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Georgia Five Day Academy at Epworth by the Sea
St. Simons Island, Georgia



The Academy

for spiritual formation®

May 19 – 24, 2019

FEATURING

DR. ROBERTA BONDI & DR. LOYD ALLEN

Since 1983, the **Academy for Spiritual Formation®** has offered an environment for spiritually hungry pilgrims, whether lay or clergy, that combines academic learning with experience in spiritual disciplines and community.

A ministry of The Upper Room, the Academy fosters spiritual rhythms of study and prayer, silence and liturgy, solitude and relationship, rest and exercise. In community and at a personal level, participants find time and space to discern direction, reclaim balance and find refreshment for body and spirit.

Located on the banks of the Frederica River, **Epworth by the Sea** is a 100 acre retreat center with the mission to provide a Christian place for worship, study and fellowship.

Epworth by the Sea is named in honor of the boyhood home of John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism. In 1784, John Wesley tenderly recalled his home by writing in his famous journal, "I rode to Epworth, which I still love beyond most places in the world."

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Dr. Roberta Bondi retired from a distinguished teaching career with Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where she was Professor of Church History. She holds degrees from Southern Methodist University and Oxford University, and is the

author of several books, including *Memories of God and Houses*. Her expertise in ancient Christian teachers and practices of prayer combines with her warm sense of humor to make her a highly regarded presenter. Married to Richard Bondi, she is mother of two children, a grandmother, companion to Curly the Bichon, and a passionate weaver, spinner, and knitter. Her one regret is that narrow-minded land use covenants prevent her from raising her own sheep. Roberta will be presenting on Julian of Norwich.



Dr. Loyd Allen is Sylvan Hills Professor of Church History and Spiritual Formation at Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology, as well as a spiritual director and retreat leader. He has been serving as faculty for the Academy since 2002. He delights in the varieties of Christian spirituality that emerge in different times and places over the span of Christian history. Though most of his adult life has been spent ministering

among Baptists in the South, he was baptized in a small Methodist church, which shared facilities with a Presbyterian congregation. Married to Libby, whose family is devoutly Roman Catholic, he has continued to broaden his knowledge and experience of Christian spirituality traditions throughout his life. He spent a sabbatical learning about and experiencing the Celtic spirituality heritage of Wales, and has led several Celtic pilgrimages, with two more scheduled soon. He has also led numerous pilgrimages to Israel. Taking the theme of faith as pilgrimage, Dr. Allen teaches Christian spirituality like a traveler telling stories about the places he has been or wants to go. His topic for the week is Celtic Spirituality.

Leadership Team

Retreat Leaders:

Dianne Morrison and Ann Smith

Logistics & Registrar:

Meg Morrison

Worship Leader:

James Keith Posey

Spiritual Director and Listening Circles Coordinator:

Deb McCranie

Registration Information

A nonrefundable deposit of **\$150** is required to secure your space.

Early Bird Registration: **\$685**
(Deposit must be received by December 31, 2018)

After December 31, 2018: **\$740**

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