

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Advent King!

Let me be the first to invite you to the 39th annual Veterans of the Cross (VOC) Retreat.

This is an excellent time for fellowship, is sponsored by the Florida-Georgia District and has been designed for retired professional & lay church workers and their spouses. The retreat will again be held at the United Methodist Retreat Center in Fruitland Park, Florida. We will gather Monday through Wednesday, March 4-6, 2019. I am excited about having you join us for this wonderful time that always provides such great opportunities for fellowship, encouragement and continued growth in God's Word.

The theme this year is "Bearing Fruit on the Edge," and is a great reminder that each of us, no matter what stage in life we are at, have a privilege and responsibility to connect people to Jesus. We have once again scheduled some wonderful speakers to inspire us and focus our conversations. Rev. Ken Hennings, President Emeritus of the Texas District, LCMS, and Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, and Rev. Earl Steffens as our devotional leader. Dr. Seltz will lead us in our Monday prayer service, and Rev. Dr. Jonathan Rockey will serve as the guest preacher for the worship service.

As always, there will be plenty of singing, inspiration, stories, and conversations, laughter, and great food! It's going to be a wonderful time for renewing old friendships and creating new ones! We hope you can join us! You won't regret it!

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Retirees can look forward to inspiring Bible Study and Worship, meeting old friends and gaining new ones, recreation, nature walks along beautiful Lake Griffin and evening socials.

Registration: As a special incentive for those retirees who have never attended the retreat, there will be a \$50 discount on the registration fee (\$100.00 per couple).

Registration with lodging includes: all meals, breaks, and two nights hotel lodging and **is open through February 11th** (no on-site registration) cost is:

\$175 per person with a roommate (\$350 couple)

\$215 per person for an individual room.

Commuter costs includes programming, lunch, dinner, and breaks for the day (breakfast is not included):

\$50 per person per day.

Camping includes a site for 3 nights (Sun, Mon, Tues), meals, breaks:

\$140 per person (\$280 couple)

Attendees are encouraged to bring healthful snacks for the group to share from our hospitality table, and a Bible for use during the Bible study.

Questions? Contact Kathy Keene, [kkeene@flgadistrict.org](mailto:kkeene@flgadistrict.org) or 877 457-5556 ext 8



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