

2023 All-Ohio Rostered Minister Gathering FAQs

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Question 1: What is the All-Ohio Rostered Ministers Gathering?

This is a shared event between the Northeastern, Northwestern, and Southern Ohio Synods. It is an opportunity for collegiality, education, and rejuvenation among synod rostered ministers along with those serving in lay pastoral roles as Synod Authorized Ministers and TEEM candidates.

Question 2: This year's format is different from past years. What is the format?

This year, the event is divided into 2 parts (online education and in-person retreat). These are (mostly) independent events that will occur on separate dates. Attend the training or the retreat or both. Because the trainers have found that online workshops with limited numbers of participants achieves the best results, we could not do this training in a large in-person setting. As a result, persons interested in the training may choose from several dates to attend an online workshop. The in-person retreat, which is scheduled after all the training, provides an opportunity to debrief the training, gather for worship, refresh friendships, make new connections, and relax.

Question 3: Tell me more about the online training.

- a. Topic: Loving Your Neighbor in the Age of Microaggressions (see separate document for a description of the training and the trainers' bios)
- b. Online - via Zoom
- c. One 3-hour session
- d. *Group size is limited - may need to move people to minimize the number of groups (be sure to include your phone number). Dates will be removed when the groups are full. If you wish to register but the date(s) that work for you are not available, contact lnakamura@southernohiosynod.org and let us know as space may become available later on.
- e. Dates
 - 1) Sat, January 14th (9 am to 12 pm)
 - 2) Tues, January 17th (9 am to 12 pm)
 - 3) Thurs, January 19th (9 am to 12 pm)
 - 4) Sat, January 21st (9 am to 12 pm)
- f. Pre-work: 20-30 minutes (an assessment and two videos)
- g. Online workshop cost: \$75
- h. Trainers: Delia Joseph and Karen Ridd
- i. Registration Deadline: December 16th

Question 4: Tell me more about the in-person retreat.

- a. Theme: Reconnecting
- b. Venue: Sawmill Creek by Cedar Point Resorts (400 Sawmill Creek Dr. W, Huron, OH 44839)
- c. Dates: January 24-25, 2023
- d. Onsite Check-in Opens: 1:00 pm on Tues, 1/24
- e. Retreat begins: 2 pm
- f. Retreat ends: after lunch on Wed, 1/25
- g. Activities
 - 1) Worship
 - 2) Debriefing Microaggressions training
 - 3) Social Time
- h. No childcare provided

- i. In-person Retreat Cost -- \$145 (includes 3 meals – dinner, breakfast, and lunch; lodging is separate)
- j. Registration Deadline: December 16th

Question 5: Tell me more about lodging for the retreat.

To increase participant flexibility in choosing specifics about lodging and sharing rooms with friends, lodging must be arranged directly through Sawmill. It is a separate cost from the retreat (\$119 plus tax for a single).

Online booking is available. If you are paying with a credit card, it is best to book online. Instructions:

- 1) Go to <https://reservations.sawmillcreekresort.com/sawmillcreek/>;
- 2) Select
 - a) the retreat dates (1/24/23 – 1/25/23), though you may come earlier and stay later if you wish (To get the group/block, the dates must be between 1/23-1/26)
 - b) adults/children
- 3) Choose: **group/block*** (NOT promotional)
- 4) CODE: **NORT01**
- 5) Click Search

** While you may make a reservation after December 16th, our reserved block of rooms will be released after that date.*

- Reservations may also be made by calling 419-627-2106.
- Sawmill is now cashless throughout the resort. This means that you simply swipe or tap your credit card, debit card, or smart device with Apple Pay or Google Pay where you would normally use cash. It's faster, safer, and always secure. If you don't have a card, Sawmill has Cash-to-Card Kiosks, in which you can convert your cash into a prepaid debit card that you can use anywhere (not just inside the resort). There are no fees! Follow this link for more details:
<https://www.sawmillcreekresort.com/cashless>

Question 6: Remind me again about the costs.

- a. On-line Training alone – \$75
- b. In-person Retreat alone – \$145 (includes 3 meals, excludes lodging)
- c. Both Training & Retreat (excludes lodging) – \$220
- d. Lodging is separate - must arrange thru Sawmill (\$119 plus tax for a single) – See Question #5, above, for further information.
- e. Registration Deadline (training, retreat, and lodging): **December 16th**
- f. Refund request deadline: January 6th (refunds will be granted up until this date).

Question 7: What should I be sure to pack for the retreat?

The only special request we have this year is for you to bring a favorite game with you to share on Tuesday evening.

Question 8: Where do I register?

Go to: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/6152505>

Question 9: If I am a vendor, what should I do?

Contact one of the planning team members who will speak with you before you register for the event.

Question 10: Whom should I contact with questions?

For event information, please contact your Synod's planning team member:

NEOS – Pastor Mitch Phillips – mphillips@neos-elca.org or 330-929-9022

NWOS – Cheryl Sondergeld – cheryl.sondergeld@nwos-elca.org or 419-423-3664

SOS – Dr. Lynn Nakamura – lnakamura@southernhiosynod.org or 614-714-3157 x4