

# SOUL SPACE INTERFAITH: SPRING 2015 WOMEN'S RETREAT



## Inviting the Presence of God: Finding Our Spirituality Through Our Faith Traditions

We anticipate an afternoon of storytelling and sharing that should ultimately be inspiring. Breaking with tradition, we will have three storytellers who will tell a ten-minute story of spiritual practice within their faith tradition and how it has connected her to the Divine.

After presentations, retreat participants are invited to tell their own stories during the table talks. Participants should feel free to bring a ritual object, text, or picture that helps them tell their stories.

**Jule DeJager Ward**'s experience of the Sacred was mediated by a strong sense of belonging to the faith community into which she was born, the Roman Catholic Church. Its precepts shaped her as she grew into adulthood and guided her as she married and became the mother of three daughters and a son. At age thirty-eight, she returned to school to earn a Ph.D. in Theology. During those years, the Sacred became a multi-dimensional kaleidoscope, richer and brighter than she had ever known, connecting her to a world of believers beyond her own small community of faith. That was the experience she strove to share with her students when she taught in the Religious Studies Department at DePaul University.

**Reyhan Isbilir** was born and grew up in Turkey. She completed her bachelor's degree in one of the most prominent universities in Turkey, Bogazici University, Istanbul with a major in Turkish Literature and a minor in Linguistics. Reyhan and her family moved to Ohio, USA seven years ago, where she worked as a foreign language teacher in one of the charter schools. Reyhan has been living in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago for two years and working on her MA degree at the Catholic Theological Union, majoring in Theology with a concentration on interreligious Dialogue. Reyhan is also an active member of the Turkish American Society and Niagara Foundation. Reyhan is married and has three children.

**Marilyn Price** is a nationally known puppeteer, storyteller, author and educator who has been telling and teaching for over forty years. Marilyn's puppetry and storytelling teaching skills have instructed adults and children in social issues and values with the use of story. She has appeared as a teller on NPR and is currently the president of a not for profit educational foundation, TriBraining, Inc. whose mission is to teach to students at all levels of learning. Visit her at [www.marilynprice.com](http://www.marilynprice.com)

May 3, 2015

2-5pm at the Turkish American Society,  
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