



Be the Bridge (and Mind the Gaps)

March 13-14, 2015 Bergland Retreat Center Camp Rockfish

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Order of Deacons

2015 NCC Deacon Retreat

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_____ I'm available to help if needed in planning and preparing for the Retreat. _____ Yes, I want CEU Credits

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Please complete the registration form on google docs and send this form and your full payment to the NCC (address above) ATTN: Linda Bourey.

Presenter: Margaret Ann Crain



Margaret Ann Crain, deacon and Professor Emeritus at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, author of *The United Methodist Deacon: Ordained to Word, Service, Compassion and Justice*. Margaret Ann was consecrated as a diaconal minister in 1986 and was

ordained as a deacon in 1997. She served churches in Missouri and North Georgia for 20 years before joining the faculty at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in 1998.

During her career, Margaret Ann has received critical acclaim and national recognition for ecumenical leadership in Christian Education including serving as president of both the Religious Education Association and the United Methodist Association of Professors of Christian Education. She has also devoted herself and worked tirelessly to make Garrett-Evangelical a center for training, supporting, and nurturing Deacons within The United Methodist Church. She has designed and coordinated three national Deacon Dialogue conferences. She served on the United Methodist Commission for the Study of Ministry 2008-2012.

Together with her husband, Dr. Jack L. Seymour, she is the author of *A Deacon's Heart: The New United Methodist Diaconate, Yearning for God, Reflections of Faithful Lives* and *Educating Christians: The Intersection of Meaning, Learning and Vocation* published by Abingdon in 1993 along with numerous articles. Her newest book, *The United Methodist Deacon: Ordained to Word, Service, Compassion and Justice*, provides a deeper interpretation of the ever-evolving understanding of ordained ministry.

Registration Information

- ★ The Retreat will begin on Friday, March 13, 2015 at 11:30am with worship and conclude on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 2pm.
- ★ The cost for the Retreat is \$120 per person based on two people sharing a room. Cost includes one night shared lodging at the Bergland Retreat Center at Camp Rockfish and meals. Those wanting a single room should add \$75.
- ★ Register Early and Save \$20! Register by September 15 and send only \$100 for the Retreat.
- ★ 1.5 Continuing Education Credits are available for participating in the Retreat.
- ★ Scholarships may be available.



Bergland Retreat Center Rockfish Camp and Retreat Center

226 Camp Rockfish Rd. Parkton, NC 28371
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For Directions please visit their website:
www.camrockfish.org

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Join us for a time apart to:

- ◆ Contemplate our calling and unique identity as deacons
- ◆ Consider the addition of “compassion and justice” to our ordination vows
- ◆ Discuss ways to encourage a new generation of deacons
- ◆ Share the joys and challenges of working in and beyond the local church
- ◆ Discover how the deacon can bridge the expanse of ministry
- ◆ Be in fellowship with one another
- ◆ Rest and reflect on your ministry

The retreat is open to all candidates for ordination as a deacon, provisional deacons and ordained deacons, deaconesses, diaconal ministers and home missionaries in the North Carolina Conference.

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. ~ Hebrews 10:24-25