

# about the program



Before you find your frazzled self staring at the moon some Saturday night--sermon unwritten, out of time, and wondering, "What am I going to say tomorrow?"--why not do what wise farmers do and lay aside some seed corn.

**The Reading Week for Lectionary Preachers** is time set aside to sow seeds of excellence in next year's preaching ministry. The Reading Week is an investment in ministry which every effective preacher owes his or her congregation; it is the "seed corn" for time-starved pastors. Before your parishoners' needs have eaten all your ministry time, lay this week aside to listen attentively to Scripture and the Holy Spirit, to roll up your sleeves, and plant the seeds for next year's preaching ministry,



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# A Time To Sow



## a lectionary reading week for pastors



**September 14-17, 2010**  
(Tuesday through Friday)

**Alton L. Collins Retreat Center**  
Eagle Creek, OR

Facilitated by  
**Rev. Todd Bartlett**  
& **Rev. William Johnson**

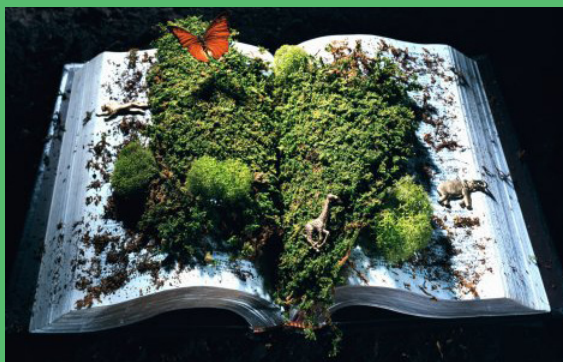
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## about the facilitators

Rev. William Johnson is the Founder and Director of LIFT Renewal Ministries. He is a 24-year member of the California-Pacific United Methodist Annual Conference and has served churches in Moreno Valley, East Whittier, and Nipomo.

Rev. Todd Bartlett is the director of the Alton L. Collins Retreat Center. He is an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church, having served as pastor of a variety of congregations. Rev. Bartlett has a 30-year history of leadership in camp and retreat ministry and has completed the Two-Year Academy for Spiritual Formation.

Together, Rev. Johnson and Rev. Bartlett will offer deep and insightful spiritual leadership that will renew your soul, heart and mind.



## for more information on LIFT renewal ministries

Contact Rev. William Johnson at 562.789.0880  
or via e-mail: [LIFTOFFICE@verizon.net](mailto:LIFTOFFICE@verizon.net)

You can also visit LIFT RENEWAL MINISTRIES  
on the web at: [www.liftrenewalministries.org](http://www.liftrenewalministries.org)

## what will you do during the lectionary reading week?

- Hear the Gospel lessons for the entire lectionary year read aloud as you take notes and jot down your ideas.
- Spend valuable quiet time developing themes, objectives and images for each Sunday.
- Identify potential preaching series, topical sequences and an underlying theme for the entire lectionary year.
- Engage in interactive discussion, season-by-season, of themes, observations, and insights for the coming lectionary year.
- Create strategies for “passenger Sundays,” where external themes are imposed upon your worship and preaching (Scout Sunday, Music Appreciation Sunday, community or world crises, secular holidays, etc.).
- Coordinate your preaching schedule with family vacation plans and other personal calendar issues.
- Participate in interactive dialogue with colleagues as we exegete our culture and our congregations.
- Share with colleagues about blind spots, hurdles, and impediments to weekly sermon preparation.

## what will you take home?

- Confidence in knowing that God is shaping your heart for preaching in the coming year.
- Individual note sheets for every Sunday in the coming lectionary year.
- Coordinated preaching calendar with themes and texts that can be given to worship leaders and staff.
- Reading and resource lists compiled by retreat participants.
- A model for worship design that can be easily implemented in the local church.

## registration form lectionary reading week september 14-17, 2010

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: M/F (please circle one)

## registration fees

The registration fee for Lectionary Reading Week is \$325 per person, double occupancy, and covers the cost of all program materials, lodging for three nights, and 10 meals from Tuesday lunch through Friday lunch.

Although we encourage you to use your continuing education funds or seek financial support from your church in order to attend this event, please contact us if you need financial assistance. Limited scholarships are available.

Registration and full payment is due by  
Friday, August 27.

Make checks payable to  
“Conference Treasurer” and mail to:

**United Methodist Church Center**  
**1505 SW 18th Ave.**  
**Portland, OR 97201-2599**

--or--

Register online at  
[www.collinsretreatcenter.org/events.html](http://www.collinsretreatcenter.org/events.html)