

Our invitation to you...

Dear Women of the Maritimes,

The ladies of the John Calvin Christian Reformed church would like to invite you to this year's Maritime Women's Retreat in Truro on May 14th and 15th. We as the Organizing Committee for this event are still busy making plans, but we'd like to take a few minutes to tell you what we have in store for what we pray will be a weekend full of fun and fellowship.

The Retreat starts with registration on Friday night at 5:30. We're hoping that you can come for the whole event, but just in case you can't we've divided the retreat into four registration options:

- *Registration for the whole weekend: \$40*
- *Friday night with supper: \$22*
- *Friday night without supper: \$12*
- *Saturday only: \$18*

After registration we will enjoy a time of fellowship as we eat a delicious meal prepared by our Social Committee.

The main event for the evening will begin at 7:00 pm. We are opening the evening up to women in our community so if you live in the area please feel free to pass the invitation on! We will begin with a time of Praise and Worship led by our Praise Team. Come and learn our Theme Song: I am Persuaded by Robin Mark!

We are excited that we've been able to engage speaker/ entertainer Judy Savoy as the featured presenter for our retreat. She will be speaking on our theme:

Faith, Hope, Love ... For Every day Use!
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At the core of Judy's life and work is her faith in and love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Speaking about Judy's presentation at her retreat, Barbara Fry said "It was obvious by the responses of the women that she touched on the needs that were present. Judy ministered with Biblical teaching, encouraging messages, laughter, and heart warming stories. Judy makes people aware that in everyday problems, God cares!"

Following Judy's presentation there will be refreshments and fellowship. The evening will conclude with a time of laughter as Judy presents:

"I'm on the Road of Life... but my GPS is Broken!"

There are lots of hotels nearby, but we've made arrangements with the Willow Bend Motel and the Best Western Glengarry where you can stay for approximately \$85 per room if you reserve your room two weeks before the retreat. See the registration form for more details.

On Saturday morning we will open with worship and devotions. We will spend more time focusing on our theme with Judy Savoy and in small groups. The morning will conclude with a time of fun and fellowship as we break up into various workshops ranging from serious to energetic! There will be lots of workshops to choose from including:

- ★ *A walk along the Cobequid Tail;*
- ★ *An "Introduction to Lectio Divina (Holy Reading) Bible Reading and Prayer";*
- ★ *and a theme related craft.*

Saturday will wrap up with lunch at around 12:30.

We're very excited to be hosting this year's retreat and we hope that our plans have inspired you to come! If you've never attend a Women's Retreat before it's a great time to become closer to the women in your church home, and the Christian Reformed churches around the Maritimes. We are all so busy, but consider taking this opportunity to grow in your faith life, your relationship with Christ, and your relationships with the women around you.

We ask you all to please remember this event and our plans in your prayers! We hope to see you in May!

*In His Service,
2010 Maritime Women's Retreat Organization Committee*

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