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For the Luncheon please indicate any food restrictions:

Retreat Schedule

Saturday, April 29, 2006

- 9:00 Check-in
9:30 Living with Christ in the Academy
—*Nan Thomas*
- 10:30 Hearing God in Scripture and Prayer:
The Practice of Lectio Divina
—*Bob Trube*
- 12:30 Appreciation Luncheon
in Honor of an academic life well
lived, Professor Michael Foster*
- 2:00 Hearing God in our Life Experiences:
Memoir Writing
—*Steve Simmons*
- 3:30 Closing Remarks
—*Jenny Dose*
- 3:45 Depart

* Dr. Michael Foster

As Professor of Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering at The Ohio State University, Mike and his wife Jeanne, served for many years as the faculty advisors to InterVarsity students. Their service at OSU illustrates their commitment to the Lordship of Christ over all areas of life.

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A Time Apart:

Spiritual Disciplines and The Academic Life



A Retreat for Faculty
and Graduate Students

April 29, 2006

The Ohio State University

A Time Apart

Today's academic life is both stimulating and increasingly high pressured. Research, teaching, securing grants, and institutional service seem to continually ratchet upwards.

How does the practice of spiritual disciplines empower us to live with Christ in this environment? Practicing spiritual disciplines may simply suggest one more item for a long list of priorities—even one more thing about which to feel guilty!

A different way of thinking about spiritual disciplines is to consider them gifts of God - given to his people to help bring order to our chaotic lives and give us abundant life.

Notice we said "retreat", not conference, not workshop. This day is being planned as a time to pull away from our fast-paced lives and explore how spiritual disciplines draw us to Christ as well as nurture our intellectual life and service in the academy.

On April 29th we'll consider two disciplines: **Lectio divina** - a practice of reflective reading and listening to scripture that helps us hear it afresh as God's word to us. **Memoir writing** – an experience that helps us reflect on how God is speaking and working in our life experience.

Presenters



Nan Thomas is Associate Director of the Center for Faculty Development at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. Nan also serves on InterVarsity's Faculty Ministry Leadership Team and is currently leading a taskforce on Spiritual Formation and Prayer. Nan received a MA in American Politics from OSU.

Bob Trube serves as the Team Leader for the OSU InterVarsity Graduate and Faculty Ministry Team. Bob has an MA in Biblical Studies and regularly seeks to connect grads and faculty with God's Word and their calling to the intellectual life.



Steve Simmons is Morse-Alumni Professor of Agronomy and Plant Genetics at the University of Minnesota, where he has served since 1977. He facilitates workshops using memoir writing to foster deeper reflection among university colleagues, as well as for retreat participants at the Christos Center for Spiritual Formation.

Retreat Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip ____

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Retreat Cost
___\$15 Graduate Students
___\$35 Faculty
___\$55 Couples

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