

It's time!!!

Ok my guild-mates! I am sorry to say that I was not able to find a suitable location, with availability, for us to have a retreat for FALL 2019. In order to be sure that we don't run into the same problem for next year we must begin preparations for our retreats for 2020!

2020 will be here before you know it! Here are the plans:

**The retreats are planned for the Ga Baptist Conference Center in Toccoa, GA  
and dates for 2020 are:**

**SPRING**

Thursday, APRIL 2nd – Sunday, APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**FALL**

Thursday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

After having our retreat at the conference center for the first time in spring 2019 it seems to be a good fit for our group. It is a bit more expensive than what we had grown accustomed to, but the improvements in lodging, meal choices, and the roomier workspace seem to be worth the increase. The cost will be cover 9 meals and 3 nights of lodging as well as your workspace. The cost for SINGLE occupancy is \$344 and DOUBLE occupancy is \$269. These prices are PER PERSON. Please keep in mind that this price will be slightly more once you include PayPal fees (if you choose to pay via PayPal). If you have any questions about this location, please let me know!

*I can be reached – for ANY retreat related questions – via email @ [jenjac71@gmail.com](mailto:jenjac71@gmail.com) or by phone at 678-270-8978. Please note that I do work full time and my not be able to respond immediately, but I WILL respond as soon as possible!*

I will continue to utilize the same online registration process that we've used for quite some time now; CognitoForms.com. ALL **MEMBERS** will receive an email with the LINK for online registration. Then, the next day I will post the link to our GUILD FACEBOOK PAGES.

Because the conference center requires a non-refundable deposit in order to book/confirm our dates we are going to be doing something NEW! I want to be certain that we have a secured location and dates for 2020 so that we don't miss a retreat like we will this fall. In order to do this I have got to get deposits collected for SPRING & FALL and mailed to the conference center ASAP!

My plan to manage this requirement is as follows:

- Announce SPRING registration opening, date and time, TO GUILD MEMBERS along with the link to register. This will be done via email.
- 24 hours later I will post retreat registration information to guild's Facebook pages and guild website – including the registration link – to be visible by both members and non-members.
- Registration will ONLY BE OPEN FOR 10 DAYS!
- Registrants will have to pay a non-refundable \$20 deposit by either:
  - \$20 – check/money order payable to GAPCG and mailed to:
    - Andala Curd @ 2253 Creel Rd, Atlanta , GA 30349
  - \$20.91 via PayPal to **gapcg1@gmail.com**
- Deposit is due *IMMEDIATELY* in order to be included in our reservation.
- I will verify that all registrants have submitted their deposit and I will forward this head-count along with the deposit to the GA.Baptist Conference Center. I have a SHORT window of time to get our deposit to the center to secure our reservation.
- After we are confirmed for SPRING, *I will follow these same steps (above) to announce and open registration for FALL!*
- Fall Registration will also be open for only 10 days and require an *IMMEDIATE* \$20 non-refundable deposit as outlined above.

Don't be alarmed or fearful that you can't attend one, or both, retreats because of the expense! I have established a payment timeline such that payment plans will begin AFTER we've finished REGISTRATION for both SPRING and FALL. There will be 3 payments (if you choose installments) due after the initial deposit. The timeline will have ALL SPRING PAYMENTS collected before we begin collecting for FALL! This will keep things tidier for our treasurer AND make it easier for attendees to budget over several months because attendees won't be paying for BOTH retreats at the same time!

**NOTE:** If at the close of the registration window (10 days) I do not have a MINIMUM of 15 people registered for the retreat, then I will CANCEL the RETREAT. IN this instance you *would* be eligible for a refund of your deposit/payment (minus any paypal fees – if applicable).

Please keep an eye out for the announcement email with the link. This will arrive very soon!

See you soon!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "jen".