

# PARISH RETREAT ~ OCT. 18-20

EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA ~ ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA

## **The Theme: “Empowering the Saints”**

God created each one of us uniquely, giving us innate talents, spiritual gifts and numerous other attributes. The Apostle Paul’s letters to the early churches go into some significant detail about the importance of our spiritual gifts and the role they play in equipping each of us for ministry. This parish retreat will be an opportunity to become familiar with spiritual gifts not only through biblical teachings but also in some fun and creative ways! You will learn a lot about yourself and will also gain a better understanding of the contribution you make to building up St. Mark’s for the glory of God!

## **The Presenter**

Mary M. MacGregor of Houston has a passion for spiritual gifts. She holds a BA from LSU, an M.Ed from Southern University, and an honorary doctorate from Seminary of the Southwest for her contributions to the Episcopal Church. Prior to retirement she served for 14 years in various capacities as a canon at the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

## **The Location**

Epworth-by-the-Sea is a Christian conference and retreat center overlooking the Frederika River on beautiful St. Simons Island, Georgia, approximately a 2-hour drive from Beaufort. To view the facilities, go to [epworthbythesea.org](http://epworthbythesea.org).

## **Registration**

Rates are per person, based on the number of adults staying in the same room and include lodging for 2 nights plus 6 meals. Cost is \$308.26 per person staying 1 per room, and \$208.78 per person staying 2 per room, including tax.

**Space is limited! A deposit of \$40 per person is due Sept. 3 (checks payable to St. Mark’s, memo “Parish Retreat”). The balance is payable no later than Oct. 15, 2019.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Cancellations after Sept. 20 will result in forfeiture of \$40 per person; cancellations after Oct. 4 will result in forfeiture of 1 night’s charge per person; cancellations after Oct. 11 will result in forfeiture of the entire per person charge.

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