



Faith and Sharing Retreat

August 11 – 16th 2024

Designed by the Divine



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 pleased to welcome Rev Deb Hinksman to animate our retreat. Deb is a semi-retired minister who serves at Ladysmith First United Church. She is a musical theater buff and secretly a Broadway “wanna-be”! On sabbatical many years back, she asked God to help her discern a word that should be at the core of her ministry and she heard that her word was “Joy!” For over 40 years she has been blessed with sharing God’s joy with people and walking with them as they discover God’s joy in their own lives. Creative in her heart, joy has come through drama, stand-up comedy, women’s retreat leadership, youth ministry, storytelling, and cruise ship worship leader. One of the highlights in her early ministry was taking a group of 16 teenagers to India to explore the culture and their faith. She believes that everyone has gifts to serve God and that we are all blessed to be a blessing!



The retreat will include 5 days of :

- Inspiring talks
- Daily liturgy and prayer
- Sharing faith in small groups
- Silence and reflection times
- Art activities
- 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 \$900. 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. This year is our 50th anniversary of Faith and Sharing on Vancouver Island!

