RETREATS FOR WOMEN IN THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH GEORGIA MOUNTAINS

Julian's Window

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 27th
5:00–6:00 p.m. Arrive at Coosawattee River Resort for orientation at Sharon’s place
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:45 p.m. First Session: A First Conversation with Julian
9:00 p.m. Campfire Session (Prayers and S’mores)

Monday, June 28th
8:30 am Breakfast
9:15 a.m.–Second Session: Who does Julian say our God is and why do I care, anyway?
10:30 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. Reflection and Prayer Time
11:15-12:00 p.m. Journaling Time
12:00 Lunch
Afternoon Playtime*
5:00 pm Gather at the River
6:00 Dinner

7:15 pm Third Session: Is all this mess in my life really all my fault and am I stuck with it?
8:30 p.m. Evening Prayers

Tuesday, June 29th
8:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 Fourth Session: Julian tells us that “all things will be well”. What the heck does that mean?
11:00 a.m. Sharing and Communion
Lunch and Departure

Conversations with Julian of Norwich about God’s Extravagant Love
Led by Roberta Bondi and Sharon Watkins

JUNE 27, 28, 29
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Who is Julian of Norwich and how are her writings important to me?

Julian was born in 1342, probably in Norwich, England. She died sometime after 1416. She was an anchoress and a mystic whose Revelations of Divine Love (or Showings) is generally considered one of the most remarkable documents of medieval religious experience and theology. She spent the latter part of her life as a recluse (anchoress) at St. Julian’s Church, Norwich.

On May 13, 1373, Julian was healed of a serious illness after experiencing a series of visions of Christ’s sufferings and conversations with Jesus about God’s love. Revelations of Divine Love is unparalleled in English religious literature. It is the account of all this that she has left for us.

What Julian offers to us today:

Julian offers to us some radical ways to see ourselves through the eyes of God, who delights in the very people we are. Also, Julian offers to us surprising and amazing ways to know and think about God.

About Julian’s window:

Through her wisdom, Julian offered conversation, advice, and encouragement to the many people who came to see her. Today she still offers these things to us as women in need of her healing words.

Robert Bondi is Professor Emerita at Candler School of Theology of Emory University, where she taught most of her career. She is author of several books on spirituality, including To Love as God Loves, Memories of God, and Night on the Flint River. She has been leading retreats and workshops for many years. She is particularly committed to doing retreats for women in order to share the insights from Julian of Norwich that can bring us so much lightening of the heart. With her husband and Curly the dog she lives in the North GA, mountains where she now spins and weaves.

Sharon Watkins is an elder in the North Georgia Conference. She has been a parish minister for twenty years. She has an interest in establishing ministries that empower and liberate.

Sharon lives with her husband and two spoiled cats. Together, Sharon and Jerry have five sons and three grandsons. They enjoy living in the North Georgia mountains and entertaining friends.

Registration Information

Registration deadline: 6/20/10

1. Retreat sessions and meals only (no lodging). Cost $225.00
2. Retreat sessions, lodging, and meals. Cost $375.00
3. All meals are healthy and prepared on site.
4. Lodging facilities are in Villas on the River, or Cabins on the River. Some have hot tubs.
5. If the cost is prohibitive, scholarships are available. Please contact Sharon Watkins.

Name______________________________ Telephone________________________ Email______________________________ Any Allergies___________________ Vegetarian or Diet issues__________ Make checks Payable to Sharon Watkins/Julian’s Window

A non-refundable deposit of fifty dollars is required

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