

Presbytery of Ottawa Retreat

Investing in Ourselves for the Greater Good: Listening to God's Voice; Listening for God's Invitations

Galilee Retreat Centre, Almonte, November 5-7, 2023

Plans are coming together for our Presbytery of Ottawa Retreat with guest speakers David Sherbino, Blair Bertrand and Andrew Root. Aligning with our original mandate, we are hoping this retreat will help us in developing deeper connections with one another and God, plus catalyzing us toward mission in our various communities.

Registrations: At present there is lodging space for approximately 10 more participants. If you have not yet registered, there will be opportunity to sign up during the Presbytery meeting, September 19th. Closing date for all registrations is October 26th. In addition to Presbyters, we are also welcoming Session Clerks, Church Staff or other interested leaders in your church. At this point, registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis until we reach capacity.

Location: The Retreat is being held at Galilee Centre in Arnprior at 398 John Street North.

Schedule: Arrive on Sunday anytime after 3 pm for registration, finding your rooms, getting settled in, and for supper @ 5:30 pm. For those unable to join us Sunday, there is an option to arrive Monday morning for breakfast @ 8 am or 9:30 am for Worship & Communion. Monday will be full day with each of our speakers presenting, including time for socializing and an evening session. Tuesday will be a full until departure after supper.

Meals: In addition to Sunday evening Supper, Monday and Tuesday will include Breakfast, Lunch and Supper, plus healthy snacks between meals.

Book Discussions: If you haven't already received a copy of "When Church Stops Working" by Blair Bertrand and Andy Root, copies will be available at Tuesday's Presbytery meeting. There will be two pre-retreat "Book Discussions". One will be an in-person discussion at Westminster Church (470 Roosevelt Avenue) on October 18th at 10 am. hosted by Rev. Chris Clarke. The second option is an online Zoom Discussion on October 25th @ 7pm. hosted by Rev. Jim Pot. Both events will have similar formats with discussion questions distributed in advance. All retreat participants are encouraged to attend either of these discussions. There will be sign-up sheets at the Presbytery Meeting for these discussions, and those not at Presbytery will be contacted. For the Zoom event, the link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83187956299?pwd=MG5UM1JVV1JnaGNiZUhBK0djOEIGdz09>

We are looking forward to our time together as a Presbytery, a time for Investing in Ourselves, for Listening to God's Voice and Listening for God's Invitations!

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