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### CLERGY RETREAT

On January 31-February 2 RE ministers and their wives were treated to a retreat featuring presentations by John Freeman and Ed LeClair from Harvest Ministries USA. Harvest Ministries is an evangelical ministry helping people who are trapped in sin relating to their sexuality. Most prevalently they deal with people practicing homosexuality or are spiritually addicted to internet pornography. The internet addiction is a rapidly growing problem - even in churches. Harvest not only seeks to minister to individuals committing sexual sin but also wants to help the church of Jesus Christ minister more effectively to such individuals.

What was most powerful about their presentation was recognition of the fact that though sexual sin is the same as all other sin it is more acutely felt because it strikes so deeply to the core of our beings as humans. To hear the stories of men and women who had been helped through this ministry was very moving. The retelling of their newfound acceptance and freedom as new creatures in Christ as they had been set free from lives of shame and guilt left nary a dry eye in the room. It left one with a renewed recognition of the amazing grace and power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If your church is seeking a seminar speaker for the upcoming year I would heartily recommend them. The potential for helping the Church become a compassionate body, ministering as a triage unit for the wounded souls in our culture, is great. Such a ministry could change the way the church looks at ministry and could lead to new avenues of growth and health as we seek to offer a cup of cold water in the name of Christ to a hurting world.

Contact John Freeman of Harvest Ministries USA at [jbfreeman5@comcast.net](mailto:jbfreeman5@comcast.net) if you'd like further information

by Rev. Gregory J. Miller

### Diocesan Men's Retreat The Bride Dialoguing with the Groom April 25-26, 2008

(Arrive 6:30-7:30PM Friday  
Depart 3:00PM Saturday)

Please mail the following to

Covenant Chapel REC

127 West Oak Street

Basking Ridge, New Jersey, 07920

along with a check for \$49.00 payable  
to Covenant Chapel by April 18,  
2008.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_

The cost of the retreat includes overnight lodging (see below)\* plus breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

**\*This is a B&B retreat. Bring your own Bible and Bedding, along with pillow and towel. If you forget yours you will be sleeping on a bare mattress and will have to air dry after your shower.**

All amenities are provided by guests (you)!

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## News Items:

### 2008 WOMEN'S DAY PROJECT LUNCHEON

Our 2008 Women's Day Project Luncheon is scheduled to be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2008 at the National Christian Conference Center (NCCC), Valley Forge, PA. Our speaker is Mrs. Christine M. Specht, a member of Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA, and a child and family counselor. This year's project will be to raise \$10,000 to support our efforts to sponsor our international spiritual enrichment conference.

The luncheon is \$15/person.

Paid reservations are due April 25th to Dawn Mitchell, 1411 Birchwood Avenue, Roslyn, PA 19001.

RES Commencement, Saturday, May 24, 2008, 2 pm at St. Paul's REC, Oreland, PA.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. David L. Moyer will be the speaker. As custom dictates, parishes are asked to contribute toward the reception following the ceremony in honor of our deserving graduates. Please send contributions to the Seminary marked "Commencement".

### 2008 SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

Our 2008 Spiritual Enrichment Conference will be held Friday - Sunday, October 3 - 5, in Williamsburg VA. We have secured a new location - The Williamsburg Hospitality House. We are excited about our new location and ask for your continued prayer for our conference.

General Council -- October 22-24, 2008 -- Victoria, British Columbia, CANADA. Passports are required. On-line registration now available on the denominational website: [www.rechurch.org](http://www.rechurch.org)

### 2009 INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

Plans are to hold the conference Friday - Sunday, June 26 - 28 in Katy, TX (a suburb of Houston). We are working with the Crown Plaza Houston West as a possible hotel site. A speaker for this weekend, bestselling author and Christian communicator Donna Partow of Arizona, has been engaged. You may want to check out her web site at [www.donnapartow.com](http://www.donnapartow.com).

### COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S MINISTRY WEBSITE:

Information about the work of the Women's Committee is now available on the World Wide Web. Karen Baird, webmaster, is in the process of completing the web page and linking it to other sites. You may want to check out what she has done so far. Web address is: [cowm.org](http://cowm.org).

### Liturgical Colors

<b>April 1</b>	<b>2nd Sunday after Easter</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>April 13</b>	<b>3rd Sunday after Easter</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>4th Sunday after Easter</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>5th Sunday after Easter</b>	<b>White</b>

## Calendar:

Date	Time	Explanation
Thursday, April 24	6:00 pm	RESeminary Board of Directors Meeting at RESeminary
Thursday, May 1st	6:30 pm	Committee on Women's Ministry Meeting at Joan Workowski's home
Saturday, May 17th	9:00 am Holy Communion	Philadelphia Clergy Convocation RESeminary, McCausland Chapel