

Registration Information

Costs

\$245/person or \$490/couple dbl occupancy

\$400/person for private room

\$75/child, 4-12 years old

*NOTE: There will be an additional processing fee when registering.

Price includes all scheduled programming, meals, hospitality room, and hotel style rooms in The Lodge with full private bath (family rooms are also available with bunk beds).

Scholarships are available to help offset registration costs. Contact the Ministry Center to request assistance: 316-267-0391.

Childcare is available during corporate gatherings by request. Please indicate this request in the online registration process.

Free time options at no additional cost include basketball, volleyball, tether ball, foosball, racket ball, fishing, tennis, hanging log, ping pong, weights, hiking, horse shoes. Options with variable fees include bowling, golf, disc golf, low ropes and high ropes courses, whitewater rafting and ATV rentals.

Burundi Pastors Retreat

Our Pastors Sabbath Retreat 2017 Budget includes a gift of \$500 to our sister, Burundi Yearly Meeting, to offset their 2017 Pastors Retreat expenses.

Registration deadline is April 1, 2017.

Payments are non-refundable after this date. Please visit efcmaym.org/pastors-retreat to register online with a credit card, or mail to: EFC-MAYM, 2018 W Maple, Wichita, KS 67213.

Retreat Schedule

Tuesday, May 9

- 4-6 pm Check-in at Lodge Foyer
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Welcome Session
- 8-10 pm Hospitality Room Open
- 10:00 pm The Great Silence

Wednesday, May 10

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- 10:00 am Silence & Solitude
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1-6 pm Free Time: Rest & Renewal
Spiritual Direction Available
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer
- 8-10 pm Hospitality Room Open
- 10:00 pm The Great Silence

Thursday, May 11

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- 10:00 am Silence & Solitude
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1-6 pm Free Time: Rest & Renewal
Spiritual Direction Available
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer
- 8-10 pm Hospitality Room Open
- 10:00 pm The Great Silence

Friday, May 12

- 8-9 am Breakfast
- 9-10 am Closing Session
- 10:00 am Departure

The Holy Whisper:

Attending to the Still, Small Voice of God

"And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave."

- 1 Kings 19:12



Pastor's Sabbath Retreat

May 9-12, 2017

**Sky Ranch Horn Creek
Westcliffe, Colorado**

“Be still and know that I am God.”

(Psalm 46:10)

“The problem we face today needs very little time for its statement. Our lives grow too complex and overcrowded. In frantic fidelity we try to meet at least the necessary minimum of calls upon us. But we’re weary and breathless, and we know and regret that our life is slipping away. In guilty regret we must postpone till next week that deeper life of unshaken composure in the holy Presence, where we sincerely know our true home is, for this week is much too full.

We feel honestly the pull of many obligations and try to fulfill them all. And we are unhappy, uneasy, strained, oppressed, and fearful we shall be shallow ... we have hints that there is a way of life vastly richer and deeper than all this hurried existence, a life of unhurried serenity and peace and power.

If only we could slip over into that Center! If only we could find the Silence which is the source of Sound!”

- Thomas Kelly, *A Testament of Devotion* (1941)

According to a recent study conducted by emarketer.com, the average American adult is directly engaged with some form of major media at least 12 hours per day (1/2 of the day or 2/3 of normal waking hours). And yet, in the midst of an emerging “iCulture” that is literally saturated with noise, there are a growing number of men and women who are eager to find a more satisfying source of revelation. Like the prophet, Elijah, they are desperately longing to distinguish God’s “holy whisper” from the multitude of competing voices that constantly clamor for their attention.

This year’s predominantly unprogrammed Sabbath Retreat is designed to provide a sanctuary for the soul, a sacred space where each of us can intentionally withdraw from the cultural cacophony that permeates our world in order to attend to the “still, small voice of God.” Each participant will have freedom to “waste time with God” by abiding with Christ in the shadow of the majestic Rocky Mountains. Opportunities to enjoy extended time immersed in silence and solitude (prayer, meditation, reading, journaling, resting, dreaming, exercising) will be supplemented and supported by the incorporation of a monastic rhythm of corporate worship, common meals, and fixed hours of prayer.

Nestled at the foot of Horn Peak on the eastern slope of the wondrous Sangre de Cristo Mountains, the longest continuous mountain range in the contiguous United States, Sky Ranch Horn Creek provides an ideal setting for this retreat. The core purpose of Sky Ranch Horn Creek is “to provide a vision of godly character, giving an individual hope, a Christ-centered self-worth, and an experience that can provide clarity about what is true, who God is, and who they were created to become.” Life moves a little slower at Sky Ranch Horn Creek, so please plan to leave your cell phone, laptop, tablet, or mp3 player at home or check them at the registration desk. Going “unplugged” may require a significant adjustment at first, but you will soon be pleasantly surprised to discover just how much you have been missing.