



## New Hope Presbytery Retreat for Pastors and Educators

Trinity Center, Salter Path, NC • October 11-13, 2015

# Thinking with the Desert Fathers and Mothers: What Early Monasticism Has to Say to a Changing World

Modern churches face a fast changing world. How are we to act as faithful witnesses in response to the challenges of our day? As has long been noted, the desert fathers and mothers continue to act as a font of wisdom as regards spirituality. But they have also bequeathed us multiple, thoughtful reflections on how to engage and imagine the Church anew, as early Christians similarly confronted an age shifting on a global and local scale. While some ascetics struggled to serve the emerging Church in urban contexts, others fled society, in the process discovering new spiritual and community-based resources in the desert. This retreat will explore how returning to the struggles of our early Christian mothers and fathers might help us reframe, reimagine, and re-engage issues of spirituality in community, race and ethnicity, gender, and economic justice.

### SCHEDULE

#### Sunday • October 11, 2015

6 p.m. . . . . Dinner  
7 p.m. . . . . **Introduction and evening prayer led by Dr. Luckritz Marquis**  
Fellowship and refreshments (wine and cheese)

#### Monday • October 12, 2015

8 a.m. . . . . Breakfast  
9 a.m.–10:30 a.m. . . . **Session I**  
10:30 a.m.–11 a.m. . . . Break  
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. . . . **Session II**  
12:30 p.m. . . . . Lunch  
1:30 p.m.–6 p.m. . . . . Afternoon Free  
6 p.m. . . . . Dinner  
7 p.m.–8:30 p.m. . . . . **Session III**

#### Tuesday • October 13, 2015

8 a.m. . . . . Breakfast and check-out (those returning home today, turn in keys by 9 a.m.)  
9:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m. . . . **Session IV**  
10:45 a.m.–11 a.m. . . . Break  
11 a.m.–12 p.m. . . . . Closing worship

\*\*\* **Extended Stay** \*\*\*

(Rooms may be available for extended stay; please contact the Trinity Center directly to make arrangements)

### TO REGISTER

Registration is \$50 for double occupancy; Single room occupancy (pending availability) is \$100.

Register by contacting Rene Baker at Presbytery of New Hope.  
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**Christine Luckritz Marquis**, assistant professor of church history at Union Presbyterian Seminary, joined the faculty in Fall 2013. An M.A.R. graduate of Yale Divinity School, Luckritz Marquis received her B.A. in Religion from Illinois Wesleyan University. She earned her Ph.D. in Early Christian Studies from Duke University in 2012. Luckritz Marquis has been the recipient of several awards, including most recently the Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship from 2010-2012. She served as both field archaeologist and registrar for the Yale Monastic Archaeological Project – North. She is currently working on her first book, which explores how memory and spatial practices were transformed by acts of violence among Egyptian ascetics. She co-edited and translated *The History of the Great Deeds of Bishop Paul of Quentos and Priest John of*

*Edessa, Texts from Christian Late Antiquity* volume 29.

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