



CAMP: A Planning Retreat for Clergy

August 11-15, 2024, Rocky Mountain National Park

Is this for me?

Are you a pastor who is yearning for time away to prepare worship for the year? Or are you a commissioned pastor/ruling elder excited about getting your creative worship juices flowing in a community of other leaders? **If you are the key worship leader for your worshipping community**, we hope you'll join us for a nurtured retreat where you can step aside for private or collaborative planning, along with moments to have your soul tended and minds sparked by a team of worship and music guides.

This year we're expanding opportunities for nurture and exploration but keeping the schedule flexible to meet participants' needs for renewal, nature, and reflection. Whether you are longing to take in the Rocky Mountain vistas, seeking inspiration for your narrative or revised common lectionary preaching, longing for collaborative worship series planning, or hoping for a preaching tune-up, we think you'll find the right formula at CAMP.

Where is CAMP?

The **YMCA of the Rocky Mountains, Estes Park Center** is bordered on three sides by Rocky Mountain National Park, and is about 60 miles from the Denver International Airport and 15 minutes from downtown Estes Park. Check it out at ymcarockies.org. Often recognized as one of the best family resorts in the US, Estes Park Center offers over 30 types of activities and 860 acres of ponderosa pines and mountain scenery.

What is offered?

At this **CAMP**, you choose what fuels your ministry, whether that is solitude or collaboration, or something in between. OPSF will provide the following:

- ▲ **Morning and evening prayers** to bookend your day in music, brief liturgy, and prayer
- ▲ **Fire-up** – Fifteen-minute rapid-fire brainstorming sessions to get the creative juices flowing
- ▲ **Frame** – Overview of key themes of the lectionary (narrative or revised common)
- ▲ **Focus** – Guided collaborative planning sessions for Advent and Lent (time permitting), *reading the verbs* – close reading of scripture texts, focus and function workshoping
- ▲ **Field Trip** – Daily excursions for those who need to get out and about to get their juices flowing
- ▲ **Free Time** – Participants set their own agendas and may build in time to explore Rocky Mountain National Park on their own, take in one of the many activities hosted by the YMCA of the Rockies, or check out nearby Estes Park

In Partnership with Columbia Theological Seminary's Preacher's Studio for Renewal



Anna Carter Florence

Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching



Wade P. Huie, Jr.

Associate Professor of Homiletics

Revised Common Lectionary support, plus guidance on intense reading of scripture



Erin Hayes-Cook

Pastor at First Presbyterian Church (Hackettstown, NJ)

Collaborative Worship Planning Facilitator



Jon Frost

Associate Pastor for Worship, Westminster Presbyterian Church (West Chester, PA)

Music Leader



Robert Williamson Jr.

Professor of Religious Studies at Hendrix College (Conway, AR), co-host of BibleWorm Podcast

Narrative Lectionary Support

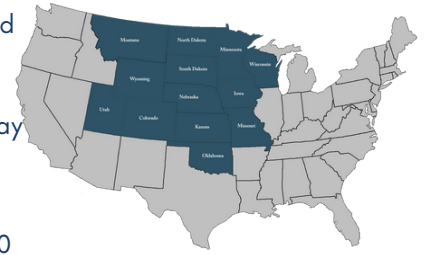
How much does it cost?

It is Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation's mission to seek, develop, and support congregational leaders in a thirteen state area in Middle America. Reduced rates are provided to worship leaders from OPSF's service area.

Event registration includes *nurture and guidance* from a cadre of gifted theologians and worship leaders, *most meals* (Sunday dinner, Monday-Wednesday breakfast and lunch, Thursday breakfast), *transportation to/from Denver International Airport* (within specified times)

Lodging and field trips are not included in the registration rate.

- Are you from OPSF's thirteen-state service area? \$100 is required to reserve your spot. \$50 will be refunded upon check-in at the event (Total cost = \$50)
- Are you from outside OPSF's thirteen-state service area? The cost is \$125



Lodging

Lodging is reserved separately through the YMCA of the Rockies. We will stay in the Wind River Lodge. Each room features two queen beds, deck or patio, full private bath, mini fridge, and free Wi-Fi. The room rate is \$159/night plus tax. To receive this rate, register with the YMCA of the Rockies by July 11, 2024. Call 888-613-9622 and identify yourself as 'Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation 2024: Indiv'.

Need a roommate? Indicate on your registration form, and we will do our best to match you.

Is the cost prohibitive for you? Reach out to OPSF's President, the Rev. Shelli Latham for information on our reduced rate block of rooms. Scholarship assistance is based upon congregation size and continuing education budget. To receive financial support, participants must serve a congregation in the OPSF region.

What does the schedule look like?

The sample schedule below will give you an idea of what to expect. The schedule may change slightly. Participants may choose the components that best feed their souls and provide the nourishment to prepare worship for the coming year.

Sunday, August 11

4-6 PM	Check-In
6 PM	Dinner
7 PM	Welcome & Introductions Evening Vespers
8-10 PM	Social Hours

Typical Day Structure – Monday-Wednesday, August 12-14

9 AM	Breakfast Morning Prayer Fire-up
9:30-10:30 AM	Frame
10:30 AM - 12 PM	Choose Your Own Adventure
Noon	Lunch
1 PM - 6 PM	Choose Your Own Adventure
6 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Evening Vespers
8-10 PM	Social Hours

Thursday, August 15

9 AM	Breakfast Closing Worship
9:30 - Noon	Final Planning moments or head out

Choose my own adventure?

Participants may fill their time as best fuels their ministries. Possibilities include:

- Collaborative work on daily thematic focus
- Conversations with event leadership
- Solo Preparation/Reflection
- Nature Exploration near the camp
- Write from a local coffee shop
- Focus: Scheduled offerings around the interests of participants
- Field Trip: One late afternoon or early evening excursion provided per day as indicated by interest of participants

How do I register?

Register at
omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org/CAMP

Questions?

Contact Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation's President, the Rev. Shelli Latham, at slatham@opsf-omaha.org.



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