

# 2009 Registration Form

## Women in Ministry

Sunday February 15 @ 5:30 p.m. to

Tuesday February 17, 2009, @ 1:00 p.m.

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

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

City/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Religious Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs or diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \_\_\_ Live-in: \$170

\_\_\_ Commute: \$110.00

(includes meals from Sunday supper to Tuesday lunch)

**Pre-registration is a must** at least two weeks in advance in order to ensure that the program has adequate attendance to proceed.

A **\$30.00 deposit** is required with registration. Payment in full is requested upon arrival. Cheques can be made payable to *Queen's House of Retreats*.

**Bursaries** are available upon request. Contact *Queen's House* for application form.

Send Deposit with completed registration form to:

**Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre**

601 Taylor Street West

Saskatoon, SK

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Phone (306) 242-1916 Fax: (306) 653-5941

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# Women In Ministry

## *A creative blend of* **Input – Prayer – Sharing – Play**

drawing inspiration from the book  
*Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen

Being the Beloved is the origin and fulfillment of life in the Spirit. Becoming the Beloved is the great spiritual journey we have to make. ... To identify the movements of the Spirit, I have found it helpful to use four words: "taken," "blessed," "broken," and "given." These words summarize my life as a priest because each day, when I come together around the table with members of my community, I take bread, bless it, break it, and give it. These words also summarize my life as a Christian because, as a Christian, I am called to become bread for the world: bread that is taken, blessed, broken, and shared. Most importantly, however, they summarize my life as a human being because in every moment of my life somewhere, somehow, the taking, the blessing, the breaking and the giving are happening. (pages 43 & 49, *Life of the Beloved*, 1992, Crossroad)



*Eucharistic spirituality can unite  
even in the face of ecclesial division  
at the Lord's Table*

# Women in Ministry: *Lives Taken, Blessed, Broken & Shared*



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Retreat & Renewal Centre  
Saskatoon, SK*

## Why this gathering?

Women who serve professionally in ecclesial ministry have much to offer the Church and have much to share with one another.

Catholic women are increasingly providing pastoral and liturgical ministry in leadership roles. Catholic women are employed as chaplains in hospitals, schools and prisons. They can be found in charge of a parish and as part of parish pastoral staff. Catholic women engage in ministry with First Nations people, in lay formation, and youth/campus ministry. Because leadership ministry exercised by Catholic women does not enjoy formal ecclesial status, it is easy not to notice and appreciate this amazing development.

Women in many Christian traditions enjoy the formal mandate of ordination, yet often still face unique challenges because of being female. Many women share a common story of call and a journey into their ministerial vocation that was not without difficulty. Serving in an ordained capacity brings both affirmation and rejection, freedom and constraint. Ordained and lay women in pastoral/ecclesial ministry in all Christian traditions share joy and hope, grief and anguish as they serve the people of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

The purpose of bringing together ordained and lay women employed in ecclesial ministry of all Christian traditions is to share and celebrate our journeys of faith and of call, to learn from and to support each other. Ministry commitments and responsibilities can have a way of insulating us from one another if we are not intentional about forging connections and encounters.

Following the first gathering of this kind in November 2007 over 20 women in ministry from Saskatoon and area, and from seven different denominations, continue to meet for a monthly lunch throughout the year. The February 2009 gathering will provide an opportunity for more women both near and far to share in the joy of these rich exchanges and friendships.

We, the team of facilitators, have been growing in our appreciation of one another's gifts and stories. We hope and pray that our gathering will encourage all who participate to grow together in similar ways.

*Marie-Louise, Elizabeth, Debbie and Amanda*



### Special Guest Presenter:

**Bishop Cindy Halmarson** was ordained a pastor in 1982 and elected bishop of *Saskatchewan Synod, ELCIC* in 2002. She is the first woman elected as a bishop in the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada*. She and her husband, Rev. Jim Halmarson, are parents of two adult children.

In Christ,  
God's love became visible. ...  
Sacraments are actions through which  
God relates to us here and now.  
God not only became human once,  
but continues to meet us on human terms  
by divine self-giving  
through words and actions.

pages 23, 27. *Sacraments as God's Self-Giving*  
by James T. White.  
Abingdon Press, 1993

## Facilitators



**Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers, M.T.S.**, lives in Humboldt, SK, with her husband Jim. They are the proud parents of three adult children. Marie-Louise is an accomplished author and editor, preacher and retreat facilitator. She currently works as *Publications Editor* for a religious order and in pastoral ministry at *St. Augustine's RC Parish* in Humboldt. Visit her website at [www.malotg.com](http://www.malotg.com)



**Rev. Debbie Walker, M.Div.**, ministers together with her husband Rev. David Moors at *Mayfair United Church* in Saskatoon. Originally from Ontario, born and raised in the *United Church of Canada*, Deb has a deep appreciation for the faith community especially when they take the Gospel to heart.

Originally from Ottawa, **Rev. Amanda Currie, M.Div.** serves *St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church* in Saskatoon. Amanda enjoys an Inter-church marriage to Nicholas Jesson who is a Roman Catholic theologian. Amanda enjoys singing, leading worship and preaching. This is Amanda's second *Women-in-Ministry Gathering* as part of the planning team.



**Elizabeth Nickel** has been working at *Lakeview Church* in Saskatoon for 10 years, first in Small Groups Ministry and now as Congregational Life Pastor. She is a Commissioned Minister with the *Free Methodist Church in Canada*. She and her husband Neil have three married children and six grandchildren.

