



*Caibeal Odhrain (St. Oran's Chapel), which stands in the middle of the main cemetery on the Isle of Iona, was built in the 12th century. Oran, traditionally a cousin of St. Columba, is said to have martyred himself, offering to be buried alive to sanctify the cemetery.*

# Praying with the Celtic Saints

**PWNC Annual Spirituality Retreat • March 8-9, 2019**  
**Bonclarken Conference Center**

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500 Pine Drive  
Flat Rock, NC 28731

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**Retreat begins Friday,  
March 8, 3:00 p.m., and  
ends Saturday, March 9,  
4:00 p.m. A Saturday-  
only option is also  
available.**

Discover the prayer, poetry, folklore, and spirituality of the Celtic Christians of old – and how their down-to-earth, lyrical, and hope-filled wisdom still speaks to us today.

The earliest Christians of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and the other Celtic lands

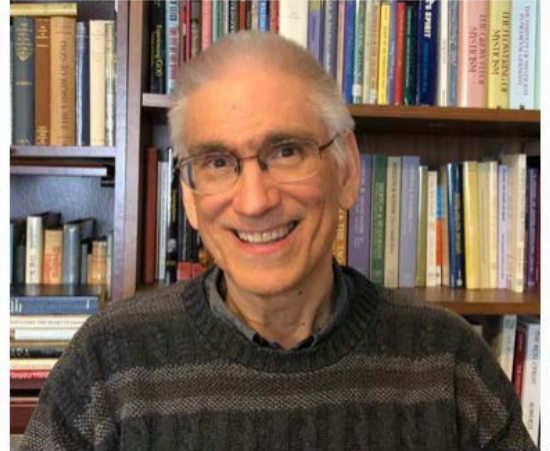
lived close to nature, expressed their faith through poetry and folklore, and found God in all things – in the turning of the seasons, in the play of wild animals, and especially in the gathered community of prayer.

Our weekend together will explore

ways for us to celebrate Celtic wisdom and weave it into our lives here in the 21st century. We will pray together, enjoy the poetry and stories of the Celtic saints, and seek the still, small voice of God in the natural beauty of Bonclarken.

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Our retreat presenters are Carl McColman and Linda Abel. Carl comes to us from Clarkston, Georgia (near Atlanta), where he conducts full-time lay ministry as a Christian blogger, speaker, and educator. He is an adjunct instructor with the Columbia Theological Seminary (CTS) Center for Lifelong Learning and has led a number of CTS Spirituality programs at the seminary as well as at Montreat. Carl is a Lay Associate of the Trappist monastery in Georgia and is the author of several books, including *An Invitation to Celtic Wisdom*, *Answering the Contemplative Call*, and *Befriending Silence*.



Linda is Co-Pastor of Hayesville Presbyterian Church. She has her Certificate in Spiritual Formation from CTS and has served as a facilitator in the program for the past sixteen years. She is a Benedictine Oblate and participates in retreats at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia, on a regular basis.



## Retreat Schedule\*

### Friday, March 8

- 3:00 p.m. Registration begins
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Session 1
- 9:00 p.m. Prayer at the close of day

### Saturday, March 9

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Saturday-only registration
- 9:30 a.m. Morning prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Session 2
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Session 3
- 3:30 p.m. Closing worship

\* subject to change

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Please fill out a separate registration form for each participant and return to the Presbytery office by February 15, 2019, to avoid a late fee. Rooms are limited and will be assigned as registration forms are received. No refunds are available after February 15.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be called: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Member ☐ C.E. Volunteer/Teacher ☐ Elder ☐ Deacon ☐ DCE ☐ Ordained Minister

Roommate Request: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **\$40: Full Retreat** (includes three meals, a double room, program, and materials)

☐ **\$60: Full Retreat w/ Private Room** (three meals, a private room, program, and materials)

☐ **\$25: Saturday Only** (includes lunch, program, and materials)

☐ **\$15: Late Fee** (if registration is received after February 15, 2019)

**Registration Deadline: February 15, 2019**

**Instructions:** Please return this form to Tonya Williams, Presbytery of Western North Carolina, 114 Silver Creek Road, Morganton, NC 28655, with an enclosed check made out to Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Please write "C.E. Retreat" on the memo line. Questions? Call the Presbytery office (828 438-4217) or e-mail Tonya Williams at [twilliams@presbyterywnc.org](mailto:twilliams@presbyterywnc.org).