



## Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren

Russ Matteson, District Executive Minister

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Dear Licensed and Ordained Ministers,

We are writing to extend an invitation to you to attend the 2018 PSWD Pastor/Spouse Retreat on June 11 to 15, 2018. This retreat is usually only open to ministers who are serving in congregations and as chaplains, but with the leadership we are bringing in this year we wanted to invite you, and if you are married your spouse, to consider joining the event.

As you can see from the enclosed brochure, this is a spiritual retreat that is meant to treat the whole person. This retreat is not a couples retreat, so single ministers are welcome. The retreat is not a professional growth event, so spouses can find a program to support their renewal as well.

You will engage in wonderful experiences of worship, engaging sessions, and study led by Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB, under the theme, "*Believing in your Contemplative Heart — the monastic way*," opportunities for spiritual Direction with Macrina during the afternoons, and extended times of prayer. We will also have Christian Yoga Instructor and Occupational Therapist, Lorelei Woerner-Eisner leading daily classes.

The cost of the retreat is \$560 for a single room, or \$440 per person double occupancy. This is the cost we are charged by the retreat center. All of the accompanying program costs are covered by the PSWD Ministry Commission budget. We do believe that this time with Macrina will be a rich blessing to you and your walk with Christ, and so have extended the invitation for you to participate this year.

There is no mystery about what it takes to undergird a life of ministry: a strong prayer life, Bible study, life affirming relationships with other ministers, a healthy lifestyle, times of recreation, and (if they are married) a strong marriage. This retreat provides opportunities for growth in all these areas.

We hope you will seriously consider joining us in June, and we are available to answer any questions you might have.

In Christ's Name,

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