

May 27, 2009

Dear Overnight Retreat Participants,

On behalf of the Planning Committee, we're so happy you can join the second Congregation Overnight Retreat, **The Delight of Sabbath**, with Professor Norman Wirzba from **Saturday, June 13** to **Sunday, June 14**. About twelve of us will be arriving at various times on Friday, June 12th. Please let me know if you plan to arrive in time for dinner – around 5:30 p.m.

Attached you'll find the list of attendees. Please access the directions to the Caraway Conference Center and advanced schedule at the Congregation's website:

<http://congregation.chapel.duke.edu/education/OvernightRetreat.html>

Registration will begin at **10:00 a.m.** and the first session will begin at **10:45 a.m.**

You'll note that there is a large block of free time on Saturday afternoon. Bring walking shoes if you might enjoy hiking in the ancient Uwharrie Mountains, or perhaps water-wear if you enjoy canoeing on the lake. There are also lovely rocking chairs on the back deck overlooking the lake. Feel free to bring a favorite game to contribute to our collection of cards, Scrabble, Taboo, Trivial Pursuit....

Please remember to bring your Bibles!

Professor Norman Wirzba, our main presenter, is the author of the book, "Living the Sabbath." A limited number of copies will be on sale at the retreat and Norm has offered to sign copies – so bring yours if you have one!

Weather-permitting, the Sunday morning worship service will take place at the special outdoor chapel overlooking the lake. You may want to bring seat cushions to soften the wooden plank benches.

We encourage car-pooling. If you are willing, please let Elizabeth Clift know by emailing eac17@duke.edu or phone 919-323-9544. At least one Congregation member in Durham would like to join a car-pool. Thank you if you can offer to drive.

Finally, we are asking that you contribute to our cache of snack foods. Please contact Cindy Gass (383-3311 or mark.gass@gte.net) by **June 5** to coordinate what you'd like to bring.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me. We're all really excited about this time of growth and pleasant company with one another.

Peace in Christ,

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