

The Leadership Team

is composed of laity and clergy who are committed to an ever-deepening spirituality. Most have completed a 2-year Academy for Spiritual Formation.

The Team includes:

Pat Luna, Retreat Leader

Rev. Marc Burnette, Theologian

Dr. Jennifer Roth-Burnette, Music

Rev. Dale Clem, Covenant Groups

Beth Richardson, Worship

Kathy Norberg, Hospitality

Pam Townsend, Logistics

Minta McDavid, Spiritual Director



Camp Sumatanga

Located in Gallant, AL and nestled between mountains and a picturesque lake, Camp Sumatanga is an ideal setting. All participants receive a single room with private bath in the Retreat Center. Sumatanga is fully accessible.

Nutritious and delicious meals are provided and special diets are easily accommodated.

QUESTIONS?

Contact

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Or

REGISTER TODAY AT
northalabamaumc.org

Total cost for room, board and tuition is \$600. A \$50 deposit is required.

Space is limited so register today!



THE ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**Sponsored by the United Methodist
Conferences of North Alabama and
Alabama-West Florida and Upper
Room Ministries and
The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama**

CELTIC SPIRITUALITY



A 5-DAY ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

August 4-9, 2014
Camp Sumatanga

What is a Five Day Academy?

It is a program of Upper Room Ministries, providing an opportunity for clergy and laity to deepen their relationship with God through a daily rhythm of prayer, worship, learning and reflection. Each day includes teachings by gifted spiritual leaders, periods of silence, morning and evening prayer, Eucharist, covenant groups and community time. Time for rest and recreation are also part of each day. Every 5-day Academy has a different focus. The focus of this year's retreat is Celtic spirituality.

The Academy for Spiritual Formation is...

- A time for intentional spiritual growth in a disciplined community of prayer, study, worship, and fellowship
- A place where times are set aside for silence to enhance personal prayer and reflection
- A life-changing experience for both laity and clergy to be shaped and formed in the image of Christ for the sake of others
- An opportunity to experience a daily contemplative rhythm of morning prayer, night prayer and Eucharist
- A vessel for healing, rest and renewal



OUR FACULTY

The Rev. Mary C. Earle is an Episcopal priest, writer, retreat leader and spiritual director, who taught classes in spirituality for the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest until her recent retirement. She has authored a number of books including *The Celtic Christian Tradition: Essential Writings*, *The Desert Mothers: Spiritual Practices from the Women of the Wilderness*, and *Beginning Again: Benedictine Wisdom for Living with Illness*. With Sylvia Maddox, she co-authored *Holy Companions: Spiritual Practices from the Celtic Saints*.

Mary will focus on how Celtic spirituality can enliven and enrich our spiritual practices. Drawing

wisdom for the Celtic saints she will expand our horizons while deepening our love for God and God's creation.

Dr. Loyd Allen is the Sylvan Hills Professor of Church History and Spiritual Formation at Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology, as well as a spiritual director and retreat leader. He delights in the varieties of Christian spirituality that emerge in different times and places over the span of Christian history. Though most of his adult life has been spent ministering among Baptists in the South, he was baptized in a small Methodist church, which shared facilities with a Presbyterian congregation. He spent a sabbatical learning about and experiencing the Celtic spirituality heritage of Wales.

Dr. Allen teaches Christian spirituality like a traveler telling stories about the places he has been or wants to go. Pack your bags for a faithful pilgrimage to the land of Celtic Spirituality.