

*Step away from the crowds,
to a place
of comfort and peace...*

Here's what you need to know...

What: *Time to Relax,
Refresh, and Refocus*

Retreat Leader:
The Reverend Ann Paton, PhD

Date: *Friday, October 2nd to
Saturday, October 3rd*

Time: *7:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.,
24 hours*

New Location:

Kearns Spirituality Center
*9000 Babcock Blvd.
Allison Park, PA 15101*

Cost: *\$95.00 for spiritual
refreshment, 1 night stay (double
occupancy), and 3 meals.*

How: *Fill out the form on the
right, write a check, send it in by
September 15th. You will receive
confirmation, a packing list, and
directions.*

Questions: *Call
Cindy Thomas 412-260-1509
Or Diane Babcock 724-825-5631*

*We'll take care of the rest.
Bring a friend!*

Our Retreat Leader:



The Rev. Dr. Ann Paton . Liturgical
Assistant at the Church of the Ascension.

Before, and in the early years of, her ordination, she had a long career in teaching, principally thirty-six years at Geneva College as a Professor English Literature. Among other things, she invented a course on Narrative Theology (looking at the literary forms of the Bible) long before there was bibliography on the subject. Since the Bible displays numerous literary forms (e.g. poetry, historic narrative, satire, etc.), why have we ignored that fact? It's a commonplace today. She is also a trained spiritual director and (untrained) retreat leader.

The theme of our retreat, "Questions the Lord asks," calls attention to the fact that both God in the Old Testament and Jesus in the New Testament, ask question of human beings. Why? Are they asking for information? Are they rating human beings? If so, what is the passing score? We need to know that! In Mark, the shortest gospel, Jesus asks sixty-one questions. So, if we are going to connect with him and get to be more and more like him, it is helpful to enter the conversation, to listen and respond. He's not asking us? Well, he's asking disciples, seekers, strangers, enemies and onlookers. Each of us must be in one of those groups!

So we will focus on Jesus asking questions in the gospels. We'll look at time and place and audience, what generates the question and then what happens. There will be interactive exercises, as well as time for prayer and meditation.

Women Alive in Christ 24 Hour Retreat October 2-3, 2015 Registration form It would be helpful if you mailed in before September 15, 2015	Home Parish
Name and Address	
Home Phone, Cell Phone and email address Make \$95 check payable to : Women Alive in Christ mail to:	
Diane Babcock, 100 Royalbrooke Drive, Venetia, PA 15367	