

PASTORS' RETREAT

Athenaeum Hotel
Chautauqua, NY

April 27 - 29, 2026

Single room - \$324

Double room - \$174



Includes two-night stay, delicious meals, and gratuities for one person

GUEST SPEAKER CAROL HOWARD - "SPARKING THE SOUL"

In this disorienting time in our culture, pastors bear an enormous burden. Many of us face the burnout and exhaustion that still ripples from the pandemic. We know that following a traumatic experience, people can go through stress, and they can go through growth. We will need to learn to ignite the divine spark in our souls. How can we do it? In our time together, we will explore why church leaders might be feeling exhausted. Then, we will talk about why it's important for us to engage beauty, art, and our senses.

In addition to worship, conversation, and time for renewal, you can enjoy optional hands-on activities during free time that encourage relaxation and creativity.

We hope to offer a traditional Pysanky (Ukrainian egg decorating) workshop, a relaxed space for creative play with LEGO® bricks, and gentle yoga for those who wish to stretch and unwind.



Rev. Carol Howard is a respected author, painter, and minister, currently serving at Madison Presbyterian Church in Madison, New Jersey. As the author of several influential works, including *Wounded Pastors* (Westminster John Knox) and *Healing Spiritual Wounds: Reconnecting with a Loving God After Experiencing a Hurtful Church* (HarperOne), she explores the intersections of spirituality, art, and healing.

In the PC(USA), she has worked with survivors of clergy sexual abuse, and she has developed trauma-informed resources to help congregations heal in the aftermath of abuse. Known for her engaging speaking style, she shares insights on spiritual wounding, intergenerational ministry, and innovative church practices.



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This retreat is offered to pastors in the Presbyteries of Cayuga/Syracuse, Genesee Valley, Geneva, Lake Erie, Susquehanna Valley, and Western New York.

*The price of this retreat includes a \$200 subsidy specifically for pastors in the Lake Erie Presbytery.