

Welcome to Clergy Sabbath Days at Horton Center – a chance to begin the summer with a pause which you may fill with hiking, archery, rock climbing, caving, arts and crafts and prepared or casual conversation ..... or rocking on Madison porch, reading science fiction, silent contemplation, sleeping under the stars. We ask that everyone be present for our meals and evening Vespers on Chapel Rock or Randolph Ledge. No one will be asked to plan or lead any worship! For the rest, you are free.

In the past some colleagues have used this getaway for planning purposes. Others come with life partners longing to put distance from colleagues, committees and commitments. We will have the energized attention of the professional staff to lead in wilderness programming and campfire making. There will be a range of simple discussion opportunities available and scheduled, especially in the case of poor weather. One example is “**Book It!** Sharing the best book I read this year!”

And that leads to the **Book Swap**. Bring books to give away – mysteries, theology (not text books) biographies, poetry, graphic novels, adult coloring books. Anything you *liked* and want to give away. Enjoy the offerings of others and perhaps bring them back next year.

Arrival time on the mountain is 11:00-1:00 on Tuesday June 20 (lunch will be available) and we will conclude after Communion and lunch on Thursday June 22. If you need to arrive later or leave earlier, please be in touch with your schedule in advance.

We want this time for you to be relaxing, rejuvenating and recharging. Please try to avoid the use of internet and phone. However some of you may journal, draw or read on an electronic device – feel free to enjoy the blessings of technology and avoid its curs ...drawbacks. We also ask that if you choose to hike on your own, that you please let either one of the deans or a staff member know that you will be leaving the compound and where you will be going.

#### WHAT TO BRING:

- ❖ Those books to share
- ❖ Some object or photograph that means “Sabbath” for you
- ❖ Casual relaxing clothes
- ❖ Warm clothes for cold days and nights
- ❖ Rain gear
- ❖ Bathing suit & beach towel if you want to go down the mountain to swim
- ❖ Bathroom items in easy to carry bag or Bucket (towels, washcloth, soap, etc.) Insect repellent (non-aerosol please!) & Sunscreen (SPF 30 or more)
- ❖ Sleeping bag or sheets and a blanket for bedding & Pillow
- ❖ Comfortable sneakers/hiking shoes
- ❖ Flashlight
- ❖ Water bottle
- ❖ Money for store (if you want some great Horton Center clothing and ICE CREAM!)

Most often forgotten is the flashlight ... “this little light of yours – you are going to want it to shine.” Please bring your downloaded Health Form. Each year we feature a mission project for the entire camp. We will let you know soon about this project.

We look forward to seeing you next month!

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