

# The Great Lakes Personal Retreat Initiative

October 12-13, 2010

Camp Lutherhaven in Albion, Indiana

Outdoor ministry centers have a calling like no one else. We are uniquely positioned to extend an invitation few can offer. We have the privilege of echoing the words of Jesus, “*Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.*” (Mark 6:31)

Never in the history of the world has this invitation been more important to the vibrancy of God's work on earth. Why? We live in an age plagued with toxic levels of stress, exhaustion and overload. The effects of this chronic overdrive are visible and daunting. Fatigue, frenzy and frustration top this list. Although we rarely admit it, many would agree that our souls are malnourished, our joy is fleeting, our discontentment—unsettling. Outdoor ministry centers *are* the door keepers to quiet places off the beaten path. We *can be* the voice of invitation.

Will we raise our voice and open the door?

Come explore the possibility of launching a Personal Retreat Ministry with other camp and conference centers who are willing to open the door to the road less traveled...where a space on the calendar is reserved for God—where the pace is unhurried—and the place is quiet and free of demands and distractions. This is a recipe for the the restorative, powerful presence of God to be made known to his people—people who are winded and weary from running too hard and too long without a chance to catch their breath.

Personal Retreat Ministries have been an aspect of our calling that's been neglected far too long. Remarkably, committing to a Personal Retreat Ministry may be what positions camp and conference centers for stability and growth during these difficult economic times. That's the reality for one camp in northeast Indiana. It's a reality that can be yours. Come and see.

## What you'll get...

- ~ An opportunity to explore and rediscover the Biblical rhythms of rest
- ~ An opportunity to envision a plan to strategically launch a successful personal retreat ministry
- ~ An opportunity to receive all the resources you'll need from start to finish
- ~ An opportunity to enjoy a quiet afternoon off the beaten path—yourself

The conference will begin at 1:30 PM Tuesday, October 12 and end at 4:30 PM Wednesday at Camp Lutherhaven in Albion, Indiana—25 miles northwest of Ft. Wayne—40 miles southeast of South Bend.

**The cost**—includes conference, resource binder, meals and refreshments

\$50...commuters

\$65...dorm

\$80...hotel-like rooms with community bathrooms (you will have a room-mate)

*You can't afford to miss this distinctive opportunity to learn from one who speaks with great passion...and from a wealth of personal experience. Brenda Jank is well equipped to help you launch your camp into the growing ministry of personal retreats. This conference is worth the best of your time and energy.*

Greg Fields—Director of Education and Field Services CCCA

## Questions?

Contact Brenda Jank at: [brenda@lutherhaven.org](mailto:brenda@lutherhaven.org) or 260-636-7095

## Registration Deadline:

Monday, October 4, 2010 (Add \$15 after that date)

**To Register** send a \$30 deposit to:

Camp Lutherhaven

1596 S. 150 W. Albion, IN 46701

Indicate: Dorm/Hotel-like room

ATTN: Personal Retreat Conference