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There is no cost for this retreat. It is given as a gift to the community. Individuals wishing to stay overnight before or after can consider a donation for their stay. Please register by July 20 for this retreat by email: contact@hermitagecommunity.org or phone: 269-244-8696.

The Hermitage Way Retreat: Practices of Reconciliation

October 8, 9am-4pm

Keepers of The Hermitage Way work for reconciliation between persons and with God. The “journey inward” and the “journey outward” are bound together. Inner transformation will result in pursuit of holiness, involvement in social justice and efforts of peacemaking.

From prison visitation to dismantling racism, from confession to service – practices of reconciliation take us out of ourselves and focus our attention on “the other.” Fresh off the pilgrim trail, David and Naomi Wenger will lead this retreat for keepers of The Hermitage Way. They will share insights and invite the sharing of best practices from the Way Keeper community.

This retreat is for Keepers of the Hermitage Way and for those interested in keeping the Way. Registration begins immediately for Way Keepers. It is open for all others after September 1.

The suggested donation for the retreat is \$50. Register by email: contact@hermitagecommunity.org or phone: 269-244-8696.

Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola

Retreat in Daily Life

October 9, 2016 – May 31, 2017

Every person in the world is so put together that by praising, revering, and living according to the will of God our Lord he or she can safely reach the Reign of God. This is the original purpose of each human life.

This statement frames the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatius’ life-long project, to

introduce people to a method of following Jesus that engaged them in looking for God in all things, resulted in what we know as the Spiritual Exercises. While his original design was for a person to complete the exercises in 30 days, he recognized that many people would not be able to leave their work and families for that extended time. So, he also encouraged an adaptation of the exercises that spans 30 weeks rather than 30 days.

We are forming a small group of folks (limit 6) who wish to embark on the Exercises together using this expanded format. Participation will involve a monthly meeting (2.5 hours) with the group and a monthly one-on-one meeting (1 hour) with Naomi Wenger, the Retreat Director. Persons wishing to participate should be able to commit to the group and private meetings and to an hour of prayer and meditation each day for the eight months of the retreat. Cost for participating in the *Retreat in Daily Life* for 8 months is \$600. A deposit of \$120 is due by **September 1** to reserve your place in the group. The remainder can be paid monthly (\$60/month).

The initial meeting will be Saturday, October 15 from 10-12:30. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled at that time. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact The Hermitage (contact@hermitagecommunity.org or 269-244-8696).

Fall Thanksgiving Workday **Saturday, November 5, 9am-5pm**

Mark your calendar to participate in the Ecosystems Discernment Committee workday this fall. We will work and give thanks for the provision from the earth. Recognizing that God’s sustaining work brings forth abundance, we will prepare the land for its winter time of rest. We will have a celebration feast at midday and end the day with Thanksgiving Vespers at 4:00.