

**Affirmation:**  
United Methodists  
for  
Lesbian, Gay,  
Bisexual,  
Transgender and  
Queer Concerns

**A WEEKEND OF  
RETREAT and  
RENEWAL**

LaSalle Retreat  
Center,  
St. Louis, Missouri

**LABOR DAY  
WEEKEND**  
Friday,  
September 1, 2006  
(5 PM)  
to  
Monday,  
September 4, 2006  
(noon)

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PO Box 1021  
Evanston, IL 60204

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**Retreat Registration (Deadline: July 15, 2006)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I will require transportation from the airport to the retreat center: \_\_\_\_\_

Local church name and conference (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \$190.00 (Late Registration: \$200.00); Commuter: \$50.00

Meals for commuters: Breakfast: \$5.85, Lunch: \$7.05, Dinner: \$8.10

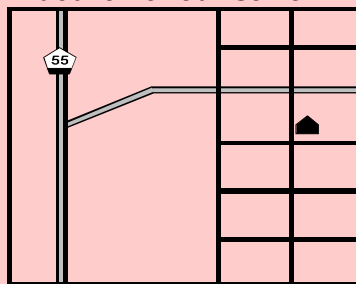
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COME AND ENJOY A TIME AWAY  
FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND  
SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH  
EXPERIENCES OF GOD AND  
COMMUNITY AROUND THE THEME  
OF EMBODIED QUEER THEOLOGY.

at LaSalle Retreat Center, St.  
Louis, Missouri

*La Salle Retreat Center is located on 180 acres of wooded hills and open valleys -- which includes abundant lawns and pathways. It is run by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, a group of lay religious men devoted to education. The facilities include a Chapel, meeting and dining rooms, and private bedrooms with a single bed, desk and sink in each room. Bed linens, blankets, towels, washcloths and soap are provided. Showers and restrooms are centrally located on each floor. All indoor space is smoke-free, smoking in designated outdoor space provided*

LaSalle Retreat Center



Eve was clay – for life.  
Cain was marked – for protection.  
Each a human body linked with the divine presence.  
Lydia saw purple.  
Zaccheus climbed high to see.  
An unnamed woman knelt low to anoint Jesus' feet.  
Thomas touched raw wounds,  
and Joseph wrapped the body in linen and spices.  
Each one sensually encountered God with their bodies.  
Jacob limped;  
Moses stuttered;  
Miriam danced;  
and Jesus wept.  
Each one followed God with their bodies.  
Ruth was a border-crossing immigrant.  
Jonathan loved David.  
Rahab was an entrepreneurial brothel owner.  
John baptized Jesus with water.  
Mary was an unwed mother.  
Each one was outside the norm.  
Each one was queer to others.  
AND each one was included in God's polis – body and community.  
Join Affirmation for a weekend retreat where body, spirit, and community are united.  
Come as you are with your feelings, your self-perceived limitations, and your particular body.  
Come as you are with your hungers and hopes.  
Come as you are to the community of Affirmation, and let Affirmation be your church for the weekend.



The weekend will be a flowing pattern of:

- ❖ Conversations that matter
- ❖ New insights from presenters Jeanne Hoefft and David Meredith that unlock and release
- ❖ Sacred actions that deepen intimacy and awareness
- ❖ Alone time balanced with community time,
- ❖ Silence balanced with sound, and
- ❖ Experiences that span the broad range of senses and feelings.

Bring your whole self, a journal, and a Bible. If you have them, bring a United Methodist Hymnal and *The Faith We Sing*. Come as you are and experience the promises of God. Renew your baptism – the holy bath. Taste and see the goodness of God in communion – the holy meal. Touch the intimacy of God through the sharing of signs of peace - the holy kiss. Become again, anew, and afresh the body of Christ, the temple of God - the holy house for God.

**Rev. David Meredith:**

*Pastor, Broad St. UMC, Columbus, OH;  
Convenor, Reconciling Ministries Clergy;  
Member, Affirmation Council*

**Jeanne Hoefft**

*Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care,  
Saint Paul School of Theology.*

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