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2009 CLERGY RETREAT

On January 29-31, 2009 roughly 25 clergy and their wives took retreat in Lancaster, PA to be nurtured and instructed by the teaching of the Very Rev. Dr. Donald P. Richmond, an RE clergyman from California. Rev. Richmond's teaching focused on renewal found in worship. His premise: worship that renews us often flows out of times of despair.

Rev. Richmond used the example of Moses, noting how Moses experienced a time of wilderness after he killed the Egyptian who was beating one of Moses' Hebrew brethren. Rather than being recognized as the deliverer of the Hebrews, he was viewed with suspicion and necessarily fled. Moses was tending his father-in-law's sheep on the back side of the desert when God appeared to him in the figure of the burning bush and subsequently called him into his role as deliverer. It was only as he removed his sandals and heeded the voice of the Lord that Moses began to exercise correctly the ministry the Lord had for him.

Rev. Richmond's instruction included themes such as worship helps us identify where we are, who we are and what we are both individually and corporately as the people of God. Worship occurs at God's initiative; it requires hope; it anticipates warfare; it includes a challenge; it requires honesty; and it suggests faith.

Rev. Richmond's presentation was thought-provoking and generated an atmosphere of reverence, worship, and renewal for the participants.

Submitted by Rev. Gregory Miller, Covenant Chapel REC, Basking Ridge, NJ



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Upcoming Events:

- Women's Day May 1
- PA Clergy Convocation Meeting June 6
- Int'l Spiritual Enrichment Conference June 26-28
- Short Term Missions Trips July 2009

Liturgical Season:

- * April 5: Palm Sunday—Purple
- * April 12: Easter—White
- * April 19: Easter I—White
- * April 26: Easter II—White

Women's Day is Coming—Join us!



P E A C E

Speaker: Linda G. Butler

10:30 AM — Friday, May 1, 2009
National Christian Conference Center — Valley Forge, PA
Mail your luncheon reservation form and cost of
\$20 per person to

Dawn Mitchell
1411 Birchwood Avenue, Roslyn, PA 19001
by Friday, April 24, 2009
(luncheon fee must accompany reservation form)



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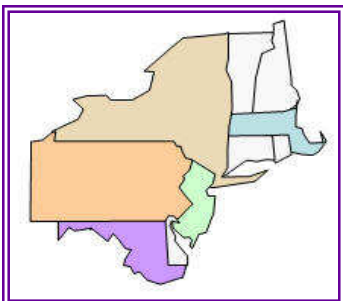
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Spiritual Enrichment Conference*

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Ephesians 4:4-6

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