



# CAMP: A Planning Retreat for Church Leaders

August 10-14, 2026, Red Cliffs Lodge, Moab, Utah

## Is this for me?

If you are a key worship leader for your worshipping community, we hope you'll join us for a nurtured retreat. 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.

Worship takes center stage each day, serving as a launching point for a guided fire-up workshop and individual and corporate planning. A team of music, worship, art, and theological guides will curate space to get the creative juices flowing. Join in as feeds your ministry.

There is a lot of freedom for digging-deep in your personal planning or for resting, playing, and catching your breath. If you're looking for a content-packed conference experience one of our other retreats or gatherings may serve you better. If you thrive in space where you set your pace amongst a community of shared learning and nurture, this is for you!

## Where is CAMP?

Red Cliffs Lodge is nestled on the banks of the Colorado River and embraced by the towering red cliffs of Moab, about thirty minutes from Arches National Park. The Lodge offers a unique blend of rustic charm and modern comfort, with cozy amenities and easy access to Moab's adventure-filled landscape.

Check out more about Red Cliffs Lodge at [redcliffslodge.com/moab](http://redcliffslodge.com/moab).

## 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 worship and evening prayers** to bookend your day
- ▲ **Workshop** – Kickstart your day with a workshop or two to get your juices flowing for your daily planning
- ▲ **Most Meals** – All meals except Wednesday night dinner are included
- ▲ **Daily Activity** – Each afternoon, OPSF will host one free-choice activity. Join in water-play, hiking, a craft, dinner cruise, etc.\*
- ▲ **Airport Shuttle** from Canyonland Field or Grand Junction Regional Airports\*
- ▲ **Free Time** – Participants set their own agendas and may build in time to hike, swim, nap, horseback ride, explore Arches National Park, etc.
- ▲ **Add-on National Park Trips to Zion and Bryce**

\*Activities and shuttle may have additional fees.

## LEADERSHIP



### O. Wesley Allen Cultivating Worship

O. Wesley Allen, Jr. is the Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Dr. Allen has served in a range of academic and ministerial settings having taught preaching and worship at both the seminary and undergraduate level. An ordained United Methodist, he has served in both pastoral and campus ministry roles. Dr. Allen specializes in the Synoptic Gospels and Acts. He has special interest in a cumulative approach to preaching, across weeks, and a conversational approach to preaching.

Content Preview: Explore strategies for preaching cumulatively, that is preaching week in and week out across weeks, liturgical seasons, and years. Sessions will explore sermon preparation as a spiritual discipline, connectivity from Sunday to Sunday), and theological and existential breadth across one's preaching.



### Shawna Bowman Artistic Practice

The Rev. Shawna Bowman is an artist, organizer and pastor. They are the first called and installed pastor of Friendship Presbyterian Church, in Chicago. Shawna

also serves as Executive Director of Friendship Community Place, a nonprofit founded by the church, which serves as neighborhood hub and resource rich space on the far Northwest Side of Chicago. Shawna is a trained educator and artist and has served as Affiliate Faculty at McCormick Theological Seminary. Their art-making includes mural work, art installations, liturgy, ritual and engaging in art as resistance.

Content Preview: Shawna's workshops will offer insight and stir creative imagination around ways of integrating visual and creative arts in worship, including: art-making as liturgy and ritual, visual art as sacred storytelling, and art as prophetic word.



### Steve Lindsley Music

The Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley is a Senior Ministry Strategist with Horizons Stewardship and serves as half-time Executive Presbyter for Providence Presbytery. An ordained PC(USA) minister,

Steve has previously served three congregations, most recently as Senior Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, before answering a call to serving the larger church. Outside of ministry, he's a singer-songwriter and musician who has released five albums available on all major streaming platforms.

## How much does it cost?

It is Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation's mission to inspire, equip, and connect 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** lodging at Red Cliffs Lodge, nurture and guidance from gifted theologians and worship leaders, most meals (Monday dinner - Friday breakfast, excluding Wednesday dinner). Some activities, shuttle, and field trips are not included in the registration rate.



- Are you from OPSF's thirteen-state service area? \$550 (double room\*), \$950 (single room); *Micro-church\*\* pastoral leaders* from OPSF Region – \$250 (double room), \$650 (single room)
- Are you a leader from outside OPSF's thirteen-state service area or church outside the PC(USA)? \$700 (double room), \$1100 (single room)

\* Double Room applies to two CAMPers rooming together. OPSF is happy to help you make a roommate connection. If you are bringing a guest (partner, child, friend), please select Single Room.

\*\* OPSF defines a Micro-church pastoral leader as a minister of word and sacrament or commissioned ruling elder/commissioned pastor who is employed by a congregation of <25 members, in a less than full time position.

## 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.

### National Park Add-on – Saturday-Monday, August 8-10

#### CAMP – Monday-Friday, August 10-14

##### Monday, August 10

3-6 PM	Check-in
6 PM	Dinner
7 PM	Opening Worship & Introductions
8 PM	Welcome Reception (cash bar)

##### Tuesday-Thursday, August 11-13 – Typical Flow

7:45-8:45 AM	Breakfast
9 AM	Worship & Prep for the Day
10:15-11:15 AM	Workshop
11:15 AM	Coffee Break & Morning Snack
11:45-12:45 PM	Collaborative Planning Groups
1 PM	Lunch
2-6 PM	Choose Your Own Adventure - plan, rest, play
6 PM	Dinner (Wednesday - on your own, or Dinner Cruise)
7:30 PM	Cruise)
8-10 PM	Evening Vespers Social Hours

##### Friday, August 14

	Pack up
8:00 AM	Breakfast, Final Planning & Shuttle Departures
10 AM	Goodbye! See you next year!

### National Park Add-on – Friday-Sunday, August 14-16

## Questions?

Contact Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation's President, the Rev. Shelli Latham, at [slatham@opsf-omaha.org](mailto:slatham@opsf-omaha.org).

## Scholarships

Scholarships may be available to defray the cost of lodging, travel, or both. Scholarships are determined based upon continuing education budget, congregation size, and geographical location. Participants may receive up to \$300 in lodging credit and/or up to \$400 travel reimbursement.

#### Scholarship eligibility:

- Reside or serve a congregation within the OPSF service region
- Have not received a scholarship for an OPSF event in the past three years

Those requesting scholarship assistance are encouraged to *to apply, at [tinyurl.com/OPSFeventsscholarships](http://tinyurl.com/OPSFeventsscholarships)* prior to registering for CAMP.

## Can I see any National Parks?

OPSF will host a pre-trip add-on to Zion National Park (Friday-Monday, August 7-10) and Bryce National Park (Friday-Sunday, August 14-16). See Add-Ons Flyer for details

## How do I register?

Register at

[omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org/CAMP-2025](http://omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org/CAMP-2025)



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# CAMP

## National Park Add Ons

Zion (Aug 7-10) | Bryce & Capitol Reef (Aug 14-16)



## Introduction

*CAMP: A Planning Retreat for Clergy* will take place near picturesque Moab, Utah, on August 10-14, 2026. Many people travel quite a distance and long to see the nearby national park(s) while they are accessible. At the same time, a schedule packed with excursions can make CAMP more hectic than restorative. To balance the longing for exploration of national parks and time for worship preparation and a restful pace, OPSF is offering two add-on trips.

Participants in CAMP may register to join a small group on trips into near(ish)-by parks. Join us on the front end on a journey to Zion (August 7-10) and on the backend as we explore Bryce Canyon (August 14-16) National Parks.

## How Do I Register?

Once you have registered for CAMP, you will be sent a link to register separately for the add ons. Because registration space is limited, participants may register for one add-on. You may indicate your interest in a second trip. We will begin to fill spots for participants seeking two add-ons on May 15th.

## Who May Attend?

Church leaders, who are attending CAMP may register to ride in the OPSF-provided vehicle. We have a ten-person limit for the van.

Participants may register with one guest (age 18+) if they provide their own transportation. CAMP-van space will be opened to guests if space is available, beginning June 15.

## Can I Bring My Own Car?

We have van space for ten CAMPers. Participants are able to drive themselves, if they prefer, or if they are attending an add-on with a guest who is not registered for CAMP.

## Questions

Contact Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation's Events Coordinator, the Rev. Ashley-Anne Masters, at [engagement@opsf-omaha.org](mailto:engagement@opsf-omaha.org).

## Zion National Park | August 7-10

### Friday, August 7

Today is all about getting oriented: Arrive in Zion, check into hotel, gather supplies, get the lay of the land, make plans with fellow campers, etc.

4:30 PM Shuttle leaves St. George Airport for hotel

7 PM Group Dinner

### Saturday-Sunday, August 8-9

Choose your own adventure. Participants will choose their own activities. The hotel is on the Zion shuttle route, and restaurants and groceries are nearby. These days are designed to take in as much or little as you want, as a group or solo.

Possible activities: \*Hiking, \*Stargazing, \*Jeep Tours; \*Zion points of interest by shuttle

### Monday, August 10

Depart for CAMP. Drive the scenic byway, taking you along the edge of Capitol Reef National Park, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Picnic along the way

4-6 PM Arrive at Red Cliffs, Moab for the start of CAMP

## Zion National Park Basics

Zion is a great park for self-directed exploration. The group will stay at the Montclair, which is located 1.5 miles from the entrance of Zion National Park, at Shuttle Stop 7. OPSF has coordinated the hotel and can offer activities guidance, but participants will choose their own exploration of the park, or join in jaunts with other campers.

## Zion Cost and Inclusions

The trip cost includes transportation from airport to hotel, and hotel to CAMP; and three nights lodging at the Montclair, and a welcome dinner on the first night. OPSF will provide breakfast fixings for participants to have in their rooms. Lunches (likely packed for the park) and dinner on Saturday and Sunday night are not included.

- Double Room (with another CAMPer) – \$420
- Single Room (no guest) – \$790
- Single Room (with one Guest - 18+) – \$840

# Zion National Park Info



## Where Will We Stay?

Participants will stay in the Signature Series Suites at *Montclair* at Zion. Each room has a kitchenette to aid in light breakfasts and packing lunches. The boutique hotel is located on the Zion Shuttle System, which takes passengers to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center for free. Besides Zion Canyon, there are a lot of nearby attractions and many restaurants in Springdale.

## Airport for Zion?

CAMPers riding in the OPSF vehicle should fly into St. George (SGU), arriving by 4:30 PM, on Friday, August 7

# Bryce Canyon National Park

## Bryce Canyon & Capitol Reef Trip Basics

Depart from CAMP on Friday for a drive through Capitol Reef National Park, enroute to Bryce. The group will spend two nights at Bryce, with access to the Bryce Canyon Shuttle, for self-directed play. This trip offers two add-on activities (with additional fees) L Dark Ranger Telescope Tour and horseback riding.

## Where Will We Stay?

The Lodge at Bryce Canyon provides motel-style accommodations inside Bryce Canyon National Park. Built in 1925, the lodge is listed on the National Historic Register. A variety of restaurants and a general store, make meal access simple.



# Bryce Canyon National Park | August 14-16

### Friday, August 14

- 9 AM Depart CAMP
- Scenic drive through Capitol Reef National Park
- Picnic lunch at Fruita Campground
- Scenic drive to Bryce through red rock canyon, Gifford Homestead, and Grand Staircase, Escalante
- Dinner Group Dinner in Tropic
- Check-in The Lodge at Bryce Canyon

### Saturday, August 15

- Sunrise view
- 8 AM Free shuttles open for self-selected activities in Bryce
- Possible activities: \*Hiking, \*Biking, \*Wandering, \*Chilling; Optional: Horseback Riding
- Dinner on your own

### Sunday, August 16

- 6:30 AM Depart for St. George (SGU) Airport

## Bryce Cost and Inclusions

The cost includes two nights lodging, and Friday lunch and dinner. Participants are responsible for meals on Saturday and Sunday, which may be purchased from the nearby restaurants and/or general store.

- Double Room (with another CAMPer) – \$300
- Single Room (no guest) – \$550
- Single Room (with one Guest - 18+) – \$600

## Airport for Bryce Canyon?

CAMPers riding in the OPSF vehicle should fly out of St. George (SGU). Flights must be scheduled after 10 AM.

