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*This year's retreat is dedicated to the memory  
of the Rev. Irene Jones, last year's retreat leader.*



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## A Women's Retreat

**When Women  
Build the Kingdom:  
Who We Are,  
What We Do, How We Relate**



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March 12-13, 2010

## SPIRITUAL FOCUS

### When Women Build the Kingdom: Who We Are, What We Do, How We Relate

Women build the kingdom in many ways, in our daily lives and in focused ministries. We will explore some ways we do this in our capacities as friends, cheerleaders and mothers, in our lives and careers. As examples, retreat leader, Leslie Williams, will read stories of women's spiritual experiences—from the sublime to the hilarious. There will be time for discussion and personal reflection.

### SPIRITUAL LEADER

Leslie Williams, Professor of English at Midland College and Northwest Vista College in Texas, author, mother and grandmother, is this year's retreat leader. In addition to her teaching in Texas, she has had two appointments as a Visiting Professor at Yale's Divinity School. She is the author of several books, which include *When Women Build the Kingdom*, *Night Wrestling: Struggling for Answers and Finding God*, and *Seduction of the Lesser God*. Her titles also include a murder mystery entitled, *A Deadly Thing, They Say*. Leslie is married to Stockton Williams, an Episcopal priest. They have two children and two grandchildren.

## WHEN WOMEN BUILD THE KINGDOM

### DATES AND LOCATION

Starts at 5:00 PM Friday, March 12, 2010  
Ends at 5:00 PM Saturday, March 13, 2010

This year's Women's Retreat will be held at The Mercy Center, 2039 N. Geyer Road, in Frontenac, approximately 20 minutes from The Church of St. Michael & St. George. Directions and a map will be sent to participants with the Retreat confirmation letter.

The Mercy Center is a Roman Catholic retreat and conference center, sponsored by The Sisters of Mercy. The Center has a tranquil environment of hospitality and healing. The campus includes 70 acres, featuring walking paths, a labyrinth and Stations of the Cross. There are single and double sleeping rooms, all with private baths. Meals are served buffet style in the dining room. Worship services will be held in the beautiful chapel.

For more information on The Mercy Center, see their website, [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org).

### WHAT TO BRING

Bring comfortable, informal clothing. Depending on the weather, you may want to bring a warm coat and walking shoes or boots. You also may want to bring your Bible and a journal.

Come by yourself, or bring your mother, your daughter, your sister or a spiritual friend, with whom to share the St. Michael's Women's Retreat. If you would like to assist with Retreat activities, please contact Cathie Horrell, Retreat Coordinator, at 636.394.3609 or Heidi Dowgwillo at the church at 314.721.1502, ext. 4036.

## WHEN WOMEN BUILD THE KINGDOM

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:(home) \_\_\_\_\_

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Special dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transportation? \_\_\_\_\_

If requesting a double room, do you want a silent or talking roommate? \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that there are both single and double rooms available. You may request a single or double room with your registration. The fee for a single room is \$135, and for a double room, it is \$115. The number of single rooms is limited and will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

Tear off this form and return it with your check made payable to: The Church of St. Michael & St. George. The cost includes a room, meals and retreat materials.

Mail to: Heidi Dowgwillo

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### REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Please send your registration form and check by Friday, February 19, 2010. Retreat space is limited. If you are able, please consider contributing to the Retreat Scholarship Fund. In past years, we have been able to give several scholarships. Use a separate check for such tax-deductible contributions and indicate "Scholarship Fund" on the check. Thank you. Some financial assistance will be available for Retreat expenses. Please speak to Heidi Dowgwillo if you are interested.