RESTORE, REBUILD, RENEW—Capital Campaign News

The first major project of the Capital Campaign, Restore, Rebuild, Renew, has been completed! Thanks to our generous donors, the former Moses Hall has been gutted, redesigned, modernized, and renamed. The Larry J. Peacock Carriage House was taken back to the studs and beyond. It now has new bedrooms, new private bathrooms, restroom and coffee bar in the conference room, a fully handicapped accessible bedroom and bath, and air conditioning! The Conference Room is now known as Moses Hall in honor of the original gift in the 1950’s.

You who have given to the Capital Campaign have made it more comfortable, more modern, and more saleable to groups and retreatants. Thank you.

It is wonderful; you must see it. So come CELEBRATE at the Dedication on 6 November. (details elsewhere)

As we celebrate the first major project, we recognize that there are many more to be done. The main house needs better room configuration and more private baths with each room. Air conditioning and better heating will make the main house so much more comfortable and Rolling Ridge more financially sustainable. Wouldn’t you, too, like to see more handicapped accessibility?

Funding made it impossible to do the entire project as originally envisioned. With the help and support of generous people who are committed to the life of the Ridge, more will be done. Rolling Ridge will have a facility that truly supports the vision of its being the “premiere retreat center in New England”. Watch for more news, call and ask questions, be part of the growing excitement. Participate!

Thank you for all you have given in the past, your support, your enthusiasm, your gifts. Thank you in advance for all you may do in the future.

Dedication of the Larry J. Peacock Carriage

The Dedication Ceremony of the newly renovated Larry J. Peacock Carriage House will take place on Sunday, November 6th from 3pm-5:30pm.

The afternoon/open house will feature tours of the facility, and light refreshments. Larry Peacock plans to attend as we celebrate the first phase of the Capital Campaign completion.

At 3:30, a short dedication ceremony and program will commence with a word from Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar and a glimpse into Phase Two of the Campaign by the Board of Directors, as well as the unveiling of the plaque.

For further information, contact Interim Director, Melinda Trotti at 978-682-8815 ext. 2.
A View from the Ridge

NEWS FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee to find a successor to Larry Peacock’s impressive leadership of Rolling Ridge was formed this spring. Comprised of eight members representing the Rolling Ridge Board, United Methodists, interfaith colleagues, local stakeholders, clergy, and staff, the team is diverse in faith perspective, age, gender, and race. The Committee is chaired by former Rolling Ridge Board Chair Rev. Rachel Fisher, and is assisted by a professional consultant in not-for-profit leadership hiring, Stewart Lanier.

Work developing a job posting and Organizational Profile was completed in the late spring. A detailed Job Description is being developed in conjunction with the Rolling Ridge Board, which is in a period of discernment about the specific leadership qualities required for Rolling Ridge in its next season. Applications began to arrive in July, and will continue to be received through the application deadline of Friday, September 30th. We aspire to find a new Executive Director this fall, with a hiring date early in the new year.

Please pray with us for the Board’s excellent discernment, for the Search Committee’s wisdom as we begin to read applications, and for the continued good success of the ministries and programs at Rolling Ridge.

- Rachel Fisher

NEW GROUPS COMING TO THE RIDGE

• MeditTech Art Liaison Retreat
• Quaker Women Leaders in Ministry National Meeting
• Boston College Karios Retreats
• Boston College Women's Center Thrive Retreat
• NELLS 2 First Retreat New England Librarians Symposium
• Christ Apostolic Church Women's Prayer Retreat
• 7th Day Adventist of Boston first Hispanic Women’s Retreat
• Ontar Corporation
• Women of the Word Retreat
• Harvard Business School Alumni Retreat
• Overseas Ministry Pastor’s Retreat
• Mass. General Hospital Pediatric Intern Retreat

Many More Years Before Us

It’s that time of year when we think of financial planning and our future; not only where we are now, but what will our legacy be? What impact can we have on the future of the people and places we value?

How can we help to ensure that the things we have valued will not simply continue to exist, but to grow, to flourish, and to provide meaning for those who will follow us?

As friends and supporters of Rolling Ridge, you have the opportunity to ensure the future impact of the Ridge as you build your own legacy. Planned or Legacy giving is an easy and important way to do both. Please consider leaving part of your estate to Rolling Ridge.

There are many ways to do this. It could be as simple as making the Ridge a beneficiary of an insurance policy or remembering the Ridge in your will. There are other possibilities, as well; and we would be happy to talk with you about them.

We will also thank and celebrate your generosity and caring with membership in The Arches Society. The beautiful arches at the Ridge remind us of the ongoing presence and influence of Rolling Ridge.

Please join others who want to help Rolling Ridge continue its mission after they are gone, throughout the Many More Years Before Us. Thank you.

-Lynda Fairbanks-Atkins

A Will can be the foundation of an estate plan that provides security for those dependent upon us, directs how assets we have spent a lifetime accumulating are to be distributed, and remembers organizations such as Rolling Ridge that we supported during our life-

Have you remembered Rolling Ridge in your will?

“Changing the World... One Retreat at a Time”
HOLIDAYS AT THE RIDGE

It's not too early to book your holiday lunch or dinner at the Ridge. Church group, business group, non-profit staff or family gathering– come enjoy the manor house decorated for the season, fireplaces aglow and delicious food served in the beautiful lakeside gallery dining room. Call Laurie Brown 978-682-8815 ext. 4. Call today!

Andover in 1970. How did your return to Rolling Ridge in 1993 happen?
A: I was talking with the secretary at the church who was diagnosed with MS. I asked her if she would like to have me come clean her house. She said no, but she knew that Rolling Ridge was looking for a housekeeper.
D: What was it like your first time coming back to Rolling Ridge?
A: It was like coming home.
D: What had changed the most?
A: The pool was added and the pool house.
D: So after working at RR for 23 years what has made the most significant impact to you?
A: The place itself.
D: After your retirement, what is your wish for one thing for RR?
A: Do something with the pool house. I cringe every time I drive by
D: What is your favorite teen memory?
A: The friendships I made when I came to camp
D: Are you still in touch with any of those people?
A: Yes. Mostly members of the church youth group
D: What is your favorite memory while being back?
A: All the improvements, particularly the oval room, Merton definitely– we used to have a futon in it and we paid $75 a night to have someone sleep over as personnel.
D: What do you hope will always stay the same about RR?
A: Keep improving, especially the road.
D: What one gift would you say Rolling Ridge gave to you as a child?
A: It gave me more confidence in myself as a teen
D: So this newsletter will go out to over 600 people. What do you want them to know about RR that they might not already know?
A: What a special place it is to me.
D: What’s the biggest reason it’s special?
A: It helped me through my teen years.
D: What didn’t I ask you that you hoped I would?
A: Nothing really. Oh...I left once to take care of my grandchild in Texas. When I came back I had no plan of returning to Rolling Ridge. When they found out I was back, they asked me to come back to work.
D: Alsine, please finish this sentence: “Rolling Ridge is ________”
A: A Big part of my life.

Alsine Cormey will leave Rolling Ridge in December. Over 65 years of history as a camper and as an employee, she will retire with her husband, Hilton. Thanks for the memories Alsine!
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WISHING…
Our Wish List of things we sure could use.

One Person Kayaks with paddles
Canoes and Paddles
New Adirondack Chairs
Gift Certificates to Home Depot, Lowes, & Costco
20” New Stihl Chainsaw
New Gas Husqvarna Hedge
New Toro Gas Weed Wacker

WE THANK YOU!

STILL WATERS

Come gather with a growing community one Sunday evening each month, for a renewing time of food, conversation and prayer. After the week’s stress, gather at Still Waters for refreshment and rejuvenation with dinner at 5:30 and worship and prayer at 6:30. Dinner reservations, $20.

- October 30 TAIZE
- November 20
- December 12 TAIZE

Upcoming Events at Rolling Ridge

Programs at Rolling Ridge are a wonderful way “to be cradled in an atmosphere of contemplation and hospitality”

Come join us for these upcoming programs:

10/11: Heart Based Living: Connecting to Wisdom Through Body-based Practice w/Henry Schoenfield
10/12: Writing from Within w/ Ray McGinnis
10/17: Grow with Flow w/ Grace Durfee
10/24: Family Care Givers, Retreat and Renew! w/ Mary MacDonald
10/27: Ugly Prayer w/Steve Garnaas-Holmes
10/30: Still Waters
11/1: Drumming for Joy! W/ Jane Gossard
11/2: Honoring Loss w/ Melody Lee, Karen Edwards, & Dorothy Emerson
11/6: Dedication of the Larry J. Peacock Carriage House/Open House Celebration
11/15: Coming home to God w/ Carroll Moore
11/20: Still Waters
11/21: Creative Paper Crafting w/Judy Campbell
12/11: Still Waters– TAIZE
12/12: Advent Quiet Day w/ Karen Kilty

Visit WWW.ROLLINGRIDGE.ORG for a complete description of our programs and registration. Click on “Programs” and “Day Apart Retreats” or “Special Events”.

FALL SPECIAL

WE HAVE DATES! Take advantage of this special by booking by October 28th

Come and Stay in the Newly renovated Carriage House!!!

BOOK ONE NIGHT, get a SECOND night’s stay for FREE!
(Select mid-week dates only. Groups of 10 or more, overnight stay only, not incl. meals)

Call Laurie Brown, Sales Specialist to discuss availability and rates. 978-682-8815 x4

Seven new clean bathrooms, ten lovely air-conditioned guest rooms, and a newly renovated meeting space make up the first phase of the Capital Campaign for Rolling Ridge with the completion of the Larry J. Peacock Carriage House. Décor and amenities await further funding as there’s still a need for rooms to be completely furnished. Call Interim Director Melinda Trotti for more information if you would like to be a part of the building’s completion.

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A View from the Ridge

MOSES RESTORATION PROJECT
The Capital Campaign

We’re making progress! We got bids from three contractors and our architect, Iric Rex, is working with one and the Board works with the UM Board of Trustees to ensure our cash-on-hand is sufficient to sign the contract. Soon, we should begin to bring twice the number of bedrooms and bathrooms to the Moses Building and to renovate the meeting room including adding a bathroom and coffee bar. We are excited to begin, and there is still time for you to help make this happen by giving to the Capital Campaign. We will also be seeking sponsors for new furnishings to complete the new rooms. Contact Larry Peacock, Executive Director to be part of this important change.

COOKIES, CONVERSATION, AND AUCTION w/ Larry Peacock

Join Larry Peacock on April 17, from 3pm-6pm for an afternoon of cookies and conversation and the opportunity to bid on and purchase items from Larry’s 40 years of ministry. Items include stoles, vestments, pottery, art, crèche sets, books, (and more books), crosses, candles, etc. All sales go toward the Rolling Ridge Capital Campaign. As Larry says, “I can’t take it all with me and your purchase would be a double blessing—helping me travel light and supporting our Capital Campaign. Please join me on April 17.”

TRANSITION NEWS

Rolling Ridge will be hiring an interim Executive Director to begin July 1st. The Board of Directors and United Methodist staff have already conducted several interviews.

A search committee is being formed to look for the next full-time Executive Director which we hope will begin January 1, 2017. Rachel Fisher and Sam Johnson, Chair and Vice Chair of the Rolling Ridge Board are on the search committee and will be sharing information as the process develops.

A job posting will most likely happen late spring. Please pray for the Search Committee and for candidates discerning their interest.

FROM THE DIRECTOR—Almost Goodbye

After eleven years as Executive Director at Rolling Ridge, I will retire the end of June in order to move to Portland, Oregon to be nearer our two children. In most ways it makes sense after 40 plus years of ministry, but it will be hard to leave this grand place and this growing ministry.

Four things give me hope for the future.

• The staff and Board of Directors are invested in a growing future. Our Core Staff meetings are filled with suggestions for improvements in our facilities and services as they prepare for each month’s list of groups and individuals. The Board has put in extra meetings to work for a smooth transition.

• The Center for Spirituality and Leadership, with a coordinating council of seasoned program leaders, is guiding current programs and planning new multi-retreat, multi-year training/learning programs. Plus, we have a new program staff to help implement the creative ideas.

• New groups keep finding Rolling Ridge and some of them are national wellness or training programs looking for an East Coast Site—which could grow into multiple retreats. We are getting busier as groups discover this oasis and the value of taking a retreat.

• We are getting nearer to making the significant facility improvements that are at the core of the Capital Campaign. We have been waiting a long time for this.

I will be watching from afar after June to see how it all unfolds. I am grateful to have been part of the Ridge’s transformation to a unique, charming and gracious adult retreat and conference center. It has been a great chapter and more is coming.
COMING EVENTS
April 10: Still Waters 5:30pm
April 14: Liminality, with Peterson Toscano, 9:30am-3:30pm
April 14: “An Evening with Peterson Toscano” dinner and show
April 17: Conversations, Cookies, and Auction with Larry Peacock 3pm-6pm
April 21: Earth Day, Quiet Day with Karen Kilty 9:30am-3:30pm
May 2: Gentle Yoga 6:30pm
May 7-8: Mother/Daughter retreat weekend
May 8: Mother/Daughter Brunch 10:30am
May 9: The way of the Labyrinth, with Todd Glacy. 9:30am-3:30pm
May 15: Still Waters 5:30pm
May 17: Spring Book Creating, with Susan K. Gaylord 9:30am-3:30pm
June 6: Gentle Yoga 6:30-8:30pm with Karen Kilty
June 20: Drumming for Joy: summer solstice, with Jane Gossard. 7:30pm
June 26: An event to honor Larry Peacock, 2-5pm
July 18: Sixth annual summer peace conference
July 17-19: Pray, Paddle, Renew

ART RECEPTION & OPEN HOUSE
Andovers Artists Guild
Join us on Thursday evening, May 26, from 5:30pm-7:30pm for the new summer show by the Andovers Artists Guild, entitled “Eternal Summer”. Come, look, meet the artists, make a purchase, enjoy complimentary snacks and beverages. Bring your friends to see Rolling Ridge and fine art by local artists.

RE-GIFTING OUT OF SEASON
It’s okay to re-gift all year long! You know those treasures you were going to put into a yard sale? We would love to be the re-gifting recipient. Some of the things we sure could use:
• Croquet and Bocce ball sets
• Beautiful Serving platters and Bowls
• Outside patio furniture & rocking chairs
• China cabinet-worthy knick knacks
• Silver Tea Service
• Lake worthy KAYAKS and CANOES
• Night Stands
• Table Runners, Bureau Toppers, Doilies

GATEWAYS TO GOD III
Over 30 people have been blessed by our Gateways Spiritual Direction training. If people ask you for suggestions on their prayer life or if you feel a hunger for a deeper connection with God, consider registering for Gateways to God III.
The two year program begins in September. Registration is open now until July 6th. For more information, contact Beth Garnaas-Homes at gateways.rollingridge@gmail.com, or go to our website: www.rollingridge.org. There are scholarships available for laity and CEU’s for clergy.

WHAT LURKS IN THE BASEMENT?
When was the last time you were down in the basement of the Ridge? The “lower level”, as we prefer to call it, is split into two meeting spaces: Niantic and The Board Room.
Both spaces have received a lot of love and are used by many guests here at the Ridge. What you might not know, is that our laundry facilities live there, as well as our storage, and the maze of concrete passageways that make up for some frightening Halloween stories! “President of Maintenance”, Greg Clarke has repurposed space downstairs allowing for expanded storage, a new laundry room, and the creation of TWO NEW BATHROOMS for guests. It’s an exciting time for the lower level. Don’t be afraid to venture down “there” and see what lurks. We think you’ll be delightfully surprised.

A View from the Ridge
The magnificent new (new to us!) furnishings in the Sitting Room are a step up and much appreciated. We thank our donors who thought of Rolling Ridge when parting with their belongings.

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Mother-Daughter Mother’s Day Brunch
Sunday, May 8, 2016
10:30am
General Seating
Lakeside Gallery Dining Room
$35 per person
Very limited availability
By pre-paid reservation only

Mothers and Daughters of all ages
are invited to our Mother’s Day Brunch this Mother’s Day.
Join the other Mother-Daughter guests, already here on retreat finishing up their weekend stay, with a wonderful brunch.

A leisurely late morning celebration of Grandmothers, Mothers, and daughters. (Sorry gentlemen, this is for the ladies only)
Pre-Register at www.rollingridge.org or Call 978-682-8815 to join in on the entire retreat

Mondays in May!
Book a Day Meeting in May and receive a complimentary Hot Breakfast for your group. Call Laurie Brown at 978-682-8815 ext. 4

“Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change.”
- Wayne W. Dyer

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AN EVENING WITH PETERSON TOSCANO 4/14

Peterson Toscano is a comic, a Bible scholar, a playwright, a retreat leader, and a human rights activist. He comes with a full toolbox of activities that generate discussion and help people connect with each other. He knows how to create serious fun in a safe environment that pushes the envelope just enough so people think and grow.

Join us for a 5:30pm reception and dinner, and 7:30pm performance. Reservations Required. This performance is suitable for ALL people who love ALL people. Register online at www.rollingridge.org/registerforourprograms

( NOTE: Consider coming for the entire day and take part in Peterson leading a day apart retreat from 9:30am-3:30pm. Package Deal!!! Cost for the evening: Dinner & Show: $40 p.p. Come for the Day Apart and the evening dinner and show: $100 p.p. Student Discounts: $20 off)

THE MAGIC CARPET

The finishing touches on the Tyson renovation are about to happen. We hope by the time you receive this newsletter, that magically the carpet which has covered the magnificent hard wood floors in Tyson hall will have been removed. Along with the removal of the old tired blue carpet, will be the restoration of the floors, and a glorious black diamond patterned centerpiece carpet that will enhance, complete, and boast elegance to all who enter it. It's really not a magic carpet, it happened because of generous donors who wanted to see the project complete. There’s still a chance to hop on the carpet and be a part of the magic. To donate towards this project, visit www.rollingridge.org/donate/restorethefloor.

No, Really. SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday, June 26th. Join us at an event to honor Larry Peacock as he retires after eleven years of inspiring leadership of Rolling Ridge and over 40 years of ministry. Time: 2-5pm. Location: Rolling Ridge. Watch our website for further details.

STILL WATERS

Mothers and daughters share a bond like no other. Celebrate the gift of motherhood and childhood with a special 24 hour retreat at Rolling Ridge this Mother’s Day, beginning on Saturday May 7th at 10am.

Take this opportunity to share time together enjoying yoga, theater games & improv, book making, sacred bead crafting, and tai chi, as well as quiet time to enjoy the grounds at Rolling Ridge; walk the labyrinths or investigate the lakeside trails. Mother’s Day itself will include an available special Sunday morning worship service, followed by a Formal-Dress Mother’s Day Brunch (as well as a “Princess Tea” for younger daughters) at 10:30 in the Lakeside Gallery Dining Room.

Moms and daughters of all ages and all configurations are welcome. This is a reservation only exclusive event, which includes all activities, your over-night stay in a private room, (shared bath) lunch and dinner on Saturday, and Brunch on Sunday. Availability is very limited. Call us today! Register at www.rollingridge.org/specialevents

NEW GROUPS AT RR

Moishe House Retreat - Jewish National Learning and Leadership Spiritual Retreats

Quilted Acorn Decorative Painting Workshop - Retreat

Sacred Circle Dance with June Watts International Dancer/Teacher - open to the public

Hancock Church Men’s Retreat

iNurse International Health Coach Training Program Module 2

South Florida Contemporary Psycho-analysis Institute Retreat

Christ Apolistic Church, Mt. Zion

Have you remembered Rolling Ridge in your will?

www.rollingridge.org
The second “Pray, Paddle, and Renew” will take place this July from the 17th to the 19th. Sunday Afternoon—settle in before dinner and STILL WATERS, the monthly contemplative service at Rolling Ridge. Spend the night then enjoy a hearty breakfast before a contemplative kayak experience on the lake led by Kent Harrop, our guide to quietly observing and listening to wonders around us and within. Rest and relax after lunch. Opportunity for instructed Yoga by Karen Kilty; to walk the labyrinth or a short late afternoon canoe or kayak. Monday evening, enjoy the dinner and reception at the SIXTH ANNUAL PEACE CONFERENCE with Celene Ibrahim before her public talk on Monday evening. One more night of rest before another morning paddle and time of reflection. Depart after lunch on Tuesday.

On the level of the soul, and to the family, community, nation, and planet, the Qur’an and prophetic teachings give Muslims enduring principles and firm imperatives for peacebuilding. Many devout and committed Muslims are struggling to reclaim these principles of faith from a minority who prefer corruption over uprightness and sectarianism over human bonds of trust and love. What are these core Islamic teachings for peacebuilding? How are contemporary Muslims drawing on the ancient wisdom of prophets and scholars to counteract the violence and moral failings within society? Where are the signs of hope? Join Muslim theologian and chaplain Celene Ibrahim for an exploration of peacebuilding from an Islamic perspective. Register online for the reception and Dinner at 5:30pm for $40 per person/ $20 students. Public address at 7:30pm, space available.

INTRODUCING MARTHA SANDERS
-Culinary Services Manager

Welcome Martha Sanders, our new Culinary Services Manager.

Previously, she was the owner, manager and chef of Lantern Hill Catering, a successful and delicious business for 30 years. We welcome her to Rolling Ridge to guide our healthy and wholesome cuisine.

Autographed copies of Larry Peacock’s book “Openings” will be available at the April 17 Cookies, Conversation, and Auction.

WE GET REVIEWS
“Openings允许我重获我的灵魂，设定我的精神自由并且找到我的和平。” - A Retreatant

“没有什么比希望的力量更能让人活着，它又重新活跃在Ridge上。” - Herb Taylor

“Changing the World... One Retreat at a Time”
UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS AT THE RIDGE:

6/20: Drumming for Joy: Summer Solstice 7pm-8:30pm
6/26: Honoring Larry Peacock 2-5pm
7/17: Still Waters Taize
7/18: Sixth Annual Conference on Peace Making: Celene Ibrahim
7/17-19: Pray, Paddle, Renew
9/28: For the Beauty of the Earth w/Jeannie Martin
10/11: Heart Based Living: Connecting to Wisdom Through Body-based Practice w/ Henry Schoenfield
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A View from the Ridge Summer 2016 Edition

Restore, Rebuild, Renew...the Campaign for Rolling Ridge

Hammers, saws, drills– these are the summer sounds at Rolling Ridge as construction of new bedrooms, bathrooms and meeting space begins in the old Moses/Carriage House. Phase one of our Capital Campaign will double the number of bedrooms and bathrooms in Moses, add accessible access to the meeting room and a new accessible bathroom. Plus a meeting room office area and bathroom. And AC and no more clanking pipes!

Completion date is scheduled for the first week of August.

YOU CAN HELP:
1.) Make a gift or pledge to the Moses Renovation Project! Call or speak with Larry Peacock, Executive Director, or Sam Johnson, Board Chair or Lynda Fairbanks Atkins, Development Consultant.

2.) Furnish one of the 10 bedrooms for $1500. Contact Sam Johnson.

PEACEBUILDING: AN ISLAMIC IMPERATIVE Sixth Annual Peace Conference with Guest Speaker: Celene Ibrahim

Six years ago, Rolling Ridge began a summer conference to weave together peace making, earth tending and interfaith reverence. Nationally known speakers have enlightened and encouraged participants to greater understanding and stronger action.

Rolling Ridge is honored to welcome, Celine Ibrahim as this year's guest speaker on July 18.

Celene is the Muslim Chaplain at Tufts University, Ms. Ibrahim is widely published and holds a joint faculty appointment as Islamic Studies Scholar-in-Residence at Hebrew College and Andover Newton Theological School, where she co-directs the Center for Inter-Religious and Communal Leadership Education (CIRCLE), a center for advancing religious pluralism and literacy.

Evening reception and Dinner begins at 5:30pm with Ms. Ibrahim in the Lakeside Gallery Dining Room, with exceptional buffet. By Reservation $40. Public address at 7:30 (no charge) For Dinner Reservations, call 978-682-8815 or go to www.rollingridge.org.

Navigating Change
Developing a Congregation’s Road Map in Uncertain Times.

A ten-month learning process that includes 3 retreats with weekly small group learning sessions. Beginning November 2016 Ending August, 2017

Navigating Change will give you the tools to develop a road map leading to consequential, long-lasting change in your congregation in uncertain times. Over the course of three retreats, you will learn a framework for leading adaptive change, explore community and cultural context, and discover ways to find the Holy in your everyday work. In between each retreat, you’ll practice what you’ve learned in 25-30 facilitated group sessions where you, your peers, and a facilitator will work to apply that framework in your setting in a supportive, engaged, and responsive environment. During the 10 months, you will develop a detailed plan for implementing adaptive change in your congregation, develop sustainable spiritual practices to keep you grounded, and begin the formation of a congregational team to help your change take root for the long-term. Register at www.rollingridge.org
GATEWAYS TO GOD
Spiritual Direction Training

The third session of Gateways to God is open for registration. The two-year spiritual direction and congregational formation training program will begin on September 12. Participants will explore one-on-one direction and practices to work with congregations. Lay and Clergy persons from New England and beyond are invited to apply. There are no specific educational requirements but those who apply should have an active, growing spiritual life, a deep love for all of God’s people, ability to embrace diversity and strength in deep, purposeful listening. To register, visit www.rollingridge.org/programs/spiritual-direction-training. For further information, email Beth Garnaas-Holmes at gateways.rollingridge@gmail.com. Registration deadline is July 6, 2016.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY:
Black Clergy Renewal for Cross Cultural Ministry

Bread for the journey is a 2 year commitment of 6 retreats to help Black seminary students and Black clergy to develop and refine knowledge, skills and spiritual practices to strengthen their ministry as cross-cultural leaders in churches and communities. The program has been developed by Dr. Imani-Sheila Newsome-Camara to sustain critical thinking, resources, practices and networks needed to sustain their work in diverse settings of the local church. Retreats begin in October of 2016 and conclude in March of 2018. For registration or further information, visit www.rollingridge.org. Registration deadline is August 1, 2016.

PRAY, PADDLE, RENEW: Three amazing summer days at the Ridge

Beginning on Sunday Afternoon, July 17, settle in before dinner and STILL WATERS, the monthly contemplative service at Rolling Ridge. Spend the night then enjoy a hearty breakfast before a contemplative kayak experience on the lake led by Kent Harrop, our guide to quietly observing and listening to wonders around us and within. Rest and relax after lunch. Opportunity for instructed yoga by Karen Kilty; to walk the labyrinth or a short late afternoon canoe or kayak. Monday evening, enjoy the dinner and reception at the SIXTH ANNUAL PEACE CONFERENCE with Celene Ibrahim before her public talk on Monday evening. One more night of rest before another morning paddle and time of reflection. Depart after lunch on Tuesday.

July 17-19
$295 per person
Register at www.rollingridge.org
Includes all programs, overnight, and meals.
Attendees are encouraged to bring own kayaks, but some will be provided.

MEET KAREN KILTY
New Program Coordinator

Karen Kilty is the Program Coordinator of Rolling Ridge and the Center of Spirituality and Leadership. She is a Spiritual Director, yoga leader, Holistic Massage and Polarity Therapist. With an understanding of body, mind and spirit she is prepared to companion those who seek a deepening of faith and AN awareness of self. Karen is a graduate of the “Gateways to God” Spiritual Direction Training.

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Our Goal:
To be the premier retreat and conference center in New England and beyond.

Who we are:
A True Oasis of Quiet Beauty and Gracious Hospitality

COME TO ROLLING RIDGE FOR AN EVENING OF SONG, SILENCE AND PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE ON JULY 17.

Come to Rolling Ridge for an evening of song, silence and prayer in the style of Taize on July 17. Dinner at 5:30pm ($20 per person). Call for reservations 978-682-8815. Worship at 6:30 with guest musicians, Mike and Shelly Tworoger. Additional Still Waters dates: 8/21, 9/25, 10/30, 11/20, and 12/11.

PICNIC DAYS

Celebrate summer at the Ridge! Host your Family Day, reunion, church or school event or celebration at Rolling Ridge. Enjoy delicious catered picnics, Clambakes, and BBQ's starting at $16 per person. Call Laurie Brown today!

HONORING
Larry Peacock

Come say one last goodbye to Executive Director, Larry Peacock on Sunday, June 26 from 2pm to 5pm. Tickets for the event are available at www.rollingridge.org.

MEET THE INTERIM DIRECTOR

July 1st, Melinda Trotti, will begin a six month interim at Rolling Ridge as a new Executive Director is sought.

Previously, Melinda served as interim director at Colby Ranch and Aldersgate Retreat Center, both in the California-Pacific Annual Conference. She also directed a retreat center in Florida.

Melinda has some New England roots having done graduate education at Simmons College, Boston, and Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge. (she has two masters degrees!) Melinda is married to Rev. David Berkey, director of Camp and Retreat Ministry in California Pacific Conference.

Please greet Melinda when you are at Rolling Ridge. Melinda can also be emailed at Melinda.Trotti@rollingridge.org
FROM THE DIRECTOR—Backwards-Forwards

I love envisioning and planning for a new year; new programs to offer, building improvements to accomplish, some new community event. Our first staff meeting of the year generated some great new ideas—new lower level bathrooms, turning the pool changing rooms into a gym and yoga studio, creating a mother-daughter retreat. We were bubbling up new ideas and hope to do the planning to make them happen.

But we also looked back on 2015 to glean wisdom and give thanks for a very good year. January is a precious time to look back with gratitude and forward with hope. We are so grateful for your continued support of the programs and services of Rolling Ridge. I hope as you read the newsletter, you will sense our gratitude for 2015 and our great excitement for this new year. Thank You for being part of the Rolling Ridge community.

DONOR APPRECIATION TEA

A tradition at Rolling Ridge is the Donor Tea in the spring. Fine teas, delicious sweets, and all for you—our generous donors. Come meet one another, our Board members and hear an exciting update from Executive Director, Larry Peacock. A very special afternoon on March 17, from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Feel free to wear some green and we’ll have some Irish tea to honor St. Patrick!

RESTORE REBUILD RENEW
The Capital Campaign

We celebrate over 200 people who gathered for our kickoff Gala in April and for crossing the million dollar milestone. Amazing!

Eagerly we await the sounds of hammers and saws as the Moses building restoration project begins in February. Nine bedrooms, seven new bathrooms, a new prayer-meditation room, renovated meeting room with a coffee bar and new accessibility with walkways and a lift. It will be so awesome! Bear with us as the Moses building will be unavailable for use until June. We will update you with a schedule soon.

The Moses Project is but one part of the Capital Campaign. We are still receiving gifts and three year pledges. Now is a great time to speak with Executive Director, Larry Peacock about making a gift to continue the building projects and also fund the new programs beginning with the leadership of Center for Spirituality and Leadership.

WE GIVE THANKS

We hope you have a long list of gratitudes for 2015! Here are some of ours:

• New Culinary Team and a successful Field to Table dinner
• Tyson Meeting shines with new room lights, ceiling and décor
• Fountain walls and the Exedra restored, and many landscape improvements
• Three Eagle Scout projects—walkways, benches, signs
• New exterior paint to bring back the “pink chateau” look
• New organic farm to feed the needy and Rolling Ridge
• Standing room only at our Peace Conference with speaker, Susannah Heschel
• A new roof over the dining room
• An upgraded entryway honoring LJP 10 years of service
• New equipment in our kitchen, and in the main offices
THE VOICE YOU HEAR

In our increasing mobile world with the need for availability and communication, Rolling Ridge has switched to a cloud-based phone system that gives guests and inquiries easier access to staff and information. Plus it gives staff flexibility to work from home as needed and to be reachable on cell phones.

You will still hear a Rolling Ridge voice when you call, but the recorded message will lead you to the person you need to talk to.

We are excited and hope it helps us all stay connected.

NOTE the staff extensions listed (to the left) that are new. Same Ridge number: 978-682-8815

Thank you.

To adopt another room in the Moses Building, speak with Larry Peacock.

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ART RECEPTION & OPEN HOUSE

Join us on Thursday evening, February 25th from 5:30pm-7:30pm for the new spring show by the Andovers Artists Guild, entitled “Never Stop Dreaming”. Come, look, meet the artists, make a purchase, enjoy complimentary snacks and beverages. Bring your friends to see Rolling Ridge and fine art.

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STILL WATERS/TAIZE SERVICES

You are invited to this evening of Still Waters – a Sunday evening conversation around food, spirituality and compassion. This is for all those interested in exploring a monthly spiritual community, who seek a spirituality that values harmony with creation, works for peace and justice, receives gifts from other traditions, appreciates silence, music and joy.

2016 dates are: January 24, February 14 (pair it with an overnight stay and our “Winter Quiet Day” on Feb. 15th), March 13th TAIZE (pair it with an overnight stay and a day apart retreat on writing your spiritual biography on March 14) April 10th, May 15th, and June 26 a TAIZE evening.

To register, visit www.rollingridge.org/registerforourprograms/events And click on “Still Waters”. Call us at 978-682-8815 for overnight stay/package rates.

MEET KAREN KILTY

Thanks to a grant from the Carpenter Foundation, Rolling Ridge has hired a part-time Program Coordinator. Karen Kilty completed our two year program in Spiritual Direction training, has owned her own massage and yoga studio, is active in her local UCC and is passionate about Rolling Ridge programs. She will be working with Danny and the Center for Spirituality and Leadership Coordinating Council on promotion and development and of programs.

A View from the Ridge

THANK YOU- KOREAN CAUCUS

The Korean Caucus of the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church has adopted funding the new prayer room in the Moses Building. This new space will have an outside entrance, hard wood floors, cushions and chairs and a simple beauty for all. Thank you.

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Meet the Staff

Larry Peacock, Executive Director
Ext. 2

Lee O’Brien, Director of Guest Services
Ext. 1

Danny Smith, Director of Programs/Admin.
Ext. 3

Alaine Carmey, Housekeeping Manager
Ext. 7

Erica Blumberg/ Dining Services Mgr.
Ext. 5

Ellen Lewis, Bookkeeper
Ext. 4

Laurie Brown, Sales Specialist
Ext. 6

Greg Clarke, Maintenance and Facilities mgr.

Andovers Artists Guild

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WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU, OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

Please let us know if you would like to receive information re: our annual appeals.

COURTYARD SOCIETY ($250-OR MORE)
- Ananda Church of S. Maine
- Christine Boyd
- Alton Coleman
- Cindy Collins
- Cindy Crowinhshield
- Richard Hamilton
- Oscar & Sophia Harrell
- Jeannette & Alfred Hicks
- Alice Mann
- Walter & Leah Sauter
- John & Joan Serdansky
- Fred Webster

FRIEND OF ROLLING RIDGE ($100-OR MORE)
- Susan Allen
- Eugene Boutilier
- Donald Cameron
- Carol Capeland
- Avis Cox
- Joe & Maggie Danielsen
- Betsy Disharoon
- Alice & Kenneth Erickson
- Richard & Myrna Evans
- Michelle Ewers
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Yunki Kim
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- Dean Swan
- John & Joan Thompson
- Edgar & Sally Torell
- Jay Uhler
- Marilyn Underhill
- Nancy & Thomas Varnum
- Kenneth & Clare Whitney
- Vicki Woods

CIRCLE OF HOPE ($1-$99)
- Susan Coburn
- Maeleah Carlisle
- Melissa Buono
- Marion Brown
- Ronald & Mary Jane Black
- Grandgirl
- Morris
- George
- Charles
- Sarah & Thomas Brukiliachio
- Melissa Buono
- Maeleah Carlisle
- Susan Caburn
- Alexander Daley
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- Lisa Fagerstrom
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- Margaret Hilliard
- Jill Jackson
- Calvin & Maude Jayne
- Christopher Lanzara & Celeste McQuarrie
- Kathleen Leithner
- Mary Jane Leonic
- John Lucy
- Dick Lundgren
- Carrie Lynch
- Tina Mahoney
- Diane Maleda
- Moira McCarthy
- Monique Morimoto
- Ruth & Ralph Oduor
- Justus Peacock-Brylows
- John Post
- Deb Shipp
- Larry & Judy Smith
- DeAnna Spinelli
- Sara Stockhouse
- Wanda Stahl
- Nancy Sullivan
- Herb & Sarah Taylor
- Erin Ann Vinacca
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- Garvin & Marcia Warden
- Flora Wueellin

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- Kim Adams
- Lee Carpenter
- Greg Clarke
- Crawford Memorial UMC
- Ellen Lewis
- Bonnie Marden
- Merrimack Valley People for Peace
- Larry Peacock
- Danny Smith
- Nancy & Judy Sullivan

Gateways to God III

Over 30 people have been blessed by our Gateways training. If people ask you for suggestions on their prayer life or if you feel a hunger for a deeper connection with God, consider registering for Gateways to God III.

The two year program begins in June. Registration is open now until April 15th. For more information, contact Beth Garnaas-Homes at gateways.rollingridge@gmail.com, or go to our website: www.rollingridge.org. There are scholarships available for laity and CEU’s for clergy.

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Have you remembered Rolling Ridge in your will?

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Pray, Paddle, Renew II

Keep the kayak ready!
Join us from July 17-19 for worship, kayak on the lake, speakers, fellowship, food.
This was a very popular two day retreat last summer. Watch the website for further information.

WISH LIST

Our Wish List of things we sure could use if you don’t need them anymore:
- Bureaus/Dressers
- End tables
- Night stands
- Serving dishes
- Patio furniture

RESTORE THE FLOOR

Help Tyson get a new beautifully restored floor, adorned with this beautiful carpeting, and refinished hardwood.
Won’t you please help?
We Thank You.
Project Estimate: $9800

Upcoming Events at Rolling Ridge

Still Waters—January 24th
Walking with Thomas, in a season of disquiet with leader, Mike Clark Thursday, Jan. 28

Still Waters—February 14th
For the Heart and Soul, Winter Quiet Day with leader, Larry Peacock Monday, Feb. 15
Letting go of the burning coal, Clearing resentments through forgiveness, Elisa Pearmain. 2/19
Psalms; Poetry of the Heart, with leader Steve Garnaas-Holmes on Wednesday, Feb. 24
The Lord’s Prayer, Transformative poetry, with Steve Garnaas-Holmes, on Thursday, 2/25

Dorothy Day, with leader Padraic O’Hare, on Wednesday, March 2
Praying While Queer, with Leader Laura Ruth Jarrett, on Wednesday, March 9
Still Waters-TAIZE, on March 13th
Writing and Creating your Spiritual Biography, with leader Judy Campbell, on Mon, 3/14
Becoming a Woman of Wisdom, with Karen Edwards and Melody Lee on Mon, 4/4
Still Waters on April 10
Liminality, with Peterson Toscano, on Thursday, April 14
An Evening with Peterson Toscano, Thursday, 4/14. Dinner and Reception 5:30-7:30
Earth Day, connecting with the Divine, with Linda Grenfell, on Thursday, April 21

Mother-Daughter Mother’s Day Retreat on May 7 and 8
The Way of the Labyrinth, with leader, Todd Glacy, on Monday, May 9
Still Waters on May 15
Spring Book Creating, with Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord on Tuesday, May 17

Still Waters, TAIZE on June 26
Sixth Annual Peace Conference on July 18, 5:30-7:30 dinner, 7:30 address
Pray, Paddle, Renew II, July 17-19

Visit www.rollingridge.org for a complete description of our programs and registration. Click on “Register for our programs/Events”

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