

Middle Atlantic Association of United Church Educators

2010 RETREAT

11 a.m. April 12 – Noon Lunch April 14

Mensch Mill Conference & Retreat Center • Huffs Church, PA

Restorative Leadership



God restores my soul. Psalm 23:3a

An event for Pastors, Christian Educators, Youth Workers, and
Christian Education Volunteers.

Come join us for learning, renewal and fun.

The Rev. Dr. William Presnell, *Facilitator*

Your Coordinating Team:

New York Conference: Shirley DeMartinis and Beth Shook

Penn Northeast Conference: Nancy Azar and Mindy Does

Pennsylvania Southeast Conference: Mary Sicher

Penn Central Conference: Ruth Laudermilch and Monica Ouellette

Central Atlantic Conference: Julie Yarborough and Ellen Witko

Middle Atlantic UCC Education Consultants: Shirley DeMartinis & Nancy Azar

Middle Atlantic AUCE Representative: Ellen Witko



AUCE, The Association of United Church Educators, is a community of people who recognize, nurture, and advocate for church education, church educators, and youth workers. We seek to broaden the scope and depth of education ministries in the UCC. The Middle Atlantic Region of AUCE in the United Church of Christ is comprised of the Central Atlantic, New York, Pennsylvania Southeast, Penn Northeast, Penn Central and Penn West Conferences. To join AUCE, or for more information:

www.auce-educators.org

LEARNING

Story—that's something every Christian Educator, Pastor and Youth Worker knows about! Combining an introduction to Bowen theory with a narrative (story) process, Dr. William Presnell will lead us on an engaging and participatory exploration of church family relationships, and how a congregation's story influences congregational life and health. We will envision how we may offer *restorative leadership* in this period of transition for the church.

Recommended books to read before the retreat:

Ronald Richardson 1996. *Creating a Healthier Church*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. One of the best, most readable applications of Bowen theory to congregational relationship process.

Peter Steinke 2006. *Congregational Leadership for Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What*. The Alban Institute.

Books available from Amazon.com

OUR FACILITATOR

A resident of Madison, NJ, Dr. Presnell is a licensed Marital and Family Therapist, Trainer, Pastoral Counselor, and seminary teacher. He serves as Consultant to churches, educational institutions, businesses/ community groups, and is an Adjunct Professor in the D.Min. program at The Theological

School at Drew University. Bill and his wife, Nancy, are active members of Stanley Congregational UCC in Chatham, NJ.

REST & RENEWAL

The Mensch Mill Conference and Retreat Center is a lovely location to get away. We will stay in comfortable rooms (doubles) with attached baths (please bring your own toiletries). Linens provided. For directions and more information about Mensch Mill go to: www.menschmill.org or call them at 610-845-7013.

FUN

There is never lack of conversation or laughter at our retreat! Meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Also—

We'll have time to share some of our favorite resources and curriculum, program ideas and activities. Be sure to bring yours along!

Some comments from last year's retreat:

--Worthwhile personally and professionally

--This event made me want to have "next year" come sooner.

--Thank you for this blessed opportunity.

Transportation Assistance from major transportation hubs may be arranged if notice is received by our 3/5/10 registration deadline. Please contact Ellen Witko, ellenwitko@att.net or 973-543-7229, if you require assistance.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Registration is Due March 5, 2010

Registration Fee **\$285**
(incl. room, meals, linens & program)

non-AUCE add \$28 _____

Late Fee add \$25 _____
(registration mailed after 3/5/10)

Total _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Middle Atlantic AUCE Retreat

For scholarship assistance, contact your Conference Rep.

MAIL TO: MA AUCE, Mindy Does,
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Questions? Contact Mindy: mindydoes@verizon.net

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Accessibility/Other requirements _____