



Listening Hearts

Clergy Retreats

Based on the book *Keeping in Tune with God: Listening Hearts Discernment for Clergy*

Participant feedback

"It has to be the calmest and most soothing retreat I've had in years."

"The spacious schedule and time set aside for reflection helped with honesty & getting below the surface."

"Very helpful process. Very enlightening."

"Openness and honesty with each other is always a struggle in clergy gatherings, but I felt that today's program provided a good setting for safe and mutual disclosure."

"Best small group I have had here in years."

"... refreshing to simply be heard w/o comment or advice or problem solving."

"Nothing was forced, all grace-filled."

"Though this may not be specific to my ministry, I have developed a practical plan for keeping one centered. When I feel I am becoming fragmented, I will physically **stop**, say: Be still and know, and take a deep breath."

"Spirit was present and flowed."

"Use of drawing & clay added practical, artistic expression stronger than words for me."

"Will help me with spiritual direction—use of the 'arts' is new to me."

"Wonderfully open & spirit-centered tone."

"How good it is to connect on deeper level with clergy I don't usually spend time with."

"The material is tremendous!"

"It was just what I needed. Having recently retired I found this retreat helpful for my discernment of what is next."

"[Insights I intend to carry with me into my life and ministry:] "(1) I need to fling the doors of my soul wide open. (2) I am the clay. Surrender and let God mold me. (3) A clearer understanding of detachment. (4) Listening to the heartbeat of God which beats in every soul."

"Thank you from a grateful heart!"