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Resource List:

PIT Resource Page.doc can be found at <http://presbyteryofdetroit.org/group/pastors-transition>



St. Francis Retreat Center

703 E. Main St., DeWitt, MI 48820
Phone: 517-669-8321 (M-F 9:00 AM-5:00 PM)
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From the North

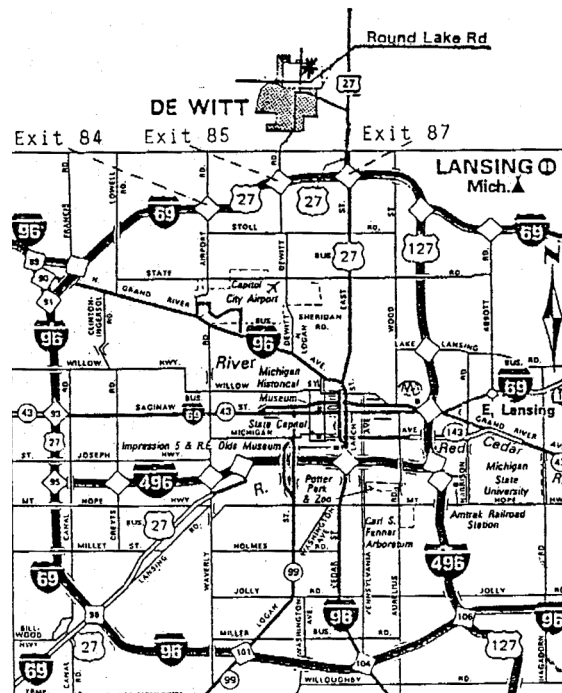
South on US-127 to the Round Lake Road/DeWitt exit. Turn right on to Round Lake Road (Round Lake Rd. becomes Main St. as you enter DeWitt). Approximately one mile to fork in road. Stay left. Proceed to traffic light at Business 27. Cross Business 27 and continue on Round Lake Road about 1.5 miles. Retreat Center is on your right.

From the South and East

Take US-127 North (follow signs to St. Johns and Clare) and take the DeWitt/Round Lake Road exit. Turn right on to Round Lake Road (Round Lake Road becomes Main Street as you enter DeWitt). Approximately one mile to fork in the road. Stay left. Proceed to traffic light at Business 27. Cross Business 27 and continue on Round Lake Road about 1.5 miles. Retreat Center is on your right.

From the West

East on I-69, take exit 85, go North on DeWitt Road to the 2nd stop light. Turn right or East on Main St. about 1/2 mile to Retreat Center on your left.



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Pastors In Transition

For Clergy and CRE's in
New Calls and Transition



Conversations about Leadership

September 28 - 29, 2015

Monday Lunch (noon) through
Tuesday Lunch
Registration begins at 11:00 AM

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Schedule of Events

Monday, September 28

11:00 am - Registration

12:00 pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - Introduction and Emmaus Walk

2:30 pm - Break

2:40 pm - Listening Circles I - choose an article to discuss in a group twice and mark on registration.

4:00 pm - Break through dinner

6:00 pm - Dinner

7:00 pm - Service of Wholeness
The Rev. Sharlyn Gates

8:30 pm - Party and conversation

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 am - Breakfast

9:00 am - Emmaus Walk

9:30 am - Listening Circles II

10:30 am - Break

10:45 am - Discussion: Learning Communities
The Rev. Joel Puntigam

11:15 am - Evaluations
The Rev. Joel Putigam

11:30 am - Closing Worship
The Rev. Sharlyn Gates

12:00 pm - Lunch and Departure

Expected outcomes:

1. Build a network of pastors
2. Find spiritual refreshment
3. Examine and reflect on one's leadership style

Preparation/Format

Participants need to decide which listening circle you would like to participate in and indicate your choice on the registration form.

It is suggested that participants read all articles in preparation for the retreat. The articles are on the Presbytery's web site (www.pbydetroit.org) under Committees/Pastors in Transition WG

Listening Circles are:

1. **Beyond Doing the Math of Mission**
(Led by John Best, Richard Brownlee, and Arthur Oberg)
"Waiting for God's New Thing," by Dr. Gil Rendle (2015)
2. **Spiritual Practices in the Congregation**
(Led by Joel Puntigam, Tom Oxtoby, and Ron Case)
 - a) "Congregational Leadership as Spiritual Practice," by Bruce Epperly (2014)
 - b) "Spiritual Dissonance: When Conflict Between Clergy and Congregation is About Vocation," by Diane Strickland (2013)
3. **How Do We Lead in a Changing Culture?**
(Led by Al Timm, Anne Schaefer, and Sharlyn Gates)
"Navigating the Changing Waters of Leadership," by Alan Roxburgh (2006)

You MUST RSVP by Tuesday, September 8, 2015

The next Pastors in Transition meeting will be January 31 - February 2, 2016 at DeWitt.

REGISTRATION FORM ~ Pastors In Transition September 28 - 29, 2015

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Presbytery _____

Church _____ City _____

E-mail: _____ I would like to be part of Listening Circle: 1 2 3

Special Medical and/or Dietary Needs _____

My check for \$ 175 (payable to Presbytery of Detroit—notation Pastors In Transition Workshop) is enclosed.

Return form by **September 8, 2015** to: Beverly Knox, Presbytery of Detroit, 17575 Hubbell, Detroit, MI 48235