

Ecumenical Community of Michigan Retreat (formerly "LARC")

## "Beholding God in Creation"

**Monday, October 10, (4:00pm) to Thursday, October 13 (1:00pm)**

At the Augustine Center of the Sacramentine Monastery  
2798 North US 31, Conway, Michigan 49722 (Petoskey area)

Our Retreat Leader for 2022 is **Steve Thomas, M.Div.**

Steve Thomas is the U.S. Director for Mennonite Men, the men's organization of Mennonite Church USA and has served in pastoral ministry for 33 years. He co-founded and directed Peacemakers Academy—a Mennonite martial arts school—for 10 years, and taught as an adjunct professor in Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies at Goshen College for 6 years. He is a co-founder of the Indiana/Michigan MALEs chapter of Illuman and a co-founder of Pathways Retreat. He is an ISA Certified Arborist and a graduate student in urban forestry. He and Linda Lehman Thomas, an ordained pastor and spiritual director, have 4 children and live in Goshen, Indiana. Steve enjoys leading retreats, tending his woods, and coordinating a campaign to plant one million trees to restore the Earth.



## "Beholding God in Creation"

"From the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator" (Wisdom 1:13-14).

In this retreat, we will expand our awareness of God's presence in creation and notice how nature speaks to us of life and faith. We will rest and reflect in natural areas around the retreat center. We will share our experiences of beholding God in creation. And, hopefully, these experiences will deepen our care for the Earth.

The retreat will include interactive sessions, conversations together, exercises in nature, time for solitude, visual presentations on the wonders of God's Earth and the place of trees in God's creation, and services of daily prayers and Eucharist inside and outdoors.

### [How to Register for the ECM Retreat](#)

Individuals: \$ 255 (payable to "Trinity Episcopal Church")

(Married couples: \$ 430)

(Commuters: meals, no overnight \$170)

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### **Directions**

From Petoskey: North on US-31, pass M-119 stoplight, 2.7 miles, on right just before Crooked Lake.

From I-75: Exit 310, west on M-68, follow curves through Indian River, to US-31 in Alanson, south through Alanson, Oden, and Conway, on left just past Crooked Lake.

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