

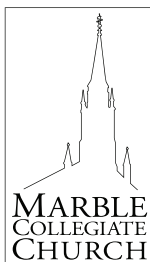


MISSION STATEMENT

We are an open, diverse community of Christian women at Marble Collegiate Church dedicated to nurturing spiritual growth and wholeness in women, while supporting each other through the challenges of life. This positive and supportive community aims to inspire all women to grow in life, faith and integrity while living meaningful Christ-centered lives.

The mission of the Women's Ministry is realized through spiritually oriented programs, retreats, and activities that enrich the lives of women and include small group sharing, reflection and study, worship and prayer, community involvement and recreational events.

For more information, please visit www.marblechurch.org.



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MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH



ANNUAL RETREAT

EMBRACING THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

“Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.”

– Psalm 51, verse 10

Friday, February 24 to
Sunday, February 26, 2012



DOLCE NORWALK RESORT
52 WEED AVENUE
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

EMBRACING THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

Our annual retreat will be a very special time for centering, rest, deep spiritual nurture, and profound inquiry, created uniquely for women. This year, our returning team of facilitators will lead us in a powerful exploration of the theology of – and experience of – forgiveness.

We will explore this complex and essential topic from many perspectives: How can we live into this basic Christian practice that Jesus calls us to, over and over? How do we wrestle with forgiving others, including God, and ourselves...and face the challenge of actually receiving forgiveness in our lives? What are some of the myths of forgiveness, and how do they get in the way? Each woman will find personal ways to lay burdens down and receive the gift of new life.

Join us for a special Marble Women's Ministry retreat weekend at The Dolce Resort in Norwalk, Connecticut. A rich offering of creative and centering worship, in-depth discussions and presentations, time for fellowship and contemplation, and a range of engaging workshops will allow each woman to begin Lent with new practices and insights into the lifelong invitation to forgiveness.



“...forgive your
brother and sister
from your heart...”

– Matthew 18:35



ABOUT THE DOLCE RESORT

Just 45 miles from New York City, the Dolce Norwalk offers a holy ambience with 66 acres of rolling hills, peaceful trails, beautiful woods, and meditation ponds. You will find sophisticated, comfortable guest rooms, and fresh, healthy gourmet cuisine. An indoor pool, sauna and fitness room are available for our use. As a part of the retreat, we will offer prayer walks on the lovely grounds and a labyrinth.

ROOM OPTIONS & RETREAT FEES

Retreat fee includes lodging, four gourmet meals (Friday dinner is not included), facility use charges, supplies, taxes, fees and gratuities. Retreat fee does NOT include transportation.

Option A: Double Room with two queen beds, ensuite bath and one roommate (you may request a particular roommate or the retreat committee will choose one for you): **\$305**

Option B: Single Room with ensuite bath and king-size bed: **\$425**

A \$50 deposit is required to hold your reservation. A 2nd payment of \$150 is due by Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Final complete payment is due no later than Sunday, February 19, 2012. *MWM is unable to make refunds for cancellations after this deadline.*

Partial or full scholarships may be available and are dependent on the generosity of donors. To request a scholarship, please contact Elise Hanley in writing at ehanley@marblechurch.org, or via letter sent to Elise care of Marble Collegiate Church. Please note that a scholarship cannot be guaranteed.

TRANSPORTATION

Retreatants may check in to the Dolce Norwalk any time after 3pm on Friday. There is no bus transportation to Dolce. You can take MetroNorth (New Haven line) from Grand Central Station or 125th Street in NYC to the Darien Station in CT. Round trip fares range from \$19.50-\$26.00 (Senior/disabled rates are \$13). Purchase tickets at Grand Central windows or ticket machines. Please arrive early to secure a seat on rush-hour trains. For train schedules and fares go to the MTA website: www.mta.info/schedules.

A free shuttle will be available at scheduled times to bring you from the Darien train station to the Dolce Norwalk. (These will be posted at our table in Bay Hall.) If you wish to take a taxi from the station to Dolce, the cost is approximately \$10. Members of the MWM Leadership Team can meet retreatants (at 3-to-be-determined times) at the Clock in Grand Central Station on Friday afternoon to ride the train together. Women choosing to drive can get directions from the MWM Office; we encourage carpooling.

ATTIRE

The retreat will be a time to deepen our Christian journey through the nurture of spirit, mind and body. Bring comfortable clothes and workout attire should you wish to use the fitness room. Bring a swimsuit if you wish to use the pool, sauna or jacuzzi. Weather permitting, there will be prayer walks and opportunities for short hikes – if interested, bring weatherproof footwear.

WHAT TO BRING

Your Bible, a journal and writing instruments. Suggested: a refillable water bottle (and snacks if you like to eat between meals!)

FACILITATORS' BIOGRAPHIES



Sister Carol Perry is Resident Bible Scholar at Marble Collegiate Church. She leads studies of the Bible in Marble's adult education program and in business locations throughout Manhattan, as part of the church's Spirituality in the Workplace outreach. She is known for her ability to make characters and stories of the Bible come alive. Sr. Carol received her Master's degree from St. Mary's at Notre Dame in Indiana and studied at Regina Mundi in Rome and at Fordham University. St. Carol is a Sister of Saint Ursula.

Paulette Thompson-Clinton is the Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Growth at Marble Collegiate Church. Called to inspire people on their faith journey, her spiritual gifts include teaching, preaching and healing. Paulette is dedicated to empowering women to seek wholeness in mind, body and spirit. She received the Master of Divinity degree from Drew Theological School in Madison, NJ in 2006.



Nina Frost is a spiritual director, retreat leader and vocational counselor. On the staff of Marble Collegiate Church since 2003, she is currently the Lead Trainer for the Spiritual Gifts project. Her talks and workshops help people integrate classic elements of Christian spirituality, depth psychology and practical issues of personal and professional discernment. She holds a B.A. in English from Yale University, an M.A. in Spiritual Direction from The General Theological Seminary, and co-wrote the book *Soul Mapping: An Imaginative Way to Self-Discovery*.

Elise Hanley is Director of Mission and Outreach at Marble Collegiate Church, and has been interim program director of the Marble Women's Ministry this past year. She seeks to help people grow through service and community involvement. She is currently in the Episcopal Diocese of NY's discernment process seeking eventual ordination as a priest.



REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out completely

Name _____

Address _____

Preferred phone _____

E-mail address _____

Room Options & Retreat Fees

Option A: Double Room - \$305.

Preferred Roommate: _____

Option B: Single Room - \$425.

Emergency contact person

Name and weekend phone number: _____

Dietary restrictions? _____

Is this your first retreat with MWM? _____

Are you a member of Marble Church? _____

Registration Costs

Retreat Fee \$ _____

Optional Scholarship contribution \$ _____

TOTAL amount enclosed \$ _____

You may register at the MWM table in Bay Hall after Sunday Worship with a check payable to:
Marble Collegiate Church

For more information or to pay by credit card, contact Siobhan Tull at stull@marblechurch.org or (212) 686-2770, ext. 412.

All payments due by **Monday, February 19, 2012**

Due to high interest, the Retreat quickly sells out, so early Registration is encouraged.