

Our Scripture

Matthew 13:44-45

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and

Our Program

How do I react to the kingdom of heaven? Do I know there must be something out there worthy of great value? Have I been searching for it? What can we do to ensure that we will find what God has for us?

We will explore these questions and share our insights through praise, worship, prayer groups, and workshops. Our keynote speaker will share her own testimony of how she has found her Pearl of Great Price. The weekend offers opportunities for journaling, reflection, feasting, art, exploring nature, meditation, prayer and testimony. Come, let us be spiritual sisters and together relax, reflect and renew our spirits. God will meet us there.



Our Special Guest Presenters

Kumja Lim

Kumja Lim was born in North Korea, grew up in South Korea, and matured in the United States. She resides in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Kumja graduated from Ehwa Women's University in Seoul, South Korea with a bachelor degree in nursing. She went to Iliff School of Theology to fulfill the requirement to be commissioned as a United Methodist Deaconess.

Kumja is currently a Women's Division Director serving as a Recording Secretary. She has been involved in oversea mission to China as a Bible Woman and to Cambodia as an Ubuntu Explorer. Her hobbies are Bible study, traveling, reading, people watching, and playing Mahjongg, Bridge, and golf.

Reverend Julie Yoder Elmore

Julie Yoder Elmore co-pastors the Community United Methodist Church in Nome, Alaska with her husband David. Julie hails from Stevensville, Michigan and is a former US-2 Young Adult Missionary with the United Methodist Church. She attended seminary at the Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. Julie enjoys cooking, traveling, swimming, berry picking, watching movies, reading, visiting with friends and family, learning, camping, and white water rafting.

Our Retreat Center

Seward Windsong Lodge

Owned and operated by Cook Inlet Region Inc., Alaska Heritage Tours, the lodge is situated close to the town of Seward yet in a secluded setting down Exit Glacier / Herman Leirer Road. Towering mountains and the rush of the Resurrection River will enhance this peaceful setting.

The lodge offers 180 spacious guest rooms which you will reserve ON YOUR OWN and the River and Glacier Conference rooms. The Resurrection Roadhouse Restaurant is open from 6 AM—10 PM and the chef promises to delight us with culinary magic on Saturday and Sunday mornings and at our banquet Saturday evening.

www.sewardwindsong.com

Room Information

You must book your reservation with the Windsong Lodge by calling 1-866-845-6338 no later than July 28 to be assured the room rates blocked for the retreat. Special Off-Season Rates are as follows:

<u>Room</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>
Standard	\$149	\$149	\$164	\$179
Deluxe	\$179	\$179	\$194	\$209
Suite	\$199	\$199	\$214	\$224

Our Price

REGISTRATION

Registration and full payment is due by July 15th. Upon receipt of your registration, a confirmation letter will be sent.

COST

The cost for the entire weekend is \$125. This includes program materials, snacks, coffee service conference room rental and 4 meals. Full meal service begins Saturday morning. Cancellations past July 15th may be partially refundable. If you desire, incremental payments are accepted, but confirmation is sent when last payment is received.

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

We are pleased to offer full travel assistance to one woman from each local UMW unit. If you wish to apply for travel assistance, please complete the application provided. Deadline July 1st.

ITEMS TO BRING

A loving heart, an inquiring mind, a searching soul, your Bible, comfortable clothing and shoes.

CHECK-IN

Lodge check-in is at 3:00 PM, and retreat check-in begins at 5:30 on Friday. Please register to receive retreat information. The retreat ends before lunch on Sunday, August 30.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can travel by auto, railway or motor coach. The Alaska Railroad (1-800-544-0552) operates daily service from Anchorage to Seward and Alaska Heritage Tours (1-877-777-2805) offers motor coach transport from Anchorage to Seward.

THINGS TO DO

Begin your retreat early! Stay another day! Seward offers an incredible array of activities and sights. Visit the Alaska SeaLife Center, take a Kenai Fjords Cruise, walk the historical section of town and visit the United Methodist Church!

Our Agenda

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

3:00 LODGE CHECK IN
6:00 RETREAT CHECK IN
7:15 OPENING PRAISE
7:30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
8:00 KEYNOTE KUMJA LIM
8:45 BREAK
9:00 PRAYER GROUPS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 MORNING DEVOTIONS
8:30 BREAKFAST
9:00 GATHER
9:15 WORKSHOPS
10:30 BREAK
10:45 WORKSHOPS
12:30 GOURMET PICNIC AT THE GLACIER
AFTERNOON FREE TIME
WALK OR RIDE TO THE GLACIER,
NAP, VISIT, READ, ETC.

3:30 PRAYER GROUPS
5:00 GATHERING, SINGING
6:00 DINNER
7:30 KEYNOTE KUMJA LIM
8:15 BREAK
8:00 BIBLE STUDY JULIE ELMORE
9:00 PRAYER GROUPS

SUNDAY AUGUST 30

8:00 MORNING DEVOTIONS
8:30 BREAKFAST
9:00 KEYNOTE KUMJA LIM
9:45 PRAYER GROUPS
10:45 BREAK
11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE JULIE ELMORE
11:45 PRAYER GROUP TESTIMONIES
12:00 PACK UP AND GOODBYES
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Questions???

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Alaska United Methodist Women
invite you to our 2009
Spiritual Growth Retreat

August 28-30, 2009
Seward Windsong Lodge
Seward, Alaska

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Hebrews 11:6