

Why come to this retreat?

The Taizé community says, “It can be possible to rediscover an inner peace, a meaning to life and a new impetus. Experiencing a simple life shared with others reminds us that daily life is the place where Christ is waiting for us.” (*Taizé web site*)



This retreat is an opportunity for you to withdraw from the world for a time of reflection and prayer woven together with music and scripture, and create a community through a shared desire for the reconciliation found in Christ.

Together we will explore the meaning of reconciliation and healing. We will listen deeply to scripture and take time to ponder it alone and also learn from one another. You may participate in workshops that deepen your faith and understanding of the world.

Above all, you will have time to take in the beauty of the forest, listen to Christ within your heart and be renewed.



*The forested setting at
Alton L. Collins Retreat
Center*

RETREAT LEADERS

Steven W. Lewis, Ph.D., is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. He is the author of *Landscape as Sacred Place: Metaphors for the Spiritual Journey*. He serves as Theologian in Residence at Vancouver (Washington) First United Methodist Church and consults with congregations and judicatories. He has taught at the Northwest House of Theological Studies in Salem and at Warner Pacific College in Portland. He has served in a variety of positions at both institutions including Director of Spiritual Formation at the Northwest House and Chair of the Department of Religion, Director of the Master of Religion Program, and Dean of the Chapel at Warner Pacific College. He completed his Ph.D. at St. Louis University.

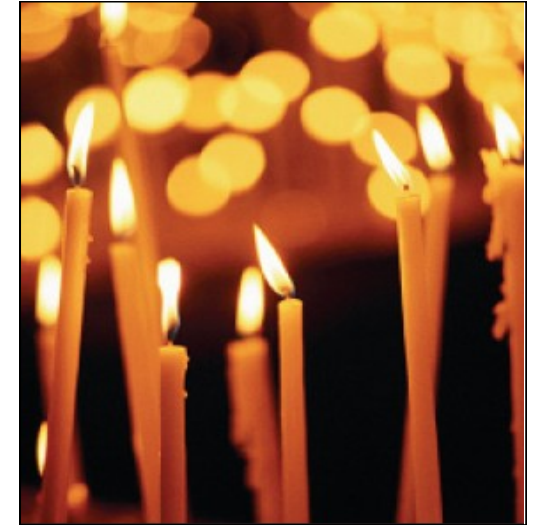
John Hiestand has an M.A. in Music Composition from the University of California, San Diego. He has conducted symphonic choirs, church choirs and has served as tenor soloist for choral works and opera. He began leading Taizé services over 20 years ago. He currently serves as pastor of Fleming United Methodist Church (CO) as he completes his Master of Divinity degree at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. He lives in Colorado with his wife, Vivian.

Vivian Hiestand is certified in Spiritual Direction with credentials from the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. With her husband, John, she has led Taizé services for over 20 years. She led retreats, workshops and classes throughout Oregon and Washington before moving to Colorado to attend the Iliff School of Theology, where she is enrolled in the Master of Divinity program. She is intern pastor at Deer Park United Methodist Church (CO), and continues to lead retreats and teach classes in contemplative prayer.

TAIZÉ

A Journey into the Heart of God

August 5—8, 2010



*A retreat patterned
on the rhythms of
music, Scripture
prayer and reflection
of the
Taizé Community
held at the*

Alton L. Collins Retreat Center
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Eagle Creek, OR 97022
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www.collinsretreatcenter.org

RETREAT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

- 4:00 p.m. Check in
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Orientation
- 7:30 p.m. Small Groups meet
- 8:30 p.m. Evening prayer service

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Morning prayer service
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
followed by free time
- 11:15 a.m. Midday Prayer service
- Noon Lunch
followed by free time
- 2:30 p.m. *Optional Workshops*
followed by free time
- 4:30 p.m. Small groups meet
followed by free time
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
followed by free time
- 8:30 p.m. Evening prayer service

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
check out of rooms
- 9:30 a.m. Final gathering
- 10:30 a.m. Closing service with
Holy Communion



Guest room



Prayer around the Cross

WORKSHOPS

Celtic Christianity — Celtic Christianity embraces all of creation and resonates especially well with the theology and music of Taizé. This workshop will use the works of J. Phillip Newell, former warden of Iona, to introduce you to the Christ of the Celts. You will learn how to find Christ in poetry, music, the natural world and, most important of all, in the everyday moments of your own life.

The Uniqueness of Taizé — From the beginning, the Taizé community insisted that they were neither Catholic nor Protestant, but simply Christians. This workshop will give an overview of the origins of the community and discuss the vision of Brother Roger Schutz, the founder of Taizé. Through the use of his published letters, prayers and writings you will learn about Brother Roger's unique vision for Christian unity and reconciliation in Christ.

The Spiritual Imagination

The Spiritual Imagination workshop will explore how God speaks to and through our imaginations. The workshop will focus on imagination and creativity, imagination and nature, and imagination and prayer. Participants will have the opportunity to create expressions growing out of their spiritual reflections. Poetry, drawing, nature walks, writing, and other creative expressions of one's spiritual imagination will be central to the workshop. Participants are encouraged to bring expressions of the spiritual imagination to share with others.

Register online at
www.gocamping.org
or use the form below

Please submit one form per person.

Name: _____

Address: _____

State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Early registration (postmarked by June 1)

_____ \$309 (double occupancy) **OR**

_____ \$349 (single occupancy)

Regular registration

_____ \$384 (double occupancy) **OR**

_____ \$424 (single occupancy)

A \$125 transferable, non-refundable deposit must be included to register for the retreat.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to:

Conference Treasurer

Mail to:

Camping Office

1505 SW 18th Ave

Portland, OR 97201



**The Alton L. Collins Retreat Center
is handicapped accessible**

Please let us know if you have special needs:

_____ I need a wheelchair accessible room
(limited number available)

_____ I have dietary restrictions: _____

(a refrigerator is available for guest use)