



Mission Statement

At the service of the church and one with the *Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate* whose mission is that of Jesus Christ sent to announce good news to the poor, freedom to captives and new vision to the blind (Luke 4), Queen's House is primarily committed to the renewal of the people of God with special regard for the alienated and the suffering.

A place of hospitality, beauty and quiet, Queen's House welcomes all peoples in their unique life experiences. They come to pray and worship, to seek healing and human dignity, to grow in knowledge of self, the world and God. With risk and daring Queen's House responds to these needs through creative programs and collaborative ministry.

Embracing its own need for conversion, Queen's House looks to the day when all may love tenderly, act justly and walk in truth with one another and with God (Micah 6).

Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre

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For details on all programs:
www.queenshouse.org

Queen's House

A sacred place to stimulate your mind and nourish your spirit through:

- ◆ Ecumenical Encounter & Prayer
- ◆ Silent Retreats & Spiritual Direction
- ◆ Contemplation & Meditation
- ◆ Healing Retreats & Workshops
- ◆ Biblical Learning & Engagement
- ◆ Reflections on the Seasons of the Church Year
- ◆ 12-Steps Retreats & Gatherings
- ◆ Solitude and Private Refuge
- ◆ Yoga & Holistic Practices
- ◆ Art & Iconography
- ◆ First Nations Spirituality & Encounter
- ◆ Fellowship, Celebration, Worship

MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME

WITH US

"Come away to a deserted place and rest for a while ..."
(Mark 6:31)

Moving to Higher Ground Conversations in a New Key 2017

**Marie-Louise
Ternier-Gommers, M.Div.**



Three Saturdays

January 21, March 11 and April 8
from 9:30 am — 3:30 pm

plus

Four Wednesdays

February 8 & 22, March 22, April 19
from 7:00 — 9:15 pm

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A Home Away from Home

Moving to Higher Ground Conversations in a New Key

Family strife and racism, reconciliation with First Nations and same-sex marriage, understanding Islam and integrating new immigrants, assisted suicide and abortion — all subjects that can spark controversial and polarizing disputes. Most of us have experienced the painful alienation that can result from such conversations. Unresolved divisions and disputes, conflicting worldviews and moral standards risk leaving relationships permanently impaired or ended. Each time that happens our capacity to love unconditionally suffers.

If there was ever a mission for the Christian churches in today's conflict-ridden world, it is to move difficult conversations to higher Spirit-filled ground. This process will challenge persons of faith to choose listening before judging, sharing before walking away, receiving before dismissing, and loving before condemning. Together we will learn to put into practice God's call to us all to live in renewed relationship, both with God and with one another in all the complexities and diversity of this broken yet beautiful world God has created.

This series is not intended as a Bible Study "about" reconciliation, but aims to engage the hard relational work of reconciliation. While grounded in Scripture, group work will also draw from additional resources such as the books *Living Reconciliation* and *Crucial Conversations* as well as in-between-meeting assignments for group conversations. While using personal life experiences, participants will be challenged to leave comfort zones and minimize political activism. Each person will be called to give of themselves with the principal desire to grow closer to one another through Jesus Christ who showed radical compassion and mercy, and who still goes before us in all things.

**OPEN TO PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL
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Some bursaries available for those who have limited financial resources. Please contact reception for more information.

Session Themes:

- I — Living Reconciliation
- II — Journey into Uncertainty
- III — Unlikely Companions
- IV — Encounter with Power
- V — Transforming Conflict
- VI — Reconciliation and Justice
- VII — Risking Grace
- VIII — Costly Love in Mercy
- IX — A New Creation
- X — Sharing the Vision

NOTE: Number of participants is limited to 12. Participation at all sessions is vital, unless prevented by circumstances. Once formed, the group will close to new members. If interest warrants, a new group will begin in September 2017.

**Facilitator:
Marie-Louise
Ternier-Gommers**



Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers has been married to Jim for over 36 years. Mother of three adult children and grandmother of three adorable granddaughters. Marie-Louise has a *Masters in Divinity* and extensive training in spiritual direction. Raised in the Catholic tradition, she considers herself a denominational "hybrid," having been shaped by the strengths and gifts of various Christian traditions. Marie-Louise is a member of the *Anglican Church of Canada* and is currently in discernment for priestly ordination. An accomplished author of two books and freelance writer, she is a popular retreat leader, preacher and conference speaker. Marie-Louise has worked in diocesan and parish ministry, in ecumenical dialogues and ministry as well as guides private retreats. For the past nine years she has been co-ordinating an ecumenical network for women in ministry. Marie-Louise and Jim live in Humboldt, SK.

For more on Marie-Louise visit her website:

<http://prairiencounters.wix.com>

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'There is nothing easy or light-weight about reconciliation. It is a long and often painful journey. It is by telling our stories and hearing the stories of those we do not understand that we learn to walk together in hope. Forgiveness and reconciliation are a choice, but it is a choice rooted in the recognition that we are all flawed human beings, all children of God. We are all called to be reconcilers through being who we are.'

~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu