

Retreat Theme:

Heart to Heart: Called by Christ to Love

One of the scribes...asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

(Mark 12:28-31)

With 21st century ears, we hear anew Christ's call to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Spend a weekend practicing and learning to love!

Through worship, keynotes, lively music, interest groups, recreation, and fellowship, we'll connect with one another heart to heart.

Retreat Leaders

This year, three speakers will be featured individually and in a group discussion time. They're sure to be a dynamic team!



Rev. Jennifer Heinz began her faith journey as a Baptist preacher's daughter before discovering the Disciples of Christ as a seminary intern serving Brookhaven Christian Church. She fell in love with the church and the denomination. After her internship,

Jennifer joined the staff of Brookhaven, where she stayed for the next 18 years, serving in almost every possible role, and as senior minister the last 5 years. Since August 2018, Jennifer has been working at Capstone Hospice as a chaplain and bereavement coordinator and enjoying her newly free weekends with her children, 12-year-old Sarah and 9-year-old Matthew. She also enjoys reading, easy kayaking, and spending time in the company of friends.

Rev. Leah Jackson

was born and raised in Detroit. She was ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by the Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur where she serves as Minister of Christian Education. She is also a licensed member of the State Bar of Georgia and specializes in Technology and Intellectual Property Law.



She is the proud author of the devotional, *Daily Manna from the Psalms: Nuggets of Hope for the Hungry Christian*. She was licensed as a Minister of Dance in 2008 by Set Free Evangelistic Ministries. Leah also served as the advisor for the Spelman College Dance Ministry, "Movements of Praise," for 5 years.

Rev. Jackson received a B. A. in Public Policy with a focus in Child Advocacy from Spelman College in 2002, a Juris Doctor from Walter F. Georgia School of Law in 2005, and a Master of Divinity from McAfee School of Theology in 2012.

Rev. Sylvia Stroy is the Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia. She is a member, minister, and teacher at the Ray of Hope Christian Church.



She served for several years as the Minister to Women, designing the Daughters of Destiny Ministry and focusing on appointing, training, and empowering women in the areas of leadership development and the execution of ministry events.

For many years, she has worked for various churches and non-profits in the area of accounting and finance. She currently serves as the Church Administrator of the Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church in Atlanta. Rev. Stroy received her B.S. in Business Administration from Clarion University in Pennsylvania and her Master of Divinity from McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University. She was ordained in 2010.



Ms. Ann Edmondson has been a chorus and music teacher in the Atlanta area since 1995. Since 2007, she has taught at Woodward Academy where she is director of the Primary Singers and the W.A. Faculty Chorus. She chartered and directs the Tucker Community Singers. She has been

serving churches as a pianist since her teen years and directing choirs for the last 20 years.

Ms. Edmondson is a graduate of Candler School of Theology with a Master of Religious Leadership with a concentration in Worship and Music. She currently serves as organist at First Christian Church of Atlanta where her husband, Tom Edmondson, is the pastor. Ann is from Korea, and she immigrated to the United States in 1986.

What You Need to Know

Schedule: Check-in begins at 4:00 pm on Friday. Dinner is at 6:00; music in the chapel begins at 7:15. Saturday morning program begins at 9 am. Sunday worship will end by about 11:30, and lunch is included in your registration fee. Bring casual, comfortable clothing and walking shoes! Bed and bath linens are provided. (One towel change will be provided during the weekend.)

Cost: Includes \$45 retreat registration fee and materials, housing for 2 nights, and 6 meals.

Single room: \$267
Double room: \$217 per person
Triple room: \$197 per person
Quad room: \$177 per person

RV Hook-Up with Meals: \$147
RV Hook-Up without Meals: \$91
(Direct contact with GA Baptist recommended to ensure your RV will fit in the camping area.)

Saturday Commuter Rate: \$65 including 1 meal (or \$74 including 2 meals), retreat center commuter fee, and pro-rated registration fee

Memorial Names: Sept. 10 is the program book inclusion deadline for submitting names of women in your church family who passed away since 2018 Retreat. Please email women's names and your church name to betty@gadisciples.org. You may also call the Regional office.

Giving Opportunities: Please see separate flyer for information about giving opportunities – offerings, retreat bazaar, scholarship needs, and service projects.

Parking Request: For women staying in the Griffith Hotel (the majority of retreat attendees); unless you need regular transport down the hill, please unload and then park in the lower parking lot. We are sharing the campus, and the lot cannot accommodate all our cars.

Retreat Location

GA Baptist Conference Center
462 Sonrise Way, Toccoa GA, 30577
GPS address: 8496 Lake Louise Rd
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Rev. Sylvia Stroy

Musician:

Ms. Ann Edmondson

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