

## ***Spring 2026 Ministers' Retreat: Nurturing Secure Relationships Through Worship***

WDC ministers and spouses are invited to retreats in 2026 co-sponsored by the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission and Kids Meet Christ program, as a time to rest, reflect, worship, and learn together with ministry colleagues.

The Spring 2026 retreat will be in Kansas and will be presented in English:

- **Date & Time:** May 1–2, 2026 (Friday at 4 pm to Saturday at 4 pm)
- **Location:** Spiritual Life Center at 7100 E. 45th Street N., Bel Aire, KS 67226 (east Wichita).
- **Register online here:** [2026 WDC Minister's Retreat - KS](#)
- **Registration due date:** April 13, 2026
- **Registration fee:** \$75 per person—Includes lodging, sessions, meals and snacks (no discount for partial attendance). Active credentialed ministers may apply to use WDC continuing education funds to cover their registration fee, if eligible. See [Online Application Form](#) or [Application \(PDF\)](#)
- **Guest facilitator:** Michael Droege, a researcher with Eastern Mennonite University's *Conectere* project, will lead us in exploring an intergenerational vision of the church. He will invite participants to consider the importance of forming secure attachments and deep identity-forming bonds in our worshipping communities. Through interactive workshops, Droege will guide us in imagining what a faith community that nurtures secure attachment in families and worship might look like. For more information about Michael, see <https://emu.edu/seminary/shalom/conectere/project-staff>.

### **Retreat Schedule:**

#### Friday, May 1

- 4:00–5:30 pm—Registration, check-in and free time
- 5:30 pm—Supper in dining hall
- 7:00–8:30 pm—**Session 1** in Cana Room: Welcome and introductions; worship and presentation facilitated by Michael Droege
- 8:30 p.m. —Socializing, snacks and free time
- Rest for the night—Lodging rooms

#### Saturday, May 2

- 7:00 a.m.—Yoga stretches in Cana Room / free time
- 7:30–8:30 am—Breakfast in dining room
- 8:30 am—Morning prayer and singing in Chapel of Mary
- 9:30–11:30 am—**Session 2** with refreshment break - Cana Room
- 11:30–1:30 pm—Free time with Lunch served at 12:00 noon in dining room
- 1:30–3:30 pm—**Session 3** with refreshment break - Cana Room
- 3:30–4:00 pm—Blessing and sending
- 4:00–5:00 pm—Cleanup and check out

These spaces at the Spiritual Life Center will also be available for prayer and reflection during free time:

- [Blessed Sacrament Chapel](#) - A quiet space inside the Spiritual Life Center that is open for personal prayer and reflection.
- [Stations of the Cross](#) located outside, just north of the Spiritual Life Center, offers a unique spiritual opportunity to walk the "Way of the Cross."

