



35<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeastern Ladies' Retreat , June 1-3, 2012  
Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

## *"Within the Seed"*

(1 John 3:9-10)

**Roxbury Congregation Coordinator:** G. Jean Gallington

### **Accommodations**

To date, we have 30 sisters from our congregation who have expressed an interest in attending this year's retreat. Based on this, Sis. Gallington has booked a block of 15 standard rooms with two double beds in each room. The rate (per night) is as follows:

- Single, Double, Triple, or Quadruple Occupancy      \$109 plus 11% tax

Please note: Based on last year's attendance the retreat committee has contracted for only 300 people. After the deadline, the rooms will be released and the group rate will no longer be available. **Therefore, if you are going to reserve your own room, it is very important to be sure to reserve your space before May 11, 2012** (I recommend much earlier, as the rooms at the group rate are usually fully booked before January). Remember, this is based on availability.

The hotel address & registration information are as follows:

### **Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey**

4650 Lindle Road

Harrisburg, PA 17111

To reserve a room call: 1-800-325-3535

When calling, please be sure to identify yourself as a participant with the **Northeastern Ladies Retreat**. This will ensure you receive the hotel rates stated above.

### **Registration**

The Retreat registration fee for this year is: **\$195.00** for adults & **\$75.00** for children ages 5 – 12 (no charge for children 4 & under). These monies cover the cost of food, badges, etc.

### **Registration Payments and Schedule**

The payment schedule for Retreat **registration** is as follows (or you can pay the full):

<u>Payment #</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount (Adult/Child)</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment	-November 15	\$51/\$21
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	-January 15	\$48/\$18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment	-March 15	\$48/\$18
4 <sup>th</sup> Payment	-May 15	\$48/\$18

There is an official registration form that should accompany each payment submitted. **You may register individually or give your name to Sis. Gallington for inclusion on the group registration form.** Only church checks or money orders will be accepted by the Retreat committee. If you are registering yourself, make your **money order** payable to the **Northeastern Ladies' Retreat** and forward to:

**Clarise Bryant**

**99 Park Avenue**

**Englewood, New Jersey 07631**

If you will be part of our group registration, make your check(s) payable to **Church of Christ in Roxbury** and give to Sis. Gallington. Please note that since we have missed the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the first payment, if you are planning to pay using the installment plan, you should pay \$99 (for adults) or \$39 (for children ages 5-12) by January 15<sup>th</sup> to cover both the first and second payments.

**Please:**

- Do not make any checks out to Clarise Bryant. Any checks made out to her will have to be returned.
- **No partial installment payments.** Please either pay the registration in full or send the full installment for each date noted.
- The installment schedule has been instituted to ensure easy tracking of all payments for us, and for you as well. Therefore, we humbly request ... please, please sisters, follow it. Send no more than four payments per person.
- payment.

If you find you cannot attend the Retreat your monies may be refunded. However, since we must make a monetary commitment to the hotel, the deadline for reimbursement is March 15.

**Transportation**

We have reserved a bus for this event. The bus will depart from the church building (81 Walnut Avenue) on Friday, June 1, 2012 (time TBD). The bus will remain in Harrisburg for the duration of the retreat. We will depart from Harrisburg for the return trip to Boston at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, 2012. The cost for the bus is \$100 per person (subject to change depending on the number of people on the bus). There are 44 seats available on the bus, and they will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. If you plan to ride the bus (recommended), please reserve your seat by giving a \$10 deposit to Sis. Gallington no later than January 15, 2012, as unreserved seats will be made available to ladies from our sister congregations.

**Break-down of costs**

Please note that there are three (3) components to the cost of this event (registration, hotel, and transportation). They are broken down as follows:

<b>Cost Component</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Child (ages 5-12)</b>
Registration	\$195.00 per person	\$75.00
Hotel (prices listed include 11% hotel tax)	\$242.00 per person(1 person in room) \$121.00 per person(2 people in room) \$81.00 per person (3 people in room) \$60.50 per person (4 people in room)	N/A * \$121 per person \$81 per person \$60.50 per person
Bus	\$100.00 per person	\$100.00 per person
Total	\$537.00 (1 person in room) \$416.00 (2 people in room) \$376.00 (3 people in room) \$355.50 (4 people in room)	N/A* \$296.00 \$256.00 \$235.50

\*An adult must be in every room in which a child is staying.

## *A Message from the Retreat Chairperson*

### **Introduction of Congregations**

God has planted a piece of **Himself...** his spiritual likeness inside each one of his children.

Since we have been given this wonderful gift, our actions, our demeanor, our very way of life can be a fragrant blossom in a dying world. The brightness of our spirits can color a world that is dull with sin... Why? It's simple... As we grow in the Lord we begin to look more and more like our Heavenly Father. What an AWESOME GIFT!!!!

During this year's introduction of congregations we will adorn ourselves with beautiful colorful flowers.

How will we do that? I'm sooo glad you asked!

**Step 1:** We ask each congregation to choose one blossom that best describes one attribute you (as a group) currently possess... **or...** You may opt to choose an attribute you would like to add to your collective spiritual profile.

For example: Since the Sunnyvale Church of Christ is a very loving congregation (and a red rose is a symbol of love), they have chosen a red rose as the flower that best represents their congregation.

**Step 2:** Make a banner that houses a picture (or pictures) of your flower along with a short phrase that explains the characteristic the flower symbolizes. Be sure to add your congregational name to the banner as well.

For example:



**Step 3:** Ask each sister of your congregation to wear this flower during the introduction. It can be worn in your hair... as a corsage on your lapel... or the flower may even be a pattern adorning your t-shirts... Be creative.

Oooo... We can't wait to see this!!!! We know our sisters are **EXTREMELY** creative so this congregational introduction is sure to be an awesome bouquet of beauty!!!!

### **Etiquette**

Remember sisters... this is **smoke free retreat**.

As always... our goal, by the Retreat's end, is for our spirits to be relaxed, rejuvenated and ready for further work in God's Kingdom.

The next letter will contain a list of our speakers and more information concerning our program.

Sisters, please pray that the Lord will bless our efforts as the Retreat committee works to plan a spiritual event for 2012.

May the Lord we serve bless and keep you.

Yours in the Master,

*Virginia Keith*

Chairperson