



JOIN MEN

RETREATS

Gathering men and promoting their growth

Reconnecting with Creator and Creation

We read in the book of Wisdom “from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator.” Job wrote “turn to animals and let them teach you. . . Listen to the plants of the Earth, and learn from them.” And Jesus said, “Look at the birds of the air. . . Consider the lilies of the field” and “from the tree learn its lesson.” In this retreat, we expand our awareness of God’s presence in creation, notice how nature speaks to us, and recognize our part in the community of creation. This retreat includes rest and renewal in nature, visual presentations on the wonders of God’s Earth, and sharing what we experience. And, hopefully, these experiences will deepen our care for the Earth.

Sessions

- Taking our place in the community of creation
- Beholding God in creation, God’s wild sanctuary
- Witnessing the wonders of God’s world
- Drawing from Indigenous ecological wisdom
- Learning from the wisdom of our tree elders



Leader

Steve Thomas, US coordinator for Mennonite Men, has led a variety of retreats in nature for people to experience the Spirit in God’s wild cathedral and receive what creation offers us. He is especially interested in the integration of ecology, theology, and spirituality. Steve directs the JoinTrees campaign to plant a million trees to help restore God’s Earth.



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Engaging men to grow, give and serve.