

Who should attend the PIM RETREAT?

Local church pastors—both
ordained and licensed

Retired clergy

Chaplains

Commissioned Ministers

Christian Education Directors

Music Directors

Spouses and Partners welcome!

***Completion of the retreat
will provide seven hours
of continuing education.***

"The Persons in Ministry Retreat is a special time for me to see colleagues I don't often see and meet new colleagues. I always come away from the PIM with a new perspective on ministry and my role in it, and am affected by the similarity and diversity of others' experiences. And it is always a blessing to Worship and feast together!"

~ Kristin Aardema Faigh,
Pastor, Zion UCC, Mayview

"I always look forward to the PIM retreat as a time for rest, spiritual reflection, collegiality and golf."

~ Michael Stephens,
Pastor, Southwood UCC, Raytown

"What a great opportunity for ministry colleagues to learn, experience and practice together the transforming and complementary spiritual disciplines and perspectives of both East and West!"

~ Darla Goodrich,
Associate Pastor,
Community Christian Church (DOC), St. Louis

THIS YEAR'S LEADER

We welcome

Kent Ira Groff

Kent Ira Groff is a spiritual companion for journeyers and leaders, a retreat director and a writer poet living in Denver, Colorado.

Honest to God Prayer is his tenth and newest book. Others include *Facing East, Praying West*, prayer poems from his time in India, *What Would I Believe If I Didn't Believe Anything?: A Handbook for Spiritual Orphans*, and *Writing Tides*, which he uses with classes in Denver prisons.

Dr. Groff is founding mentor of Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. With experience as a pastor of congregations, a chaplain, and a seminary teacher, he describes his work as one beggar showing other beggars where to find bread. Learn more about Dr. Groff at his website.

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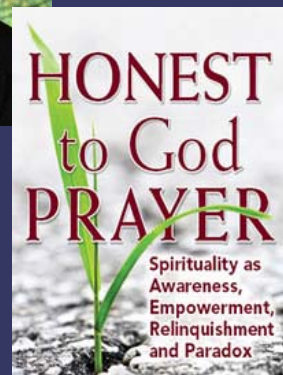
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PERSONS IN MINISTRY RETREAT 2013

September 16-18, 2013

Honest to God Prayer:
Being Still while in Motion
with
Kent Ira Groff



Do you struggle with connecting your spirituality to your everyday life?



That's what genuine *spirituality* is about: connecting your inner and outer world in relationships and work, mind and heart, body and soul, abilities and disabilities, questioning and believing. About noticing the sacred in the secular. About linking *your* spirituality—discovering the Presence and direction for your unique personality, genetics and life experiences—not fitting a mold of others' expectations. Your spiritual life is always invitation, never obligation.

Kent's sessions will guide spiritual formation, content and practice to connect to real life experience.

Kent's format will include engaging, interactive presentations, film clips, music, art, quiet times

Monday Afternoon

- 1:00–1:45** **Registration** *A time to meet colleagues and look over the book display*
- 1:45–2:00** **Welcome and Call to Retreat** *in Ozark Room*
- 2:00–3:15** **Building Connections & Nurturing Relationships** *Worship*
- 3:30–5:00** **Spirituality as Awareness** *Group Session in Ozark Room*
- 5:30–6:30** **Dinner** *Provided*

Monday Evening

- 7:00–8:30** **Spirituality as Empowerment** *in Ozark Room*
- 8:45–9:00** **Vespers** *in Ozark Room*
- 9:00** **Refreshments/Fellowship** *in the Hospitality Suite*

Tuesday Morning

- 7:15–7:30** **Optional Prayer in Four Directions**
- 7:30–8:30** **Breakfast Buffet** *Provided*
- 8:30–8:45** **Morning Reflection** *in Ozark Room*
- 8:45–10:30** **Spirituality as Relinquishment** *Group Session in Ozark Room*
- 10:45–12:00** **Ecumenical Partnership Conversations**
- 12:00** **Lunch on your own!**
Afternoon and evening hours are time on your own to relax and retreat! Want to meet for dinner – gather at 5:00 and find friends to join for dinner.

Some optional free time activities will include a nature hike, a pontoon excursion on the lake and golf.

Tuesday Evening

- 9:00** **Refreshments/Fellowship** *Hospitality Suite*

Fellowship, informal games, and conversation. Bring a favorite game to share.

Wednesday Morning

- 7:15–7:30** **Optional Prayer in Four Directions**
- 7:30–9:00** **Breakfast Buffet** *Provided*

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- 9:00–10:30** **Spirituality as Paradox** *Group Session in Ozark Room*
- 10:30–10:45** **Break**
- 10:45–12:00** **Worship & Communion** *In Ozark Room*
- 12:00** **Depart for home**

Registration & Accommodations

The Persons in Ministry Retreat will take place at The Resort at Port Arrowhead at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Registration and information about reserving rooms at Port Arrowhead will be available in July.



All registrations will be processed in the Missouri Mid-South Conference Office, regardless of denomination.