



▶ **Annual Retreat
College of
Judicatory Leaders**



Tuesday–Wednesday
February 26-27, 2008
Noon– Noon

Dayspring Episcopal
Conference Center

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Parrish, FL 34219

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About the retreat

The annual retreat is an informal atmosphere in which church leaders discuss their common agenda for the Council and share with one another their insights and challenges as church leaders.

While everyone is encouraged to stay overnight so that all can take advantage of the fellowship and informal conversation, we all understand that individual schedules may not allow for that. Attendance and participation is welcome as one is able.

DaySpring is located in Manatee County, quickly and easily accessible via Interstate 75 from any point on the Gulf Coast of Florida.

- Take Interstate 75 to Exit 224 near Ellenton.
- Go north on U.S. Highway 301 for approximately two miles. Turn on 80th. Ave. East which is also known as Wellon Ranch Road.
- Go approximately one quarter of a mile to 25th. Street East.
- The entrance to DaySpring is just a few feet from the intersection.
- Take the access road to Curry Hall and the registration desk.





Retreat Agenda

The Florida Council of Churches continues to rebuild. One of the issues it needs to address is the adoption of a common purpose which it might take to all of its member churches and their congregations. There are many worthy issues and causes, but our organization needs to discern what it can undertake with a reasonable expectation of success.



An item of growing public attention is climate change. Several years ago, the Council conducted a major initiative on Cherishing the Creation. While the funding for that program dried up, it's concerns continued. The National Council of Churches

has re-established a program for Eco-Justice. Tyler Edgar, Assistant Director of the program, will be with us to discuss how the Council might initiate a "Going Green" program for congregations. The program would embrace both energy efficiency and education on climate change.

Also, we will receive a report from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and the Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida on their work to achieve just farmworker wages.

Tyler Edgar is assistant director of the climate and energy campaign and heads the Council's work to address global warming. Prior to joining the NCC, Tyler worked for Vermont PIRG, focusing on renewable energy and global warming and completed a year-long training program with Green Corps on environmental organizing. A native of Florida, she has served as a state coordinator for the National Council of Churches and was a UPS Scholar at Dartmouth's Tuck Business School Non-Profit Bridge Program. Tyler has a B.A. in environmental policy from Colby College and is an active Episcopalian.

Schedule

Tuesday, February 26

Arrival & Check-in Lunch	Noon
Opening Prayer	1:15 PM
Getting Re-acquainted Introductions and sharing	1:30 PM
Report of Executive Director Comments and discussion on the previous year and the year upcoming.	2:00 PM
Congregations Going Green Tyler Edgar, Associate Director, Eco-Justice Program, NCCUSA	3:00 PM
Break & Supper Supper time will be determined by Dayspring.	5:00 PM
Evening Session This time will be determined by participants	7:00 PM
Fellowship Informal gathering; refreshments.	8:30 PM

Wednesday, February 27

Breakfast	8:30 AM
Morning Prayer Include description if necessary.	9:00 AM
Farmworkers Coalition of Immokalee Workers and Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida	9:30 AM
Concluding Session Setting the 2008 agenda.	10:30 AM

Registration

<i>Check one</i>	Cost	Choice
Full Retreat, private room	\$150	
Full Retreat, semi-private room	\$110	
Tuesday (2 meals)	\$ 60	
Wednesday (2 meals)	\$ 50	

Name _____
 Organization _____
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*Registration is due by February 15.
Please mail to the address below.*

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