

# Retreat 2020 Session Application

Thank you for offering a session at the General Church Retreat this coming June.

This year's theme is: "Behold I make all things new" – A way forward focused on the Lord and a life of useful service.

Formerly the General Church Assembly, this event is being redesigned as a summer gathering for all ages: young and seasoned adults, as well as teens and children.

We would like participants to have the opportunity to recharge, gain deeper understanding and inspiration, renew past friendships and build new ones. We are looking for a good balance of sessions, including content-oriented presentations and discussions (wisdom), sessions aimed at support, caring and connectivity (love), and activities focused on crafts, movement and service (use)."

Please feel warmly invited to submit an application that reflects any of these modes of engagement.

Applications close November 1st, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding the Session Applications, please contact Kelly Treacy at (267) 502-4901 or Email [gcretreat2020@newchurch.org](mailto:gcretreat2020@newchurch.org)

**\*Required**

## Selection Criteria

A small Docket Committee will receive your application, and will be charged with making determinations about those that can be gratefully accepted. Experience shows that not every application can be accepted. The aim of the Committee is to share criteria that will increase the likelihood that a session will be welcomed into the menu of Retreat offerings.

Selections will be based on the following criteria:

- Connection to the overall theme: "Behold I make all things new" – a way forward focused on the Lord and a life of useful service. (Note that every session need not directly reference the theme).
- A clear foundation in the teachings of the New Church, and perceived fit within the General Church.
- Variety and balance of subject-matter within the overall program: Examples include spiritual growth, outreach doctrinal inquiry, accessibility for people relatively new to the New Church, marriage, parenting, and so on.
- Variety and balance of emphasis within the overall program: Love (worship, support, community, ministry); Wisdom (learning, studying, sharing truths); Use (applying teachings, serving others, activity).
- How this session brings spiritual concepts into life.
- Ability to generate healthy discussion.
- Perceived interest to the participants.

Please note:

If less than 10 people sign up for a specific session, the leader may be invited to cancel, change focus, or combine with another presenter.

The Docket Committee consists of: Peter Buss Jr (Executive Bishop) and Eric Carswell (Pastor of the Bryn Athyn Church). They are in process of inviting three lay people to serve with them.

## Potential Session Leader Information

1. Name of Session Leader (s) \*

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2. Address: \*

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3. Phone: \*

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## Session Information

5. Do you picture the session you are proposing as? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Small Group interaction - mostly discussion

Activity / Workshop

Mostly presentation and some discussion

6. Theme or Title of Session: \*

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7. Target Audience: \*

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8. Attendee Limit (if applicable ) Please state minimum and or maximum:

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**9. Elements included in your session. Check all that apply: \****Tick all that apply.*

- Interactive or group discussion
- Small break-out groups for discussion
- Artistic expression / creative process
- Activity / experiential
- Community service activity
- Lecture
- Question and Answer
- Technology required (internet connection, projector, etc)
- Other

**10. Is there a materials fee / participant? \****Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

**11. If yes to fee above, what is the estimated amount per participant?**

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## Description

**12. For our selection process, please include a description of your intended session including your interest in and your experience with this topic. (maximum- one page, or 750 words) \***

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