

## 2014 Theme: Holy Body-Talk Word in our Flesh

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us and we have seen his glory" (John 1:14). Two thousand years ago, our God was birthed into human life, walked among us, spoke our language, suffered and died, and rose again. And we live, as Christians, baptized into the body of Jesus, taking up divine life in our flesh, for our own sake and through our respective roles in ministry, for the sake of the world.

Our ministry depends on Christ taking up a home in our very bodies, in our flesh overtaken by the Spirit of the living God. How do we foster attentiveness to the way God reveals himself in our bodies, to the action of God in our action and the presence of God in ourselves and those around us? How is it that we see his glory in and around us, here and now?

Come and spend quality time with other women in ministry practicing spiritual attentiveness in and with your body, listening to Christ through Ruth, Tamar, Martha, Elijah and Paul. We will pray with our whole selves, reflect on our experiences, be attentive to the way our bodies proclaim and carry out God's ministry, and aim to leave with a deeper integration of our bodies and souls in our lives and ministry.



## Guest Presenter & Team

### Leah Perrault



Leah Perrault is the Director of Pastoral Services for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. She has an English degree from Campion College at the University of Regina and a MA in theology from St. Michael's College in Toronto.

She is the co-author of *How Far Can We Go? A Catholic Guide to Sex and Dating* and the author of *Theology of the Body for Every Body*. She has a passion for igniting faith in everyday life. Leah is grateful to be married to Marc and is constantly learning from her two children, Robyn and Eliot.

**Marie-Louise  
Ternier-Gommers**  
Parish Pastoral Minister  
Roman Catholic



**Rev. Donna Wilson**  
Ordained Congregational Minister  
United Church of Canada



**Kate O'Gorman**  
Lay Formation Minister  
Roman Catholic



**AnnE Zimmerman**  
Executive Director On Eagle's  
Wings Ecumenical Ministry  
Lutheran



## What others are saying ...

*A unique experience of women being enriched by other women in a woman's way. Relaxing — yet good, well thought out with solid input. The ecumenical aspect was most enriching.*

*I would encourage other women to 'come and see.' This retreat provides joy and healing, infusing new enthusiasm for our work in ministry.*

*Each woman brought to the retreat her unique call to ministry which opened us all to share the joys and frustrations of life and work in the church. I pray that in its rich diversity the Church will grow to demonstrate more fully its unity as the Body of Christ. + Cynthia Halmarson, ELCIC Bishop, Saskatchewan Synod*

*An opportunity for renewal, connection, inspiration and courage.*

*The retreat nourished my spirit and allowed me to be in community with my sisters in ministry. Inspiring, spiritual and fun!*

## 2014 Registration Form Women in Ministry

Sunday April 27 @ 5:30 pm to  
Tuesday April 29 @ 1:00 pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs or diet: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2014**

**Cost: \_\_ Live-in: \$225.00**

**\_\_ Commute: \$150.00**

(includes meals from Sunday supper to Tuesday lunch)

**Pre-registration is a must** at least two weeks in advance in order to ensure that the program has adequate attendance to proceed.

A **\$30.00 deposit** is required with registration.

Payment in full (Visa/Debit) requested upon arrival.  
Cheques made payable to *Queen's House of Retreats*.

**Bursaries are available upon request.**

Contact Linda at *Queen's House* for application form.

Send Deposit with completed registration form to:  
**Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre**

601 Taylor Street West

Saskatoon, SK S7M 0C9

Phone (306) 242-1916 Fax: (306) 653-5941

Email: [receptionist@queenshouse.org](mailto:receptionist@queenshouse.org)

## Why this Gathering?

Ministry exercised by women in all denominations is pastoral, priestly and prophetic, serving the Body of Christ in love and compassion.

This retreat is designed for women employed in their respective churches as a time away to re-centre, to pray for and with one another, to share joys and sorrows of ministry, and to support our mutual call to serve the Body of Christ in all of our churches.

Bringing together ordained and lay women employed in ecclesial ministry of all Christian traditions creates a sacred space in which to share and celebrate our journeys of faith and of call, to learn from and to support each other. Ministry commitments and responsibilities can have a way of insulating us from one another if we are not intentional about forging connections and encounters.

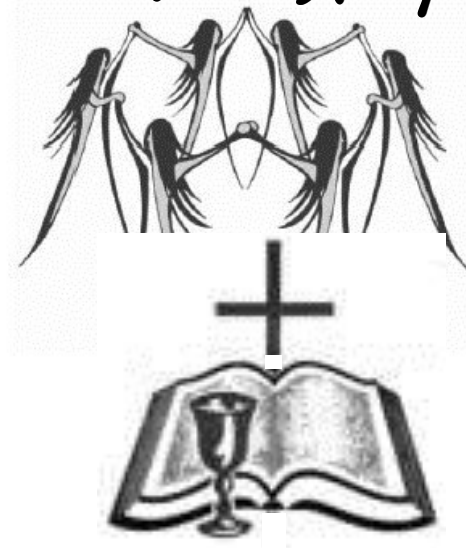
Since the first of these annual retreats in 2007 nearly 50 women have continued to meet monthly for lunch at *Queen's House* throughout the year to continue fostering ties of mutual support and mentoring, with an average attendance of 12—18 women each month.

Each year, a different team of facilitators decides on the theme and shares the leadership on the retreat. Our monthly lunches and planning meetings are helping us grow in our appreciation of one another's gifts and stories. We hope and pray that our gathering will encourage all who participate to grow together in similar ways.

*How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity*  
(Ps 133:1)

**So, if you are employed in, studying for or  
retired from professional ministry  
and desire to share in the riches of this unique  
ecumenical gathering, come and join us!**

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