

**Announcing the
Cape Cod Learning Community
for Presbytery Leaders/Executives and Associates
August 7-11, 2011**



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Paraclete Retreat House
at the Community of Jesus
Orleans, Massachusetts**

This experience will be an intentional learning community: a group of peers gathering together to provide mutual support for learning, reflection, and growth. Most, if not all the learning/teaching, is done by participants.

Each attendee will be responsible for a two hour presentation and/or discussion on a book, process, best practice or experience related to executive or church work, or faith.

“People learn best in community, when they are engaged with one another, when everyone is both student and teacher, expert and apprentice, in a rich exchange of experiences and learnings.”

Margaret Wheatley
“Finding Our Way”

The Community of Jesus, located on Rock Harbor in Orleans, MA, is home to an ecumenical Benedictine community. In 2008 they built Paraclete House, a new retreat center that includes bedrooms, a living room, a large meeting room, an extensive bookstore, and a large kitchen.

The accommodations are spacious, new, and comfortable. Both single and double rooms are available. Sinks are in all rooms; private baths are in hallways. Meals are healthy, full, and with excellent presentation and service. Living room areas are available for meeting space and private reading. There is cell phone coverage and Internet access with your laptop.

Spouses and significant others (but not small children) are welcome and are invited to participate or audit the learning events. Recreation and free time will be scheduled for several hours each afternoon. Extended days before and after the Learning Community are available by making arrangements with the Community of Jesus.

For more info, contact Rev. Dana Lindsley by email at danalindsley@psne.org or phone 860/388-0874.

Details for the Cape Cod Learning Community August 7-11, 2011

Transportation

The Community of Jesus is located in Orleans, Massachusetts (11 Bay View Drive) at the inside elbow of Cape Cod. Public bus transportation is available directly from Logan Airport to Barnstable. Pick up can be arranged for you there if pre-arrangements are made.

Driving directions are on the Community of Jesus website and available by [clicking here](#). Others coming to the event may want to share transportation with you so please contact them.

The events and residences for our Cape Cod Learning Community will mostly be in Paraclete House which has a separate parking lot. To reach this lot go past the wide green lawn into the Rock Harbor Parking Lot. At the far end of the lot there is a gravel driveway on the left. Take that driveway and the first left is the parking for our event.

Check in for our event is in Paraclete House.

Agenda

The event begins with dinner in Paraclete House at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Following dinner there will be a time for introductions and orientation to our location, the Community of Jesus, and Cape Cod. We will review the nature of a Learning Community or Community of Practice and we'll make some decisions about how our event will unfold.

Each day Monday through Thursday will begin with worship led by our chaplain for the event, who may be a participant of the group. There will be two learning components also led by participants each morning.

After lunch, depending on our preferences and the weather, we may have a learning component or we will have individual study and recreation time.

After supper we have the option of informal group time, discussion, etc. The event concludes following lunch on Thursday.

Meals

Restaurant quality meals, three per day, will be provided on-site by the nuns of the Community. Box lunches for those who wish to eat somewhere else are available on request. The Benedictine hospitality of the Community leads the nuns to respond to all special dietary needs. Please let us know of those needs in advance.

Learning Components

Each participant in the Learning Community will be expected to lead a presentation, discussion, activity about a book, process, experience, or learning related to executive, church work, or faith. The time frame is about two hours.

Projector and screen will be available for use, but bring your own laptop. Handouts are appreciated by many. These learning components are the “meat” of our week. We are peers gathering together to provide mutual support for learning, reflection, support and growth. The whole agenda is flexible to allow participants to help set the group learning rate and schedule. Spouses are welcome to attend any or all of the learning events as auditors.



Community of Jesus Options

Sunday worship at the Community is uplifting and impressive so you may want to arrive early to experience it. Daily worship is sung by the religious brothers and sisters and is open to the community. The times are Monday vespers at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursdays Lauds with the Eucharist are at 8:00 a.m., Midday prayer at 11:45 a.m., and Vespers at 5:30 p.m.

The Church of the Transfiguration where the Community worships is a large basilica impressively ornamented with frescoes and mosaics. It is available for our worship and meditation. An optional tour will be available to our group.

Priory Books and Gifts is a large religious book store, located adjacent to our event venue, and is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Patmos houses the art guilds of the Community and an optional tour will be available to our group as well as presentations by the artists.

The Pastorum is a separate building with small offices, a devotional chapel, and a meeting room all of which will be open for our use.

Extended Stay

For those who wish to extend their stay on the Cape before or after the event arrangements should be made with Christy Haig at the Scribes Office scribes@communityofjesus.org (508-255-1094, ext. 3501). It is very likely that room will be available.

Communication

Cell phone service is available throughout the Community property however respect for the contemplative environment of the grounds is requested. Wireless Internet on your own computer is available in limited areas of the Community.

Cost

A deposit of \$225 per person is due upon registration with the final balance due no later than July 15. The learning community experience with rooms (shared baths) and meals in Paraclete House are \$475 per person or \$850 per couple. The registration form is on the last page of this flyer. Questions, call Pam at the Presbytery of Southern New England: 860/388-0874.

Respect for the Religious Community

Modest dress is requested throughout the property of the Community of Jesus. It is requested that cell phones not be used near the Church of the Transfiguration. Wednesdays are days of monastic enclosure and respect for the privacy of Community members is requested.

REGISTRATION FORM
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Name: _____ Spouse name, if attending: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Presbytery: _____ Position: _____

Registration deadline is July 1. The remaining balance is due by July 15. Mail this form with your deposit of \$225 per person (deposit is fully refundable until July 1) payable to:

Presbytery of Southern New England
123 Elm St., #200
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

[Click here for directions](#) to the Community of Jesus.

Cost includes overnight accommodations, delicious meals, and the learning community!

Single Room, shared bath @ \$475	_____
Couple's Room, shared bath @ \$850	_____
Total registration cost	_____
Less deposit due (\$225 pp) by July 1	_____
Balance due by July 15	_____