



## **Retirement from Ministry What will your next chapter look like?**

Pastors and Professional Church workers facing retirement have unique challenges as their identity and sense of community have been uniquely intertwined with their vocation. So, when you step away, what's next?



### **Let's figure out what that next chapter will look like!**

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is offering retreats for pastors and professional church workers to explore all that life has in store.

Join retreat facilitators Rev Dr Ray Mirly, retired LCMS District President from Missouri, and Pastor Phil Lee, LMFT, and Counseling Care Director at Shepherd's Canyon Retreat at our beautiful 9-acre facility. It's the perfect location to spend time with others looking toward retirement or who have already retired and are desiring to make their life meaningful and full of joy.

We are located outside Wickenburg, Arizona at the Standing Stones Conference & Retreat Center in the high desert. We offer beautiful accommodations and delicious meals.

### **Retreat Topics include:**

- Developing plans for a meaningful transition out of professional church ministry and into your preferred future.
- Exploring new avenues of interest.
- Using your acquired skills and talents in ways that you enjoy.
- Seeking God's calling for what's next.

### **Let's finish well!**

**Contact us at: [Info@ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org](mailto:Info@ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org)  
or 480-550-4414 for available dates and cost.**

# The Retirement Retreat Registration Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I/we are registering for which retreat? \_\_\_\_\_ Feb 26-29 \_\_\_\_\_ May 19-22

\_\_\_\_\_ We will fly (please send flight information to Dave@ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org)

\_\_\_\_\_ We will drive (Standing Stones Retreat Center, 44020 West US Hwy 60, Wickenburg, AZ 85390...between mile markers 93 and 94)

The retreat begins with dinner. If you drive you are welcome to arrive anytime in the afternoon. If you fly, we will arrangement transportation for you to Standing Stones UNLESS you want to rent a car. Just let us know.

Retreat cost: \$1265 p/couple; \$650 p/single (includes accommodations, meals, fees)

\_\_\_\_\_ Here is my \$250 deposit. Remainder due upon arrival.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am requesting partial scholarship assistance (Dave Anderson will be in touch with you about what might be available).

Issues I/we are hoping will be address at this retreat:

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## SCR with Retirement Focus (3 day)

### Monday

TRAVEL TO SCR

6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Orientation

### Tuesday

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Group

- Devotions
- Telling Our Stories
- Explore 3 Key Questions (present, preferred future, Action Plan)

Noon Lunch  
1:00 – 5:00 Individual/Couple Counseling: Begin Action Plan  
6:00 Dinner

### Wednesday

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Group

- Devotions
- Explore dimensions of retirement: physical; emotional; spiritual; financial; identity; spouse; life mission (good material from Rev. Art Umbach)
- Presentation from Thrivent CFP: Retirement Planning

Noon Lunch  
1:00 – 5:00 Individual/Couple Counseling: Finalize Action Plan  
6:00 Dinner

### Thursday

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Departure  
TRAVEL HOME FROM SCR

### NOTES...

- 4-day gives more time to explore “big” questions and develop an Action Plan, and may feel less rushed. May be better suited to a national group traveling longer distances.
- 4-day time-frame may be more appealing – bigger “investment.”
- 3-day is less costly (save one night and 3 meals) and may be a good “pilot” to find out what works best.
- 3-day – Better to have not enough time than too much time? May feel rushed. May be better suited to a regional group (AZ or Phoenix) traveling shorter distances.