

How do we schedule the God @ Center Retreat Cycle?

God @ Center Retreats may be scheduled by regions, regional clusters or conference centers. There may already be one scheduled in your area or one in the planning stages and you can join the journey. (Note: Some G@C event designs serve well for either individuals or congregational teams while others are best for work with teams.)

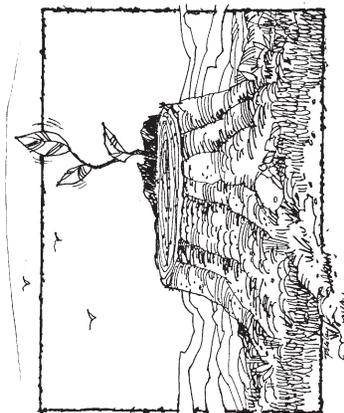
Contact Randy Kuss for current and future scheduling and fees information.



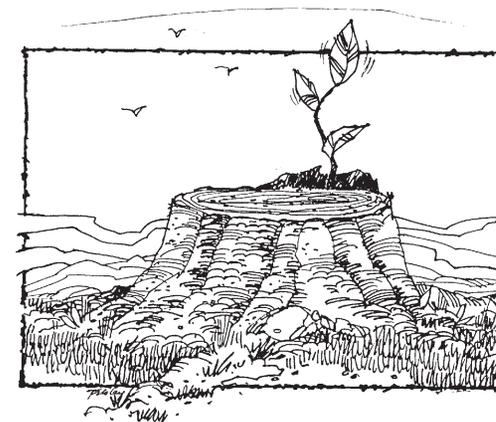
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What is the God @ Center Retreat Cycle?

- ◊ Not Another Seminar on Youth Ministry
- ◊ A Re-New Way for Youthworkers to Do Youth Ministry as if God Matters
- ◊ Spiritual Disciplines & Nurture for Youthworkers
- ◊ Integrating Contemplative Prayer & Taco Feeds, Labyrinths & Orange-in-the-Armpit Relays into Youth Ministry
- ◊ Keeping God at the Center of Life & Ministry

Cool, but how does it work?

God @ Center Retreats can happen a number of ways, ranging from an introductory session to a one-time renewal retreat to the full 2-year, 4-retreat cycle.

Grounded in practices from the Youth Ministry & Spirituality Project*, youthworkers set aside time to . . .

- ◊ experience the rest, renewal and delight of Sabbath time
- ◊ attend to God's presence
- ◊ discern God's leading for life and for each unique youth ministry
- ◊ discover ways to accompany young people in their faith journey

One-time events focus primarily on Sabbath and attending to God's presence. The full cycle journeys in depth through all aspects of the Sabbath cycle, allowing time to "practice the practices" and integrate them into life and ministry.

*A Lilly funded project at San Francisco Theological Seminary exploring ways to "foster Christian communities that are attentive to God's presence, discerning of the leading of the Spirit and which accompany young people in the Way of Jesus."

Who provides leadership for the God @ Center Retreat Cycle?

Core leadership is provided by Randy Kuss, ordained Disciples of Christ minister with over 30 years experience in local, regional, and denominational youth ministries.



Randy served as Director of Youth Ministries for the Disciples of Christ from 1995 to 2003, offering leadership training, keynotes, and music leadership for regional youth retreats. He worked with the Disciples' General Youth Council on denominational youth events. Randy has been in the Youth Ministry & Spirituality Project since 2001.

Additional leadership is brought in as needed to fit the particular event.