

Re-membering Peace: Still the Believers' Calling

2010 Peacemaking Seminar

Presbyterian Peacemaking Program



See pages 4 and 5 for information on extended registration dates and new lower costs for housing and meals. Those already registered for the seminar, will receive credit reflecting the difference in price.

In 1980, the 192nd General Assembly of the UPCUSA adopted *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*. Thirty years later, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program invites peacemakers to gather among the mesas of northern New Mexico to practice telling stories of peacemaking. Inspired by the intricate and vibrant weaving for which northern New Mexico is famous, participants will explore how intertwined we are and how each of us bears witness to our being knit together into Christ.

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*, participants will gather to re-member—to bring together those concerned for the things that make for peace. Together we will:

- **recall** the places where the triune God has led us in the **past** as we
 - revisit and reaffirm core commitments to historic and ongoing peacemaking efforts
- **acknowledge** where God is leading us in our **present** realities as we
 - replenish spirits, hearts, and minds through imaginative work and creative worship
 - reconsider some of the pivotal social, cultural, political, and ecclesiastical transformations of the past 30 years, and
 - reassess the state of peacemaking in the church and world
- **ponder** where God of hope will lead us into the **future** as we
 - renew our commitment to follow Jesus and the church's resolve to seek God's realm of peace and justice on earth, and
 - live out the believers' calling for this day and generations to come!

THE SEMINAR

The Seminar is designed for young adult and adult participants and will include a variety of plenary and small group gatherings for learning, praxis, and process. Due to the nature of the event, the seminar will not include childcare nor will programs for children or youth be provided. Participants bringing family members should bring a (non-participating) caregiver and register them for housing and meals.

The seminar will begin with dinner on Wednesday, August 24 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Ghost Ranch orientation and evening worship gathering. The seminar will end with a Give Peace a Dance Celebration on Saturday, August 28 in the late evening. Participants should arrange their departures from the ranch no later than 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 29, 2010.

MORNINGS

Each morning the seminar community will gather for prayers and plenary sessions that focus on building skills in the art of telling peacemaking stories.

- Thursday, August 26—*Contextual Bible Study*
Contextual Bible Study emerges out of the work of Gerald West, Musa Dube and others in southern Africa. It has also been used successfully in Scotland. Its intention is to help a community move from the study of a text to a plan of action that derives from that study, as the community determines how the biblical text becomes God's word for it in its particular context. This is done through group study which requires the engagement of everyone's voice, with the help of a facilitator who has done academic work around the text. Contextual Bible Study grounds our work and witness in the testimony of the people of God that has come to us as the Bible.

- Friday, August 27—*Circle of History*
The Circle of History activity provides a way to share the collective history of a group with all of its members. It helps participants listen to one another. Those who are used to telling the story of the organization do not get to monopolize the conversation; they have to listen to others! Reflecting on what participants hear is as critical as the storytelling. Once the circle is complete, participants reflect on what they have learned. Learning to observe and reflect on group culture is a key to cultural proficiency and peacemaking. The process may also help expand participation in peacemaking. It helps newcomers recognize and understand the traditions and identity of the group, and gives long time members an opportunity to hear and affirm new comers and what they bring to the organization. The Circle of History challenges everyone to think about a wider identity and new directions for peacemaking while building a shared story.
- Saturday, August 28—*Artistic Expression Panel*
Panelists will focus on various media used to tell peacemaking stories.
 - Oral History—Vanessa Hawkins
 - Textiles—Nancy Esajian
 - Videography—David Barnhart
 - Songwriting—Corey Nelson
 - Photography—David Young
 - Technology—Bruce Reyes-Chow

AFTERNOON

Each afternoon, seminar participants can participate in focused *Threads of Conversation*. These small groups will be configured in different ways and focus on different themes each day. **No advance selection is required at the time of registration.**

- Thursday, August 26
Session 1: *Regional Conversations* will offer participants from the same geographic areas a one-hour session to meet and exchange ideas, share current efforts or create a support network.

Session 2: *Community Conversations* will offer participants a one-hour session to gather in communities of people that are of interest to them (i.e. race, age, or leadership roles).
- Friday, August 27
Session 1: *Peacemaking Issues Conversations* will offer participants a one-hour session to share information and current efforts related to peacemaking issues (i.e. gun violence, child soldiers, HIV/AIDS, nuclear weapons).

Session 2: *Hot Topic Conversations* will offer participants a one-hour session to explore topics that may have an immediate impact or need attention (i.e. General Assembly actions or issues that have arisen over the summer).
- Saturday, August 28
Artistic Expression Conversations will offer participants a two-hour session to explore an artistic medium as a tool for telling peacemaking stories in their congregation and community. The *Artistic Expression Panel* plenary presentation will provide a preview of the art media to be included in the conversations.

EVENINGS

- **Wednesday, August 25**
The seminar will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The opening worship celebration will include greetings, songs and a focus on “Creating a Climate of Hospitality by Listening.” Henri Nouwen describes listening as “one of the highest forms of hospitality.” Listening so we understand what others are saying is a significant form of peacemaking. Such listening is an active process where we create an open and receptive environment so the other person feels as comfortable as possible. We seek to comprehend the other person’s viewpoint, not to agree or disagree. We focus on what the other person is saying rather than our response. We try to honor the concern, and experiences of the other person. When we listen in such a way, our interactions become opportunities to gain new insights and deepen relationships and we help others shape their stories so they may be more effectively communicated.
- **Thursday through Saturday**
Each evening the seminar community will gather for worship.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **For Contemplation:** Paths of Peace Prayer Walk (daily in the early morning), a communal art piece (daily throughout the seminar), video screenings (late evening), a candle-lit labyrinth (Thursday late evening)
- **For Fellowship:** knitting lounge (daily throughout the seminar), seminar choir (daily at 11 am), local Mercado (Friday afternoon), stargazing (Thursday late evening), Circle of Songs (campfire sing-a-long, Friday late evening) and Give Peace a Dance (Saturday late evening).

SEMINAR LEADERSHIP

Worship

- Reginald Braga, assistant professor for Christian education, Interdenominational Theological Center, GA
- Emily McGinley, director, Common Ground Project, McCormick Theological Seminary, IL
- Margaret Aymer Oget, associate professor of New Testament, Interdenominational Theological Center, GA

Music

- David Gambrell, associate for worship, PC(USA), KY
- Corey Nelson, associate pastor for mission, First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, IL
- Marissa Galván-Valle, associate for resources and relationships, Hispanic/Latino, PC(USA), KY

Plenary

- David Barnhart, photojournalist, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PC(USA), GA
- Nancy Esajian, artist and member of San Francisco Presbytery’s Peacemaking Committee, CA
- Vanessa Hawkins, graduate student, Graduate Theological Union, CA
- Sara Lisherness, director, Compassion, Peace and Justice, PC(USA), KY
- Richard Pak, Census outreach manager for the Asian American Institute of Chicago, IL

- Bruce Reyes-Chow, moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008) and pastor, Mission Bay Community Church, CA
- Teresa Chávez Saucedo, antiracism consultant, CA
- David Young, photographer and world traveler, TN
- Sweet Young, quilter and knitter, TN

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and Ghost Ranch Conference Center working in partnership announce new lower rates for housing and meals for the 2010 Peacemaking Seminar, with extended registration dates. If you have already registered for the seminar, you will receive credit reflecting the difference in price.

REGISTRATION

Seminar Registration Fee for young adult and adult participants (housing/meals not included)

*******EXTENDED REGISTRATION DATES*******

- \$125.00 Early Registration (by July 16)
- \$175.00 Late Registration (by August 9)

Peacemaking Scholarships

Scholarships are still available for registration costs and other seminar related fees for **first-time participants** to a Peacemaking Program event. Scholarship information and applications are available on the conference Web page at: www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/conferences/2010.htm .

HOUSING

Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to those who require handicap accessible housing. Guest rooms are simple, rustic and observe the honor system: there are no locks, phones, televisions, alarm clocks, radios, or air-conditioning in the guest rooms. Maid service and porter service are not available and only selected housing units have heat. Ghost Ranch is located at an altitude of 6,500 feet.

- The **Dining Hall and most classrooms** are on the main ranch level.
- **Mesa Housing** access is by car or by a moderately steep switchback trail from the main ranch level.
- Participants who are interested in staying in the Ghost Ranch **campground** during the seminar are directed to contact Ghost Ranch directly. Please call Gary Salazar at 877-804-4678, ext. 191.
- **Check-in / Check-out Information:** Check-in will begin after 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25, with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Ghost Ranch orientation at 6:45 p.m. Check-out time is no later than 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 29, 2010.
- **Housing Rates** are per person and include four nights lodging and meals beginning with dinner on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 and— ending with dinner on Saturday, August 28, 2010.
 1. **Single Room Rates** apply to participants requesting a single room **or** to one adult participant sharing a room with a child or children. In a single room, child(ren) rates are:
 Child: 4-10 years of age: half the single room rate
 Infants/Toddlers 3 and under: no charge

2. **Double Room Rates** apply to participants requesting a double room and who designate a roommate or request a roommate be assigned **or** to two adult participants sharing a room with a child or children. In a double room, child(ren) pay only for their meals at the following rates:
 Child: 4-10 years of age: \$41.75
 Infants/Toddlers 3 and under: no charge

- **Housing Choices (rates are per person) *****NEW LOWER RATES*******

1. **Main Ranch Level—Bedroom with private bath:**

(Single \$620.00, now \$540.00!) (Double \$420.00, now \$355.00!)

Located on the main ranch level, bedroom (with two beds: either a double and twin, or two twin beds) with private bath. Bedroom includes a dresser, nightstand with lamp, chair and closet. Some handicapped accessible rooms available.

2. **Main Ranch Level—Bedroom with semi-private bath (shared with adjacent room):** (Single \$580.00, now \$499.00!) (Double \$380.00, now \$319.00!)

Located on the main ranch level, bedroom (with two beds: either a double and twin, or two twin beds) with private bath. Bedroom includes a dresser, nightstand with lamp, chair and closet.

3. **Main Ranch Level—Bedroom with dorm-style bath:** (Single \$540.00, now \$413.00!) (Double \$340.00, now \$283.00!)

One of Ghost Ranch's more affordable housing options. Located on the main ranch level, bedrooms are either double adult occupancy (with two beds: a double and twin, two twin beds, or a double and bunk bed) or (combination of double and twin and bunk beds—there are a limited number of this style). Rooms generally have a closet, dresser, chair and desk. Communal bathrooms and shower facilities are located outside and accessed by exterior doorway in the same building.

4. **Mesa Level—Bedroom with dorm-style bath:** (Single \$515.00, now \$435.00!) (Double \$315.00, now \$265.00!)

Ghost Ranch's most affordable housing option. Located uphill from main ranch level, one bedroom (with two beds: two twin beds, twin and bunk bed, or two bunk beds) has dresser, chair, shelf and reading lamp. Many rooms have a bathroom sink. Communal bathrooms are located outside and accessed by exterior doorway in the same building. Communal shower facilities are located in nearby buildings.

MEALS

Included in the room rate are meals beginning with dinner at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 (**meal service at Ghost Ranch is not available after 6:30 p.m.; please plan your arrival time with this in mind**) and ending with dinner on Saturday, August 28, 2010. Non-vegetarian and vegetarian entrees plus a salad bar are offered daily at lunch and dinner. Meals are served cafeteria style, with a choice of indoor or outdoor dining. The Food Services staff will make every attempt to meet special dietary needs listed them on registration forms. However, extremely restricted diets may be problematic; those on such diets may want to consider bringing some supplementary foods.

- **No refunds** are made for missed meals or voluntary early departure. Participants may purchase an optional breakfast ticket (\$6.50) for Sunday, August 29, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. (see online registration form). **Please check your departure time carefully before purchasing.**

TRANSPORTATION

As you plan your travel please remember that meal service at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu is not available after 6:30 p.m. Whether you are flying and using the shuttle, flying and renting a car, driving, or traveling in some other manner, please plan your arrival time at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu on Wednesday, August 25 with this in mind.

Flying

The nearest major airport is **Albuquerque International Sunport** (ABQ). It is approximately a two and a half hour drive from the Albuquerque airport to Ghost Ranch Abiquiu.

Airport Transportation

Shuttle service will be available for seminar participants from the Albuquerque airport to Ghost Ranch Abiquiu on Wednesday, August 25 at **1:30 p.m.** and **3:30 p.m.** Please make your airline reservations accordingly; allow at least forty-five minutes to get your luggage.

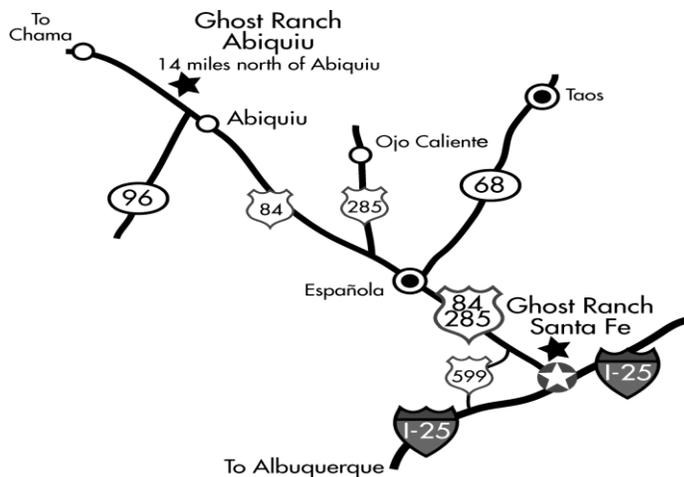
When planning your return flight, allow a minimum of four hours prior to your departure time for the trip from Ghost Ranch Abiquiu. The shuttle service from Ghost Ranch Abiquiu to the Albuquerque airport will be available on Sunday, August 29 at **4:00 a.m.** (for flights departing after 8:00 a.m.) and **8:00 a.m.** (for flights departing after 12 noon).

Fare	Round Trip	One-Way
Adults	\$50.00	\$30.00
Children 10 years and under	\$25.00	\$15.00

Driving

Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu is located 135 miles north of Albuquerque, 65 miles northwest of Santa Fe, and 35 miles beyond Española on U.S. 84.

From Albuquerque, take I-25 north towards Santa Fe. You may take the 599 bypass to U.S. 84/285 (this will save approximately 20 minutes of travel) or take the St. Francis Drive exit. St. Francis Drive becomes U.S. 84/285 at the north end of Santa Fe. Once in Española continue through town to the Fairview/Riverside intersection (Walgreen’s and the Bank of America are on the corners). Turn left on Fairview to cross the river; then turn right on Paseo de Oñate (U.S. 84). Once on Highway 84, watch for the Ghost Ranch sign between mileposts 224 and 225 (approximately 14 miles north of Bode’s Store in Abiquiu). Meal service at Ghost Ranch is not available after 6:30 p.m. Please plan your arrival time with this in mind.



CANCELLATION POLICY

Written or email notification **must be received no later than Wednesday, July 21, 2010** in order to receive a refund for registration, housing, meals, and the shuttle, (less \$75.00 for processing). No refunds will be processed after that time.

Peacemaking Seminar Registration and Ghost Ranch Abiquiu Housing/Meal and Shuttle Reservations is limited and available only online at: www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/conferences/2010.htm.

If you have any questions or need additional information contact Dayna Oliver at 888-728-7228, ext. 8700, or dayna.oliver@pcusa.org.

SPECIAL NOTES

As a participant of the 2010 Peacemaking Seminar, your image, name and voice, as well as any presentation, speech, or written document submitted by you, may be used, reproduced, distributed and/or modified by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its related entities at any time in a variety of media for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to, print, video, photographic, CD-ROM, television and radio broadcasts, and sound recordings, all of which may be available on the internet.

Using a camera, camcorder, or tape recorder is permitted during seminar session, provided that participants in the meeting are treated with courtesy and respect, the user does not obstruct the view of other participants, and camera flashes or other lights do not interfere with participants or proceedings.

During worship or other times of prayer, all participants and members of the press should be respectful of the sacred nature of the event. Photographs or videos made with the use of existing lighting are permitted in these services if taken unobtrusively and without disrupting either the service itself or individual worshippers. Flash photography or other additional lighting is not permitted.

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT GHOST RANCH

Health: Located in the high desert at an altitude of 6,500 feet, Ghost Ranch is very remote from medical facilities. The nearest hospital is 35 miles away, and the Ranch provides only basic first aid services. The Abiquiu Clinic is 15 miles away but has limited hours and services. There is a five to fifteen minute walk from most rooms to the Dining Hall, library, museums and meeting rooms. **We strongly**

urge people with health challenges to consult with their physician before registering. Remember to bring a sufficient supply of medications for the week.

Weather: The high desert altitude (6,500 feet) can produce extremely variable weather. Summer temperatures range from 50° to 95°, with afternoon thunderstorms possible.

What to Bring: To make your stay more comfortable you may want to pack the following: Bible, comfortable, casual clothes you can layer, sturdy walking shoes, rain gear, hat, flashlight, sun block, toiletries, alarm clock, hair dryer, bathrobe, small box of laundry detergent, small portable fan for room, cash for vending machines and Trading Post and Coffee Shop purchases. There is no on-site ATM machine available.

Computers & Telecommunications: Due to Ghost Ranch's remote location, cell phones may not work. Some phones are available for guest use; make long-distance calls with a phone card (available at the Trading Post). Some wireless hot spots (for cell phones and laptops) may be found at various places on the Ranch. Computers with Internet access are available in the computer lab.

Persons with Disabilities: Participants with disabilities are welcomed at Ghost Ranch. Please contact Dayna Oliver at 888-728-7228, ext. 8700, to discuss the type of accommodations you may need. Please note all of your special needs on the registration form especially if you use a wheelchair or scooter and need shuttle service from the Albuquerque airport to Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu.

Pet Policy: NO PETS are allowed on the Abiquiu campus, including the campground, with the exception of assistance animals with prior notification to the Registrar's Office. Please call Black Mesa Kennels at 505-753-9530 for information about boarding pets.

Smoking Policy: NO SMOKING is allowed indoors at Ghost Ranch. There are designated outdoor smoking areas throughout the campus.

Amenities: swimming pool, hiking, horseback riding, Bodywork Program (massages), Trading Post (store), Coffee Shop (near Trading Post), three Museums and gift shops, 24-hour library with Children's Room, Family Center (for children under age 3 and their accompanying parent/adult), children's playground, Georgia O'Keeffe and the Ghost Ranch Landscape Tour, challenge courses and kayaking, labyrinth and karesansui (meditation garden). **Note: Some amenities are available at an additional cost and require an on-site reservation.**

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