



JOIN MEN RETREATS

Gathering men and promoting their growth

Trees of Life

The first and last chapters of the Bible feature trees of life as essential for the community of creation. The woodland garden of Eden in Genesis represents what its Creator intended on Earth: beauty, biodiversity, and abundance, where trees give life with God. In the last chapter of Revelation, we see the tree of life again as a central part of the new Earth for the healing of the nations. As stewards of the Earth, we are called to tend its trees and take our place among them as members of God's creation. In this retreat, we focus on trees in our ecosystems, how to join them to restore the Earth, and what we can learn from trees for life.

Sessions

- Trees of life in God's good creation
- The role of trees in our ecosystems
- Understanding the nature of trees
- Joining trees to restore the Earth
- Learning from the wisdom of trees



Leader

Steve Thomas, US coordinator for Mennonite Men, is passionate about trees and also works part-time as an arborist. He's planted thousands of trees on land he inhabits and has worked with various tree planting projects on residential, congregational, and public sites. As land steward for Pathways Retreat in Goshen, Indiana, he tends trees in their classified forest. Steve directs the JoinTrees campaign to plant a million trees to help restore the Earth and is a certified arborist with a graduate certificate in urban forestry.