**Training Retreat for Tending the Soul Participants**

**May 19-20, 2017**

**Casowasco Retreat Center, Moravia, NY**

This training retreat is being offered to all the individuals who have completed Tending the Soul, the training program in Spiritual Direction and Congregational Formation. This training will invite participants more deeply into the content of Training Retreat V, Spiritual Formation in the Congregation: Restoring the Soul of the Church.

 This training will focus specifically on the role of the spiritual director in the context of ministry teams and committees; in the local church, in the District and in the Conference. Attention will be given to: how do I serve as a spiritual guide for a team or committee, how does this role care for the soul of this team and of the church, how do I nurture the spiritual growth and formation of this team and of the greater church, how do I hold the space for prayerful discernment in the work of this team.

 As we as a Conference seek to grow Christ-following leaders and increase the opportunities for discipleship and a disciplined prayer life and listen for and be obedient to the movement of the Spirit, the role of the spiritual director/guide becomes a critical element. In times that are challenging for the church, the non-anxious presence of the spiritual director offers a space for holy listening and prayerful discernment. The retreat will be led by the Rev. Wendy Miller.

 We will also have time on Friday evening for re-connecting with old friends and making new connections.

The retreat will begin with dinner at 6pm on Friday, May 19 and the program will end at 3pm on Saturday, May 20. Lodging will be double occupancy in Galilee; meals include dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. All linens and towels are provided. The cost per person is $150. Registration and payment are due by April 28th. Checks should be made payable to **Upper NY Conference**. Registration and payment should be mailed to: Nancy Dibelius, 198 Truesdale Hill Road, Lake George, NY 12845.

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We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Feel free to contact Nancy with any questions; nancy.dibelius@gmail.com, 518-369-9147

For those of you not familiar with Casowasco Camp and Retreat Center, the training program has been held there for the past four years. It is located on Lake Owasco in the Finger Lakes and is a beautiful setting. The address is 158 Casowasco Drive, Moravia, NY 13118. [www.casowasco.org](http://www.casowasco.org)