



Faith and Sharing Retreat

August 15– 20th 2021

*The Beatitudes :
a call to a new consciousness*



Bethlehem Centre, Nanaimo, B.C.

What is Faith and Sharing?



Faith and Sharing is a Christian ecumenical and transforming retreat experience. It is an opportunity to encounter the Body of Christ. Participants come from **all** walks of life with many stories to tell. Faith and Sharing is an invitation to reflect on the gospel, pray, share and celebrate our lives together. The experience is only the beginning to a new way of life. At Faith and Sharing you will find a community to support you as you strive to live a richer life.

***For more information, about the
retreat, contact Terri at
250 465 2080***

Animator

Doreen Kostynuik will be returning for a second year to animate our retreat. She is a part time hermit who ministers as a therapist and spiritual director. She has given retreats and workshops to religious congregations, parishes, young people and L'Arche communities. She has a M.Ed. in Counselling and continues to study in the areas of spirituality, theology and psychology. Her published works include *Songs of the Desert*, a collection of poetry, as well as three albums entitled "*Doreen Kostynuik*", "*I Wish You Rainbows*" and "*Moments of Grace*". Doreen lives in New Westminster.



The Facility

The retreat will include 5 days of :

- Inspiring talks
- Daily liturgy and prayer
- Sharing faith in small groups
- Silence and reflection times
- Being with friends old and new
- Inclusive acceptance
- Joy and laughter

**Come as you are and be welcomed
for who you are**



Faith and Sharing retreats welcome many participants with limited finances. We are seeking sponsorship so that we can offer subsidies for those who need them.

**If you would like to support our mission
by making a donation,
contact Claire at 778 425 2150**

Bethlehem Centre in Nanaimo, B.C. provides a peaceful and restful environment with grassy areas, woodlands, a labyrinth and a chapel overlooking Westwood Lake. There are walking trails and a public swimming area and sandy beach at the lake, close to the property. Simple accommodation, nourishing food and a warm welcome awaits you.



Registration cost for 5 days of accommodation, meals and the full daily program is \$700. We offer financial support for those with limited means, to make the retreat accessible for all.



History of Faith and Sharing

In 1974, Bishop Remi De Roo attended a Faith and Sharing Retreat in Vancouver. He returned to Vancouver Island and encouraged a group to start Faith and Sharing here. A five day retreat was held in Duncan in October 1974. Retreats and days of renewal have been organized on Vancouver Island every year since. We have been holding retreats every summer at Bethlehem Centre since 1989.

