

## Leadership Team

The Leadership Team is composed of persons from the Western North Carolina Conference who have completed The Two Year Academy for Spiritual Formation.

### Retreat Leader

The Rev. Kathie Clontz Sherrill  
Covenant Group Coordinator  
Nancy Cannon  
Hospitality and Support  
Linda Tatum

### Other Support Team Members

Steve Cooper, Worship and Music Coordinator  
The Rev. Randy Sherrill, Registrar

## The Academy for Spiritual Formation™

- A time for intentional spiritual growth in a disciplined community of prayer, study, worship, and fellowship.
- An opportunity for celebrating wholistic spirituality—renewing body, mind, and spirit.
- A place where community silence enhances personal prayer and reflection.
- A time to experience a daily rhythm of morning, evening, and night prayers with daily Eucharist.
- A time for healing and refreshment.
- An experience for both laity and clergy.
- A powerful continuing education event.

## Daily Rhythm

Each Academy day is embraced by morning and night prayer and enriched with daily Eucharist. Faculty presentations are balanced with time for silent reflection and group discussion. Small covenant groups gather each evening for reflection and sharing. Free time for rest and recreation is also provided.

## Ideal Retreat Setting

Beautiful Caraway Conference Center is located on over 1,100 acres in the ancient Uwharrie Mountains of south-central North Carolina. Several worship experiences will be held in the lakeside outdoor chapel.

Caraway is fully accessible. Nutritious meals always include choices, and can accommodate special dietary needs with advance notice.

## Please Note

Registration will be held in the Conference Center lobby from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, with dinner and orientation following.

The Academy will conclude with lunch on Friday, May 4. Please make arrangements to attend the full session from Sunday dinner to Friday lunch.

Three continuing education units are available for a small additional fee.

## Questions?

If you have a question, contact the Retreat Leader, Kathie Sherrill at [kcsherrill@triad.rr.com](mailto:kcsherrill@triad.rr.com) or the Retreat Registrar, Randy Sherrill, at [rsherrill@triad.rr.com](mailto:rsherrill@triad.rr.com).

Additional information is available at:

[www.wnccumc.org](http://www.wnccumc.org)

[www.upperroom.org/academy](http://www.upperroom.org/academy)

[www.caraway.org](http://www.caraway.org)

# THE FIVE DAY ACADEMY for Spiritual Formation April 29-May 4, 2012

## Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro, NC

*God's Amazing Love for Us*  
**Dr. Roberta C. Bondi**  
Candler School of Theology,  
Emory University, Emeritus

The Spirituality of the Two Halves  
of Life  
**Father Richard Rohr**  
Center for Action and  
Contemplation



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Western North Carolina Conference,  
The United Methodist Church  
*in partnership with*  
The Upper Room®

## Roberta Bondi



**Dr. Roberta Bondi**

**Professor Emeritus of  
Church History, Emory  
University, Atlanta, GA**

Dr. Roberta Bondi now resides in the peaceful rural community of Cherry Log, Georgia and enjoys reading, knitting, entertaining friends and family and daily disciplines of spiritual formation. She received her BA from Southern Methodist University, and her MA, and D. Phil. From Oxford University. She has chronicled her personal and spiritual journeys in several of her books, and these are evocative invitations to grace and growth for her readers.

Dr. Bondi, is a frequent and much beloved faculty member in the Academy for Spiritual Formation. Her research of and brilliant exposition of the Abbas and Ammas of the early Christian experience have given fresh knowledge of a simpler and freer life of faith. She is a much published author, and some of the most notable books are *To Love as God Loves: Conversations with the Early Church (1987)*, *To Pray and to Love: Conversations on Prayer with the Early Church (1991)*, *Memories of God: Theological Reflections on a Life (1995)*, *In Ordinary Time: Healing the Wounds of the Heart (1996)*, *A Place to Pray: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer (1998)*, *Night on the Flint River (1998)*, *Houses: A Family Memoir of Grace (2000)* and *Nick the Cat: Christian Reflections on the Stranger (2001)*.

## Richard Rohr

**Father Richard Rohr**

**Franciscan Priest, New  
Mexico Province**



Father Richard Rohr was born in 1943 in Kansas and entered the Franciscans in 1961 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1970. He received his Master's Degree in Theology from Dayton that same year. He now lives in a hermitage behind his Franciscan community in Albuquerque, and divides his time between working at the CAC, and preaching and teaching on all continents. He considers the proclamation of the Gospel to be his primary call, and uses many different platforms to communicate its message. The areas of his expertise and expression are wide and varied.

Richard is a Franciscan of the New Mexico Province. He was the founder of the New Jerusalem Community in Cincinnati, OH in 1971, and the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1986. Fr. Richard is often introduced as "the most taped and recorded Catholic priest in America." Some of his most well-known books include *Everything Belongs*, *Simplicity*, *From Wild Man to Wise Man*, *Quest for the Grail*, *Adam's Return*, *Things Hidden*, and *Job and the Mystery of Suffering*. His most widely distributed talks are his recorded conferences on *The Enneagram*, *Breathing Under Water*, and *The Great Themes of Paul*. His latest books include *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See*. An upcoming publication is *Falling Upward: A Spirituality of the Two Halves of Life*, published in 2011.

## Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female  First Time Attendee?

Layty  Clergy  CEU Units?

Church affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other special needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The fully inclusive fee for a single room, meals, tuition, and program fees is \$650.00. A nonrefundable registration fee of \$125.00 reserves your space and is applied to your balance.

Full payment is due by March 25, 2012.

The cost can be reduced \$50.00 if you wish to share a room. (Each room has two double beds). You must arrange for your own roommate. Very limited scholarship aid is available.

Please return this completed form with: (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00 nonrefundable registration fee

\_\_\_\_\_ \$650.00 full payment by March 25, 2012.

Make checks payable to WNCC Treasurer and mail to Five Day Academy, Sonja Clough P.O. Box 18005, Charlotte, NC 28218.