

Retreat June 29, 2017 Presenter Bios

Rob McClellan is Westminster's **Senior Pastor and Head of Staff**. Rob was born and raised in Bloomington, IN. He has a B.A. in Communications from the University of Iowa, an M.A. in Philanthropic Studies from Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, an M.A. in Rhetoric from the University of Wisconsin, and an M.Div from Columbia Theological Seminary. He is currently working on a dissertation on pilgrimage as a contemporary Christian practice for a Doctorate of Ministry at San Francisco Theological Seminary. His early ministry experience was in outdoor and campus ministries. He worked at a large camp and conference center in Northern Indiana and was the Acting Director of Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Emory University. His pastorates include Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, located just outside of Philadelphia, where he was an Interim Associate Pastor and Tabernacle United Church in urban Philadelphia, where he served as solo pastor. Rob has also worked as a facilitator in the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia's *Walking the Walk*, an interreligious service and dialog program for high school youth. He has a love of preaching, teaching, pastoral care and transformative mission and is passionate about eco-theology and spirituality.

Rob is married to the Rev. Sherri Hausser and together they have a son, Liam, born on Oct. 13, 2012.

Lauren Van Ham was born and raised beneath the big sky of the Midwest, and holds degrees from Carnegie Mellon University, Naropa University, and The Chaplaincy Institute. Lauren's vocation as a chaplain began in a healthcare setting, serving St. Mary's Medical Center (San Francisco), where she specialized in adolescent psychiatry, palliative care and bereavement support. Between 2005 and 2006, she was the Executive Director of Green Sangha, a nonprofit organization practicing spiritually-engaged environmental activism. In 2007, recognizing that caring for Earth had become her deep love, Lauren, with necessary naiveté and determination, entered corporate America and went to work at a sustainability firm in San Francisco. She was a member of the founding team that designed and facilitated hundreds of sustainability workshops for a range of Fortune 1000 clients. Lauren is featured in [Renewal](#), a documentary, celebrating the efforts of religious environmental activists; and authored, "Way of the Eco-Chaplain," a chapter in the book, *Ways of the Spirit: Voices of Women*. Currently, Lauren tends her private spiritual direction practice, and serves as Dean for The Chaplaincy Institute, in Berkeley, CA.