

*Are you longing for a deeper awareness of God's presence?  
Are you looking for something more than Sunday worship?  
Do you yearn for spiritual companions?  
Do you wish for encouragement for your spiritual practices?*

*Come to Drawing Near and learn from these leaders:*

Andrea Bliss-Lerman, a spiritual director and retreat leader who is part of the staff of Free Christian Church, Andover, MA.

Rev. Beth Garnaas-Holmes, a United Methodist Pastor and spiritual director from Concord, NH.

Rev. Paul Millin, a retired UCC Pastor, director of Living Water, a ministry of spiritual companionship & retreats.

Rev. Larry J. Peacock, a United Methodist Pastor, Executive Director of Rolling Ridge, trained as a spiritual director & retreat leader.



Rolling Ridge is a retreat and conference center open to individuals of all faiths, and to a wide variety of groups who seek a time of rest and reflection, who desire new resources for living, who long for space to listen or to plan and create.

The 38 acres of woods, rolling hills and lakefront and the 40 room Georgian estate provide the setting and accommodations for you or your group. Rolling Ridge is a ministry of the New England Conference, United Methodist Church. The Director, Rev. Larry J Peacock, and the staff look forward to meeting you

## TO GET TO ROLLING RIDGE

### From BOSTON

Travel north on Interstate Route 93. Take the exit for Rte. 125. Turn right off exit and follow Rte. 125 to the junction of Rte. 114. Turn left onto Rte. 114. At next traffic light turn right onto Rte. 125. At next traffic light turn right onto Andover Street. Continue on Andover Street to Olde North Andover Center. Go across traffic circle onto Great Pond Road. Unitarian Church will be on your left, Top of the Scales Restaurant on your right. Stay on Great Pond Road past church, go through next intersection and continue straight. At stop sign turn left, this is where Great Pond Road continues. Follow Great Pond Road for approximately 1/2 mile to Rolling Ridge on the left, just past North Andover Country Club.

### From THE NORTH SHORE

Travel west on Route 114. In North Andover turn right onto Johnson Street. Continue on Johnson Street to 4th right. Turn right onto Marbleridge Road. Continue on Marbleridge Road which becomes Great Pond Road for approximately 2 miles. Rolling Ridge is on your left.

### From RTE 495

Take Exit 43 (Mass Ave). If coming from the South, Go right off the end of the ramp. If coming from the North, go left at the end of the ramp. Go thru 2 sets of lights to the Rotary in Old North Andover Center. Go 3/4 around the Rotary and exit onto Great Pond Road. (Unitarian Church will be on your left, Top of the Scales Restaurant on your right.) Follow on Great Pond Rd. to a stop sign. Turn left, this is where Great Pond Road continues. Follow Great Pond Road for approximately 1/2 mile to Rolling Ridge on the left, just past North Andover Country Club.

### Comments from Past Participants:

- *"A real breath of fresh air. I looked forward to every session."*
- *"Participating in Drawing Nearer to God enriched my own spiritual practice, gave me a supportive community, but more importantly it enriched my ministry."*
- *"To have a time away from the busy, busy life we all lead, and to be with those seeking the nearness and spiritual development that we all seek, to have all that as well as the ambiance of the Ridge in incomparable."*
- *"It is life-changing."*

# DRAWING NEAR TO GOD *An Eight Month Journey of Spiritual Deepening*



*Eight Monthly Saturday  
retreats*

**October, 2009  
Thru  
May, 2010**

# Rolling Ridge

† Retreat and Conference Center

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## SCHEDULE

1. October 3, 2009 8:45-3p.m., with lunch  
Yearning for God
2. November 7, 2009 8:45-11:45  
Praying with Scripture
3. December 5, 2009 8:45-1:45, with lunch  
Befriending Silence
4. January 9, 2010 , 8:45-1:45 with lunch  
Embodied Prayer
5. February 6, 2010 8:45-11:45  
Gratitude: the Heart of Prayer
6. March 6, 2010 8:45-11:45  
Prayer, Service and Community
7. April 10, 2010 8:45-11:45  
Praying With and For Others
8. May 1, 2010 8:45-1:45 with lunch  
Discernment and the Way Forward

The October, December, January, and May meetings include **lunch** at **Rolling Ridge** and a longer time for fellowship, learning, and sharing. Please make every effort to be present for each session and for the 8 month course.

## DRAWING NEAR

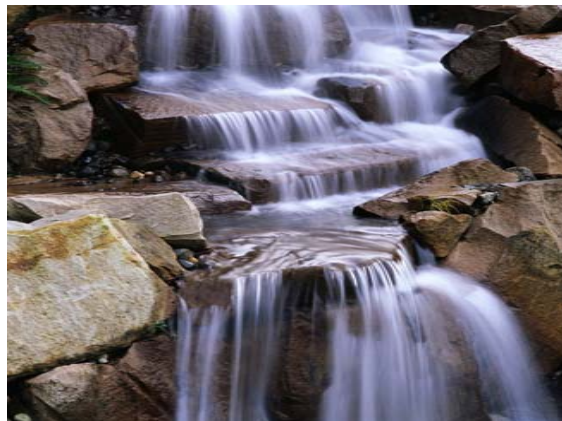
In this eight month program, participants will explore their personal spiritual journeys in a group setting, and learn about and practice a variety of spiritual disciplines. These well-tested tools lead to a greater awareness of the Divine in all of life. Each session will include worship, presentation, discussion, personal practice and reflection time. Participants will be assigned readings in preparation for each session. All the leaders are trained spiritual directors and retreat leaders. Participants will also be encouraged to be in spiritual direction while in the program.

*With my whole being, I thirst for the Living God.*

Psalm 42:2

### REGISTRATION FEES

Fee for the 8 month journey is \$525, which includes all program costs, morning coffee & sweets, and 4 lunches. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due by September 1, 2009 Balance is due October 3, 2009, or in three installments: Oct. 3, Jan 9, and March 6, 2010: \$160.00 each.



## REGISTRATION FORM DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

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FOOD ALLERGIES/DIETARY NEEDS

Using a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions and submit your answers along with your completed registration form:

What attracts you to this program?

What important life experiences do you have behind this desire?

Make checks payable to Rolling Ridge

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