10<sup>th</sup> the WCO Coordinating Council will determine if guests with interest in the WCO may be invited. Please make your interest known to Ann at astarrette@davidsonumc.org.
- Questions? Contact Mimi Sherman at (704) 252-3551 or <a href="mimi.sherman@gmx.com">mimi.sherman@gmx.com</a>

Please join us for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Retreat as we focus on the contemplative dimension and approach toward the spiritual practice of hospitality. How do we as hosts cultivate an open heart, an open mind and open hands in our daily lives? How do we live as a warm, friendly, and generous presence toward God and others? How do our practices of hospitality express and affirm our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of each person... the eternal truth that all are invited to Christ's table?

Our time together will be shaped by wisdom teachings, guided meditations, reflection and prayer so that we will be inspired to sing the Divine's song of hospitality out into the world.

The purpose of the WCO Fall Retreats is to set aside some intentional time away to foster the process of transformation in Christ, strengthen the joy of community and become better equipped to bring peaceful change for a fairer and more just world.

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**Thank you in advance for making every effort to come.** It is through your desire for a renewed mind coupled with your support of the mission, vision, and values of the WCO community that our bonds continue to strengthen and extend across denominations! Thanks be to God.

In anticipation of seeing you at the WCO 12th Annual Fall Retreat—from your retreat planning team: Janet Jones, Mimi Sherman, and others, & the coordinating council: Al Reinken, Rev. Anne Hilborn, Carol Prescott, Rev. Craig Sefa, Rev. David Canada, Kerri Noteboom, Rev. Lettie Ar-Rahmaan, Lisa Marion, Marina Friedrich, Mary Ann Burns, Mimi Sherman, Nancy Bellamy, (lead chair) and Tom Peckham (past lead chair).

Registration follows - - - -

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

#### TO REGISTER for the WCO 12th Annual Fall Retreat

- Remit your non-refundable \$20 deposit check to hold your space, payable to Wesleyan Contemplative Order (WCO) with "2021 Fall Retreat" on the memo line.
- **❖** Mail your check along with the following form to:

Registrar: Ann Starrette, PO Box 1288, Troutman, NC 28166

❖ Questions, contact Mimi Sherman at (704) 252-3551 or mimi.sherman@gmx.com

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP
EMAIL
BEST PHONE
(mark appropriate box below)
AMOUNT ENCLOSED:
DEPOSIT of \$20
or
FULL PAYMENT of \$40
Balance is requested by September 1, 2021
Days you will attend: BOTH // Sunday only // Monday only

<sup>&</sup>quot;The most effective way to take action in the outer world is from a place of grounded inner being connected to God that allows us to be fully open and present to the world." This retreat will support our intention to be fully open to God.  $\sim$  Don Carroll (A Founding Member)

<sup>\*</sup> PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK AS A CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT.