



## Faith and Sharing Retreat

August 13 – 18th 2023

## Unveiling the Holy



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 Claire at 250 941 2052***

## Animator

We are thrilled to invite Carma Gjerner back to lead our retreat this year. She previously animated our retreats in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Carma ministers as a spiritual director, retreat leader, writer, illustrator, storyteller, and as a ministry consultant in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a creative soul who loves to use play and creativity in discovering the Sacred. Carma enjoys biking, attending to the inner life, music, being in God's glorious creation, caring for the earth, living as a beloved one of God and the blessing of family, friends and relationships.



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 new and established
- 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 250 941 2052**

## The Facility

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 \$775. 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.

