

## **Anglican Clergy Wives Invited to Gather in the Sierra Foothills, Near Yosemite**

Anglican Clergy-Wives from the Diocese of San Joaquin have been gathering annually for decades to encourage one another in their particular ministry as Clergy Wives. This year, the leadership team of the Clergy-Wives' Retreat has been led to open the retreat to their sisters across the Anglican Church in North America for *Connecting with God: A Retreat for Clergy Wives*. Our speaker will be Jenny Estes, the wife of Fr. Jack Estes, Rector of St. Luke's Anglican Church in Bakersfield, California. Jenny has been a Christian retreat leader for the last 10 years.

Jenny Estes is passionate about women connecting with God, focusing on helping women discover who they are in Christ and how to keep their faith strong in the midst of busy lives. Jenny draws from her own immersion in contemporary and classical devotional writings to provide practical ways for modern women to encounter God.

Jenny is excited about the opportunity to help other clergy wives connect with Jesus on a deeper level. This year's retreat will explore understanding of our own personality types as described by Myers Briggs, and the ways that affects our ability to sense God's presence. A variety of exercises and reflections will be provided to explore new levels of connection with the Holy Spirit.

Jenny serves as a worship and prayer leader along side her husband, Fr. Jack Estes. She coordinates social events and women's ministries for the parish. A professional videographer, Jenny works in the legal community as a Certified Legal Video Specialist. She is also a freelance writer. She and Fr. Jack have a grown daughter, Zoe who resides in Portland, Oregon.

Clergy-Wives serve the church in a variety of ways, from direct ministries in their parishes, such as teaching or leading worship, to the indirect ministry of supporting their husbands' and leading their families in the very public eye of parish-life. The Clergy Wives' Retreat offers these women an opportunity to share their particular joys and stresses. We invite all clergy wives to come for a time of rest, reflection, play, and prayer. Reignite your relationship with Jesus—and enjoy fellowship with other clergy wives. We understand the challenges you face.

The 2016 Clergy Wives Retreat will be held at the Evergreen Conference Center in Oakhurst, located in the lovely Sierra Foothills near Yosemite from September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 2nd. Cost for 2 nights and 6 meals varies based on occupancy: Private rooms - \$254, Double- \$176 Quad- \$164 and RV/Day Use- \$118. ECCO is located 40 minutes North of Fresno, off the 99 Highway. Flights into Fresno Yosemite National Airport are available on most major airlines.

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