Updates from Your Academy Council

At the quarterly meeting on March 7, 2019, the Council amended its Guidelines and formally established an Executive Committee to facilitate the work of the Council. In addition to the Donna Strieb as Chair, we now have Nancy Carter serving as Vice-Chair, Nancy McDougall as Secretary, and Cheri Heldstab as publicity chair. The Council also created policies in regards to registration fee payments and cancellations. At a previous meeting, a Procedural Guide for Academies in South Texas was approved as an additional resource for team planning. The next meeting of the Council is set for May 9.
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Director of Connectional Ministries and Native Discipleship for the Alaska Missionary Conference of the UMC, Ray Buckley is the interim director for the Center of Native Spirituality and Christian Study. He has served the United Methodist Church on the conference and national levels and is a well known author/illustrator of story books, the author of missional studies on Native peoples, and the Holy Living Series: Prayer. His stories, poetry, and art have appeared in numerous journals, periodicals, and books.

Marjorie Thompson 
Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Marjorie brings to her ministry over thirty years of experience in retreat work, teaching, and writing in Christian spiritual formation. As the author of several books, including Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life, she considers writing a central dimension of her vocation. For twelve years Marjorie served as director of Pathways in Congregational Spirituality with the Upper Room Ministries, and was chief architect of Companions in Christ, an innovative series for adult spiritual formation.

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Registration Dates & Costs

Early Registration ends October 3, 2019
Single Room $595.00 Double Room $475.00

Regular Registration ends December 3, 2019
Single Room $625.00 Double Room $500

Late Registration ends January 20, 2020
Single Room $650.00 Double Room $525.00

Limited Double Rooms Available

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