

Bridgefolk Retreat 2024

Mennonites and Catholics in Dialogue

Spiritual Practices for Peacemaking *Nurturing Resistance & Resilience*

Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN
July 25-28

*****All listed times are Central Daylight*****

****Sessions highlighted in Blue will be broadcast via Zoom.****

Thursday, July 25

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Arrival, registration and room assignments, Saint Mary Hall Basement

5:30 Picnic Dinner, Quad Picnic Area

7:00 Opening Session, Founders Room

- Welcome by Ann Marie Biermaier & Samantha Lioi, Board co-chairs, Abbot Doug Mullin, and BearPaw Shields
- Worship - Abbey Dupuy, liturgist
- Introduction of participants - in-person and remote
- Introduction to the Weekend Theme

8:30 Night Prayer (Zoom will remain open for 30 minutes, following prayer, for on-line social time)

8:45 Social, Great Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 26

- 7:00** Morning Prayer in Abbey Church (optional)
- 7:30** Breakfast, SJU Student Refectory
- 9:00** Gathering prayer (unmoderated livestream)
- 9:30** Introduction to the morning practice: Grounding ourselves in nature
Founders Room
- Samantha Lioi, facilitator
- 10:15** Break
- 10:45** Discussion
- 12:00** Midday Prayer, Abbey Church (optional)
- 12:15** Lunch, SJU Student Refectory
- 1:15** Hearing the Word - Founders Room
- 1:30** Afternoon Session: Presentation by Sarah Augustine, Executive Director of
the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery
- 2:30** Discussion
- 3:00** Break & Transition to Saint Benedict Monastery
- 3:30** Spiritual Practices: Labyrinth & Healing Pilgrimage Walk
- Joetta Handrich Schlabach, facilitator
- 5:00** Prayer, followed by dinner with the Saint Benedict community
- 7:00** Hymn Sing, Chapel, Saint Benedict Monastery
- 7:00** Online discussion with Julia Gautche, Mennonite Action, about hymn singing
as witness and resistance
- 8:00** Ice Cream Social, Gathering Place, Saint Benedict Monastery

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Sunrise Outdoor prayer led by Sarah Augustine, Baldwin Park

7:30 Breakfast, SJU Student Refectory

9:00 [Opening Worship, Founders Room \(unmoderated livestream\)](#)

9:30 [Introduction to the morning practice: Responding through Art \(unmoderated livestream\)](#)
- Michelle Sherman & John Meoska, facilitators

10:30 Break

11:00 [Discussion](#)

12:00 Lunch, SJU Student Refectory (*Bridgefolk Board Meeting, Quad 268*)

1:30 [Worship](#) - Founders Room

2:00 [Spiritual Practice: Compassionate Listening](#) - Small group discussion of “Questions from the Hat” about Mennonite and Catholic theological traditions and practices.
- Rachel Reesor-Taylor, facilitator

3:00 Break

3:30 [Celebration of John Klassen’s 20+ years as Co-chair of Bridgefolk](#)

5:30 Foot Washing /Agape Meal, Quad 264
- Phil Waite, presider; Michelle Sherman, homilist

5:30 [Zoom liturgy led by Jennifer Otto, followed by a time of reflection on the retreat, take-aways, and commitments.](#)

SUNDAY, JULY 28

7:00 – 9:00 Check out, Mary Hall Basement

7:00 Morning Prayer in Abbey Church (optional)

7:30 Breakfast, SJU Student Refectory

8:30-10:10 Closing worship and reflection on the retreat, take-aways, and commitments, Founders Room
- Abbey Dupuy & William Skudlarek, facilitators

10:30 Mass with the monastic community (*optional: livestream on Saint John's Abbey website*)

11:00 Departure with bag lunches available

11:45 Lunch, SJU Student Refectory, for those departing in the afternoon