

# 2020 Virilina District Ministers and Spouses Retreat



## The Power of Sacred Stories

February 28-29, 2020  
Eagle Eyrie,  
Baptist Conference Center,  
Voight Conference Center,  
1 Eagle Eyrie Drive,  
Lynchburg, VA, 24503  
Leader: Nancy S. Heishman,  
Director of Ministry  
Church of the Brethren, Inc.

Directions to Eagle Eyrie:

### **From Southwestern Virginia:**

Via I-81: Take 81 NORTH to Roanoke. Take exit 150A onto Alternate 220 South. Take Alternate 220 South to 460. Turn left onto 460 East to Lynchburg. Merge onto 501 NORTH towards Candler's Mtn Rd/Buena Vista. Merge onto 501 NORTH/Lynchburg Expressway toward Danville/Buena Vista. Stay straight on 501 NORTH through intersection of 221/Lakeside Drive. Turn left onto 501 NORTH/Lynchburg Expressway at next traffic light. Turn left onto 501 NORTH/Boonsboro Rd at the next traffic light. Eagle Eyrie is approximately four and a half miles on the right.

### **From Southern Virginia:**

Via US 29: Take 29 NORTH to Lynchburg. Turn onto 501 North past River Ridge Mall. Merge onto 501 NORTH/Lynchburg Expressway toward Danville/Buena Vista. Stay straight on 501 NORTH through intersection of 221/Lakeside Drive. Turn left onto 501 NORTH/Lynchburg Expressway at next traffic light. Turn left onto 501 NORTH/Boonsboro Rd at the next traffic light. Eagle Eyrie is approximately four and a half miles on the right.

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### **The Power of Sacred Stories: Listening in to the Gospel of John**

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**Virilina District by February 22, 2020** to:

Virilina District Resource Center

3402 Plantation Road NE

Roanoke, VA, 24012

**“The Power of Sacred Stories”** – Here at the start of the Lenten season we meet Jesus, “from whose fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.”. Using three stories from the gospel of John, we will weave a biblical story and a contemporary story together with our own sacred stories. Come eager to reflect on how God speaks through sacred stories to hold, heal, and inspire us to proclaim hope to our world.

“...from Jesus, grace upon grace” - John 1:16

**The Power of Sacred Stories**

**FRIDAY**

5:30 Registration and Gathering  
 6:30 Snack Supper  
 7:00 Evening Worship  
 7:30-8:30 **SESSION 1:** Watching for Where the Spirit Blows – Jn. 3:1-21

**SATURDAY**

8:30 Breakfast  
 9:30 **SESSION 2:** From the Margins to the Center – John 4:1-42  
 10:30 Free Time  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:30 **SESSION 3:** Having the Sense to See – John 9:1-41  
 2:30 Closing Reflection and Sending Forth  
 3:00 Departure

**.3 CEU available**

**All ministers and spouses of ministers are invited to attend!**

**The Commission on Ministry will provide scholarship for up to 50% for those in need.**

**WHAT TO BRING**

- Overnight items (linens and towels are provided)
- Snack item to share
- Bible and note-taking materials (optional)

**COST**

\$150.00 for couple or double occupancy  
 \$100.00 for single occupancy  
 \$40.00 for commuter (meals, no lodging)

*“Retreats are times for reflection, listening, and sharing among colleagues, friends, those at the core who have shown up. The faith, wisdom, experience around the room is uplifting, comforting, helpful when asked and shared. This presenter is not an expert, but another colleague who has learned much by listening to the sharing of others engaged in ministry themselves.”*

**About Nancy S. Heishman**

Nancy has served as an ordained minister for 34 years in the roles of inner-city pastor, mission worker in the Dominican Republic where she also served as director of the theological education program, interim pastor, and, since 2017, as director of the Office of Ministry. Nancy and her husband Irv (co-pastor of West Charleston COB) are the parents of two children. Tim and Katie are co-pastors of Prince of Peace COB in Kettering, OH and new parents of Phoebe Anna. Jeni is studying art therapy in a graduate program in Norfolk, VA. Sophie, the Dominican cat, rounds out the household.

**2020 Ministers and Spouses Retreat • Registration Form**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Single (\$100.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Couple (\$150.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Commuter (\$40.00/person – no lodging)

Food allergies/restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_