

Order of the Deacon & Diaconal Ministers
"Our Heart for Ministry"
Holy Family Retreat Center, 9920 N. Major Drive
Beaumont TX 77713
409 899-5617

October 18-20, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Cost: \$140 private room and meals: \$140
 \$ 100 shared room and meals: \$100

Deadline: August 31, 2010

Please mail the registration form and non-refundable \$40 deposit or total amount due with "Deacon Retreat" on memo line to:

Wesley United Methodist Church
c/o Rev. Pam Besser
Wesley United Methodist Church
3810 North Major Drive
Beaumont, Texas 77713

Balance due at the retreat. For more questions or more information please contact me at pambesser@wesleyumc.com 409-892-7733 (church), 409-790-3858 (cell).

Brochure date: 4/22/10



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Featuring Margaret Crain

Professor of Christian Education at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Deacon in Full Connection, Northern Illinois Conference, United Methodist Church

More About Margaret

Margaret Ann was consecrated to diaconal ministry in 1986 and was ordained as a deacon in 1997. She served churches in Missouri and North Georgia for 20 years before joining the faculty at Garrett-Evangelical Theological School in 1998. During her career, Margaret Ann has received critical acclaim and national recognition for ecumenical leadership in Christian Education including serving as president of both the Religious Education Association and the United Methodist Association of Professors of Christian Education. She has also devoted herself and worked tirelessly to make Garrett-Evangelical Theological School a center for training, supporting, and nurturing Deacons within The United Methodist Church; to identify, recruit and mentor promising candidates for diaconal ministry in The United Methodist Church. She has designed and coordinated three national Deacon Dialogues. She was elected as reserve delegate to General Conference in 1992 and 2004 and was a member of General Conference in 2008. She currently is a member of the Commission for the Study of Ministry 2008-2012. Together with her husband, Dr. Jack L. Seymour, she is the author of *A Deacon's Heart: The New United Methodist Diaconate* published by Abingdon in 2001.



Holy Family Retreat Center Directions

From Houston:

1. Take I-10 east into Beaumont.
2. Exit 845 onto Major Drive (FM 364).
3. Travel north for about 11 miles.
4. Look for the Holy Family Retreat Center on the right.

From Louisiana:

1. Take I-10 west into Beaumont.
2. Exit 853A onto Hwy 69 N (toward Lufkin).
3. Travel north about 2 miles.
4. Take the exit for Hwy 105 (toward Sour Lake).
5. Turn left onto Hwy 105, and go west for about 2 miles.
6. At the first traffic light, turn right (north) onto Major Drive (FM 364).
7. Travel north for about 1.5 miles.
8. Look for the Holy Family Retreat Center on the right.



October 18, 2010 Monday

- 3:30 - 5:00 pm Registration
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 7:00 - 7:30 pm Music and welcome
- 7:30 - 8:30 pm Session 1 with Dr. Margaret Ann Crain, "Called and Sent: Who Are We?" (celebrating and sharing our stories)

October 19, 2010 Tuesday

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 - 9:30 am Devotional and music
- 9:30 - 11:30 am Session 2 with Dr. Margaret Ann Crain, "Ministry Opting for the Margins" (The unique ministry of deacons and where we fit into the UMC, report from the Commission for the Study of Ministry 2008-2012)
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:30 - 5:00 pm Free time and recreation
 - Parkdale Mall Shopping Trip
 - Energy Museum (close to Crockett Street)
 - McFaddin Ward House (close to downtown)
 - Games (cards, bananagrams, dominoes, etc)
 - Nature/prayer walk at retreat center
 - Movie and popcorn at retreat center
 - Rest and Naptime

- 5:00 pm Dinner
- 6:00 - 7:00 pm Worship and Music
- 7:00 - 8:30 pm Session 3 with Dr. Margaret Ann Crain, "Nurturing the Order" (What do we need from each other? How do we invite others into the Order of Deacon?)

Oct. 20, 2010 Wednesday

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Music and devotional
- 9:30 a.m. Session 4 with Dr. Margaret Ann Crain, "Leading the church in Diakonia" (Encouragement for the work ahead)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion (Dr. Dick White)
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