

## Northeast and Northwest Association Clergy

**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO ATTEND**

# **HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN: Reclaiming Our Wholeness**



*Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in.  
- Leonard Cohen, "Anthem"*

**A virtual clergy retreat for sharing and learning about leading  
in complex times.**

Guest speakers Dr. Al Bellg and Rev. Holly Whitcomb will lead us in a Zoom format with time for conversation and personal reflection.

**Sunday, October 4 - Tuesday, October 6**

### **Retreat Schedule:**

Sunday, October 4	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Opening Worship & Reflection - Holly Whitcomb Opening remarks from guest speaker Al Bellg
	8:00-9:00 p.m.	Zoom Fellowship (optional)
Monday, October 5	8:45 a.m.	Opening Worship - Holly Whitcomb
	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Session One - Al Bellg
	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Session Two - Al Bellg
	5:00 p.m.	Closing Prayer / Reflection - Holly Whitcomb
Tuesday, October 6	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Break-Out Sessions - Session 1
	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Break-Out Sessions - Session 2

## About the speakers:

**Dr. Albert Bellg Ph.D.**, a writer, psychologist, poet, and Circle of Trust facilitator with the Center for Courage & Renewal. He spent many years working with medical patients and professionals to help them cope with the challenges they face. He has also led numerous retreats and classes for First Congregational UCC in Appleton, facilitated a multi-session Clearness Committee for UCC ministers, and led a session on discernment for UCC Lay Academy ministers. He recently completed writing a book on discernment called "Living the Deepest Truth You Know."

**Rev. Holly Whitcomb** has been a pastor and clergywoman in the United Church of Christ since her graduation from Yale Divinity School in 1978 and has served churches in Connecticut, Iowa, and Wisconsin. She is also a graduate of the two-year program for spiritual directors at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington, DC. Holly is a widely traveled retreat leader who directs Kettlewood Retreats, and has written and published dozens of articles on spirituality. She is the author of five books including "Practicing Your Path," "Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting," and "The Practice of Finding." Holly lives in suburban Milwaukee with her husband, Dr. John Whitcomb.

## About the break-out sessions:

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Break-out Sessions are open, facilitated conversations on a range of topics, including:

- Worship design – Rev. Julia Hollister
- Pastoral care – Rev. Lynn Martin
- Mission/outreach – Dr. Jon Pahl
- Faith formation – Bonnie Andrews
- Stewardship - Rev. Andrew Warner

Please bring your ideas, stories and questions about engaging in these ministries under our current COVID conditions.

Please register for the break-out session(s) you'd like to attend so your facilitators can be prepared. ***You can sign up for two sessions – one at 9:00 and one at 10:30.***

**PLEASE REGISTER by September 28.**