

Adult Program

Peace Church within the Empire

After seventeen centuries of close alliance between church and state in Western nations, Christendom is (fortunately) on its way out. Drawing on the Kreider's recent book "*Worship and Mission After Christendom*," we will explore how the church has both resisted and succumbed to empire values throughout history, and explore new models of church that reclaim Jesus' example and teaching of what it means to live in the "kingdom of God."



Eleanor Kreider teaches Worship and Mission at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS); and **Alan Kreider**, is Professor of Church History and Mission at AMBS (retired).



For 26 years, Alan and Eleanor were mission workers in England, where they transformed the London Mennonite Centre into a teaching and resource center on Christian discipleship in the Anabaptist tradition, urban mission, and conflict mediation. After returning from England in 2000, they became mission educators with Mennonite Mission Network.

Youth Options

Again this year we are not offering a separate program for youth, because many of our congregations now hold winter retreats specifically for high school and junior high youth. However, youth will be welcome to participate in this retreat if they come with other family members. Some mature youth may benefit from participation in the adult program; also, there will be an opportunity for a few youth to help with the child care. Please check with us for details.

Note that we can also work with church youth group leaders to help plan a youth retreat with a peace and justice theme.

Child Care / Children's Activities

We will provide child care and activities for children up to age 12 during the adult sessions. We also appreciate parents or other adults who would like to help out with one or more of the children's sessions.

Retreat Schedule

Friday, February 10

7:00 PM	Check-in
8:00 PM	Evening program for all: music, stories, sharing
9:30 PM	Snack*
11:00 PM	Bedtime (Quiet)

Saturday, February 11

8:00-8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00-12:00	First Session
12:00-12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Free Time [†]
5:00-6:00 PM	Dinner
7:15 PM	Second Session
9:15 PM	Snack*

Sunday, February 12

8:00-8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00-10:30	Third Session
10:45 AM	Worship Service
12:15-12:45 PM	Dinner

***Please bring snacks** (fruit, cookies, pretzels, etc.) **to share** with others during the evenings. You are also encouraged to bring your own mug (BYOM).

†During "**Free Time**" on Saturday there will be videos and discussion time (on peace issues) as an alternative to quiet reflection or outdoor recreation.

After Sunday dinner you and your family may stay for more recreation, but sleeping rooms need to be vacated before dinner.

- Weather permitting, the following winter recreational activities are available at Spruce Lake: cross-country skiing with ski rental, tubing, and ice-skating (bring your own skates).

Registration Information

Our registration rates are listed on the other side of this page, but the actual cost of the retreat is greater than what the participants pay. The difference is made up with funds from the Eastern District / Franconia Peace and Justice budget. Registration charges cover personal expenses for lodging and meals, but not our program costs such as honorariums, travel, and accommodations for our presenters, publicity, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Your **donations** are much appreciated since they allow us to provide scholarships for low-income families or individuals.

Financial aid is available for those who find it difficult to pay the amount we charge. We want to enable as many people as possible to attend this retreat. (Contact Bob Walden, 610-861-0653, for scholarship information.)

Special needs: If you have dietary restrictions or require other special accommodations (e.g., diabetic, or vegetarian, or difficulty climbing stairs, etc.) please include information about your needs.

Most rooms accommodate up to four people (a double bed and a bunk bed with private bath), and one or two additional family members may be accommodated in the same room on the floor if you wish to bring sleeping bags for them.

Single adults who wish to room together should send in their registration forms together; otherwise they will be paired with other singles if space is limited.

Please plan to register early; space is limited.



Additional program information is posted at:

peaceretreat.ppjr.org

Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____

[check here if you do not want to be included on the Peace & Justice Committee's email list.]

Phone (_____) _____

Children's names and Ages

Cost to Participants:

\$165 Adults [It is possible for adults to register for only the Saturday program; cost is \$40, including lunch and supper. Check with us for additional details.]

\$45 Children (Ages 6-12)

\$75 Youth (Ages 13-18)

Children under 6 are free!

_____ Adults @ \$165.00 each _____

_____ Children @ \$45.00 each _____

_____ Youth @ \$75.00 each _____

(Additional donation _____)

TOTAL _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Amount Due at Check-in _____

Make checks payable to:

Eastern District Conference

Tear off and mail this registration form to:

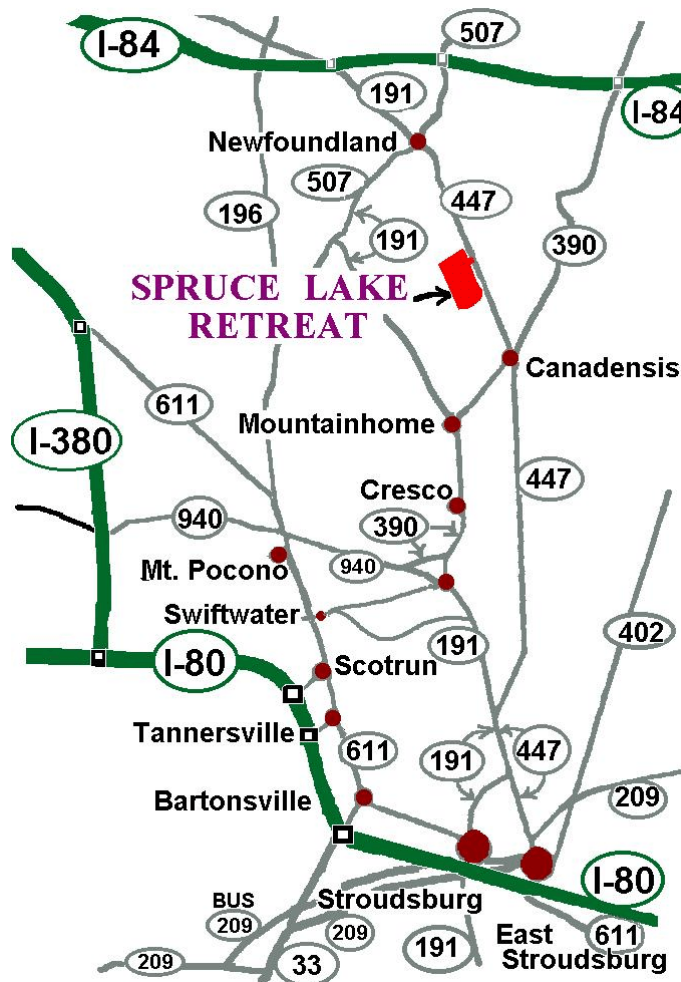
Becky Felton
942 Camp Trail Road
Quakertown, PA 18951

Registration deadline is:

January 20, 2012

Spruce Lake Retreat Location:

Spruce Lake Retreat is located 2.5 miles north of Canadensis on PA Rt. 447, in the Pocono Mountains, about one hour's drive north of Allentown, PA. via route numbers 33, I-80, 611, 940, 390, and 447.



Any questions? Need more information?

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Winter Peace Retreat February 10-12, 2012

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with **Alan and Eleanor Kreider**
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There will also be children's peace activities with **Pat and Maria Pietrak** during the adult program sessions

Location:

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