



JOIN MEN RETREATS

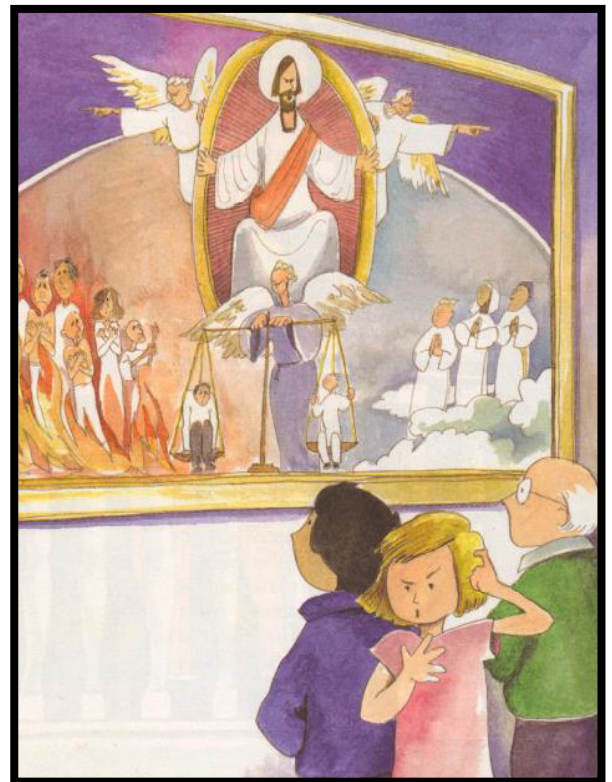
Gathering men and promoting their growth

Reclaiming God's Unconditional, Universal Love

We sing “The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell; It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell...” In another hymn we sing “But we make God’s love too narrow by false limits of our own, and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.” Do we really believe this? God’s boundless, unconditional love reaches all people, even in the lowest hell. Religious teaching, however, often restricts God’s love, limiting our experience of God’s love and our ability to extend this to others. In this retreat, we share our experiences of God, question traditional teaching about judgment and salvation, and widen the circle of God’s inclusive love.

Sessions

- Sharing how we see God
- Mapping our images of God
- Questioning teaching on judgment
- Reclaiming God’s universal love
- Extending God’s love to others



Leader

Steve Thomas, US coordinator of Mennonite Men, has long questioned traditional teachings about God’s judgment and salvation. In over 30 years of pastoral visitation, he’s heard many people share with great pain how teaching about hell and God’s judgment has wounded them, distorted their image of God, and caused spiritual harm. He offers truly good news with a historical interpretation of scriptures that God’s unconditional love may bring about universal salvation.