

2022 ECW Spring Retreat at The Cathedral Domain

Dates: May 13-15, 2022

Theme: Wind, Fire, Water, Earth & Spirit: Praying with the Elements

How necessary it is for monks to work in the fields, in the rain, in the sun, in the mud, in the clay, in the wind: these are our spiritual directors and our novice-masters. They form our contemplation. They instill us with virtue. They make us as stable as the land we live in.

-Thomas Merton, *The Sign of Jonas*

According to the Celtic Christian tradition, there are two books of divine revelation: the book of scripture and the book of nature. **Creation is a sacred text** through which the presence of God is revealed to us.

Jesus exemplifies our connection to creation. He expressed many of his teachings through parables, profound stories that reveal the nature of God and God's reign. Much of the language Jesus used is earth-based, rooted in metaphors of seed, fruit, and harvest. These are images with which his listeners would have identified.

Christ's ministry often centers around elemental places: feasting on the gifts of the earth at the table, his appearance on the mountain as a place of transfiguration, his encounters at the well, and his own baptism in the Jordan River.

In the Christian scriptures, the four elements are represented in multiple ways. The Spirit comes as both wind and fire. The living water of baptism is a central symbol for our self-understanding as members of the Christian community. The communion feast springs from the gifts of bread and wine, earth's nourishment.

Join us for this ECW retreat, as we attempt to root our prayer in the elements in order to deepen the awareness that we are part of creation – in the beautiful setting of The Cathedral Domain.

Let us gather for a weekend in wonder for prayer, worship, song, workshops, meditations, fellowship, self-understanding, and re-creative, restorative, and contemplative time of drawing near to one another, to Creation and to the Divine.



Episcopal Church Women

Diocese of Lexington

Wind, Fire, Water, Earth and Spirit: Praying with the Elements

May 13, 14, 15, 2022

2022 Women's Weekend fees subsidized by the Diocesan ECW.

Rates reflect a reduction of 50%.

ECW 2022 WOMEN'S WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Parish/Mission _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Lodging Preference (Please circle choices):

NOTE: Rooms fill up quickly. Reservations determined by date of postmark.

Conference Center – Climate controlled, double occupancy, private bath, linens provided.

1 night = \$47.50 2 nights=\$95

Single Occupancy Additional Charge: 1 night= \$20 2 nights= \$40

Cabins – Climate controlled, up to 6 occupants, shared bath, no linens provided,

1 night=\$42.50 2 nights= \$85

Natural air, up to 6 occupants, shared bath, no linens provided

1 night=\$40 2 nights= \$80

Optional Silent Retreat or Free Day - Thursday May 19 – No meals included

Climate controlled cabin or Conference center room =\$30

Thursday \$ _____ (if applicable) + Lodging x 1 or 2 days \$ _____ + Single Occupancy
Charge (if applicable) x 1 or 2 nights _____ = \$ _____ TOTAL

Please mail completed registration form and \$50 deposit check by May 13, 2022 with check payable to "ECW Diocese of Lexington" to Sr Becky Cooper, 431 Rogers Rd #D8, Lexington, KY 40505.

Confirmation and balance due will follow. Checks will not be cashed until after the Women's Weekend. *** \$50 fee is due The Cathedral Domain if you are unable to attend after registering.