

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

Nancy Cannon

Covenant Group Coordinator

The Rev. Dr. John Blalock

Hospitality and Support

Linda Tatum

Other Support Team Members

Steve Cooper, Worship and Music Coordinator

The Rev. Randy Sherrill, Registrar

The Rev. Amy Coles, Logistics

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, May 16, with dinner and orientation following.

The Academy will conclude with lunch on Friday, May 21. 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, Nancy Cannon at ncannon@triad.rr.com or the Retreat Registrar, Randy Sherrill, at rsherrill@triad.rr.com.

Additional information is available at:

www.wnccumc.org

www.upperroom.org/academy

www.caraway.org

THE FIVE DAY ACADEMY for Spiritual Formation May 16-21, 2010

Caraway Conference Center
near Asheboro, NC

Sowing, Growing, Bestowing:
Roots in Scripture, Fruits
That Transform

Academy Themes

Growing in the Word in the World
with *Dr. M. Robert Mulholland*
Asbury Theological Seminary

Becoming Who We Are Called to
Be

with *Dr. Luther E. Smith, Jr.*
Candler School of Theology
Emory University



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Robert Mulholland



Growing in the Word in the World

The Place of Scripture in Spiritual Formation

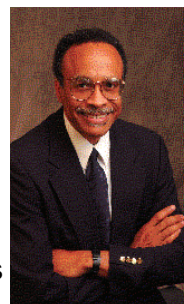
We all know that the Word became flesh (John 1:14), and that God was in Christ (2 Cor 5:19). Jesus himself said, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). But the Word also became text, to provide a place for transforming encounter with God, so that Word might become flesh in us as we live in the world. This presentation will seek to enable you to engage the Word become text so that it can become such a place of transformation in your life.

Dr. Bob Mulholland was educated at the US Naval Academy, Wesley Theological Seminary, and Harvard University. He has been a pastor in large and small suburban churches and even been a foreman on a river drive, moving pulpwood down rivers in Maine. Since 1979 he has served as a Professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary, where he has also been a Vice-President and Chief Academic Officer under two Presidents. He has taught around the world and is the author of numerous articles and books, including *Shaped by the Word: The Power of Scripture in Spiritual Formation*, *Invitation to a Journey*, and *The Deeper Journey: The Spirituality of Discovering Your True Self*.

Luther Smith

Becoming Who We Are Called to Be

Bearing Witness to the Kingdom of God in the World



Basic to Christian discipleship is awareness that we called by God. However, interpreting the call and its implications is not always clear. How do spiritual disciplines help us discern this call and empower us to respond faithfully? How can we deepen our commitment despite our fears, history, traumas, and insecurity? How might we become persons of hope for others? These are some of the questions for exploring the theme "Becoming Who We Are Called to Be."

Dr. Luther Smith is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, MO, Eden Theological Seminary, and received his Ph.D. from St. Louis University. He speaks and writes extensively on issues of spirituality and social transformation and serves on boards of social agencies that focus on health, education, children, the justice system and reconciliation. He was Senior Consulting Editor for the *Howard Thurman Papers Project*, the second largest papers project on an African American, second to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project. He is founder of the Interfaith Children's Movement of Metropolitan Atlanta. In 1979 he became a faculty member of the Candler School of Theology of Emory University where he serves as Professor of Church and Community.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Name for nametag: _____

Phones: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Male Female First Time Attendee?

Laity Clergy CEU Units?

Church affiliation: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Allergies or other special needs: _____

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.

The cost is reduced \$25.00 if registration is postmarked by December 31, 2009. Full payment is due April 10, 2010.

Previous attendees can get a \$25.00 reduction if you bring a friend.

The cost can be further 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:

_____ \$125.00 nonrefundable registration fee

_____ \$625.00 payment in full by 12-31-2009

_____ \$650.00 payment after 12-31-2009

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