

FEAR NOT— Choosing Peace in a frightening world



*The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? The LORD is the
stronghold of my life; of whom
shall I be afraid? — Ps 27:1*

*Let us then pursue what makes for peace
and for mutual upbuilding. — Rom 14:19*

*I call heaven and earth to witness against you
today that I have set before you life and death,
blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and
your descendants may live. — Deut 30:19*

*As he came near and saw the city he wept over it,
saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on
this day the things that make for peace! But now
they are hidden from your eyes." — Lk 19:41-42*

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not
give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be
troubled; and do not let them be afraid. — Jn 14:27*

2010 Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

A time apart created for church music leaders, Christian educators, lay speakers, clergy, laity, adults of all ages and stages, anyone yearning for peace through spiritual growth

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Grace Imathiu

An ordained elder in the Methodist Church in Kenya, R. Grace Imathiu is currently pastor of Brown Deer UMC in Brown Deer, Wisconsin,

a small diverse congregation in the outskirts of Milwaukee. She is author of *Matthew's Message* and *Words of Fire, Spirit of Grace*, a collection of sermons. As a preacher and Bible study teacher, Grace is in constant demand around the world including the Festival of Homiletics where over 700 clergy from various denominations gather to hear the nation's best preachers.

Elise Eslinger

Musician and editor of the highly acclaimed *Upper Room Worshipbook* (2006), Elise is uniquely gifted and a sought-after leader in

United Methodist worship and spirituality. Formerly a staff member of the General Board of Discipleship, Elise is currently a staff member at the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. Her worship leadership has given shape to the Upper Room Academy program. Elise holds a master's degree in Theology and Liturgy from St. Meinrad's Archabbey and Seminary, Indiana.



JANUARY 11-16, 2010

3 pm Monday—Noon Saturday

Zephyr Encampment
on Lake Corpus Christi
near Mathis, Texas



ACCOMODATIONS Spacious double occupancy (\$250) rooms on scenic grounds offer a place for rest and renewal. Single occupancy rooms may be available upon request (add \$100). Enjoy calming lakeside breezes on the deck swing, or stroll the peaceful Prayer Garden.

INCLUDED in the registration fee will be healthy snacks and hearty meals from dinner Monday through breakfast Saturday. Bed and bath linens are provided.

CANCELLATIONS In the event of death or serious illness, registration fee will be fully refundable if written notice of cancellation is received before Dec 21, less a \$25 processing fee. After Dec 21, no refund can be made.

CEU Forms will be available at the event (add'l \$15).

Registration Deadline: Dec 1, 2009

Name _____
 ___Layperson ___Clergyperson
 ___Female ___Male
Address _____

Phone (w) _____ (c) _____
E-mail _____
Church _____
Denomination _____
First time to attend Academy ___
Physician-restricted diet or physical access needs:

Preferred Roommate _____
Cost: \$250 (double) / Private Room \$350

* Please send an accompanying statement of why you desire to attend these days apart. A discernment process is involved in team & faculty preparation. Thank you.

Mail with full fee, payable "SWTC Treasurer" to SWTC Registrar, 16400 Huebner Rd, San Antonio, TX 78248-1693 with accompanying statement.

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The Academy for Spiritual Formation® is...

- A time for intentional spiritual growth by lay and clergy persons, in a disciplined community of prayer, study, worship and fellowship
- An opportunity for celebrating holistic spirituality, that of renewing of the body, mind and spirit
- A place where community silence enhances personal prayer and reflection
- A time to experience the rhythm for the week through morning, evening and night prayers and daily Eucharist
- An experience valued by persons of all denominations
- Five Days to nourish your thirst for authentic prayer, gentle silence, enlivening worship, fresh perspective, rich conversation, and peace



Servant Team Welcomes You



L-R: Jackie Heupel, Fredericksburg UMC; Rev. John Fluth, First UMC Pearsall; Rev. Judy Holloway, First UMC Fort Worth; Rev. Mel Hazlewood, First UMC LaGrange; Rev. Sue Huntsman, First UMC Port Isabel

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