

Drawing from the Inner Well

Georgia Five Day Academy at Epworth by the Sea
St. Simons Island, Georgia



The Academy

for spiritual formation®

April 29 – May 4, 2018

FEATURING

REV. MARJORIE THOMPSON & DR. DON SALIERS

Since 1983, the **Academy for Spiritual Formation**® has offered an environment for spiritually hungry pilgrims, whether lay or clergy, that combines academic learning with experience in spiritual disciplines and community.

The Academy fosters spiritual rhythms of study and prayer, silence and liturgy, solitude and relationship, rest and exercise. In community and at a personal level, participants find time and space to discern direction, reclaim balance and find refreshment for body and spirit.

Located on the banks of the Frederica River, **Epworth by the Sea** is a 100 acre retreat center with the mission to provide a Christian place for worship, study and fellowship.

Epworth by the Sea is named in honor of the boyhood home of John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism. In 1784, John Wesley tenderly recalled his home by writing in his famous journal, "I rode to Epworth, which I still love beyond most places in the world."

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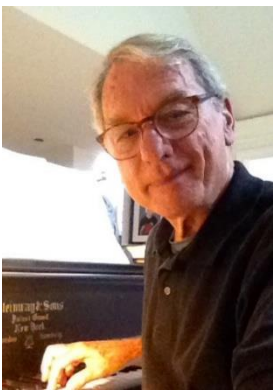
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Marjorie Thompson, ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), brings to her formational ministry over thirty years of experience in retreat work, teaching, and writing. An author of several books including *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*, she considers writing a central dimension of her vocation. Her most recent books for pastoral leaders and engaged laity are *The Gift of Encouragement* (2013) and *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study* (2014). Soon to be published is a set of resources Marjorie has written titled *Courage for Caregivers*, a joint venture of the Henri Nouwen Society and Church Health.

For twelve years Marjorie served as director of Pathways in Congregational Spirituality with Upper Room Ministries. In that position she was chief architect of *Companions in Christ*, an innovative small-group resource series for adult spiritual formation. Currently she works free-lance, offering retreats and presentations. Marjorie deeply supports the Academy for Spiritual Formation, and has served as faculty for both Two Year and Five Day models. For 33 years Marjorie was married to her beloved life partner, John Mogabgab, designer of the original 2-Year Academy curriculum and founding editor of *Weavings Journal*. John crossed the threshold to Eternal Life on their anniversary in August of 2014. Marjorie now lives in Nashville. She enjoys music, gardening and travel.



Don E. Saliers is currently Theologian-in-Residence at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, holding the title of Wm. R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship, Emeritus. Among his fifteen books are *Worship As Theology: Foretaste of Glory Divine*, *Music and Theology*, *Worship Come to its Senses*, and *A Song to Sing, A Life to Live*, co-authored with his daughter Emily Saliers. He continues as Organist/Choirmaster at Emory's Cannon Chapel, and serves as national chaplain for the American Guild of Organists. He is the founder of the Emory Chamber Players and has served as president of the North American Academy of Liturgy and the Society for Christian Spirituality.

Don is an ordained United Methodist elder, writer of ecumenical liturgical sources, including those leading to the *United Methodist Hymnal* and *Book of Worship*. He served on the editorial board of *Weavings* and *Worship* journals. He lives in Atlanta and enjoys hiking, golf, jazz and classical music, and his five grandchildren.

Leadership Team

Retreat Leaders:

Dianne Morrison and Ann Smith

Logistics & Registrar:

Meg Morrison

Worship Leader:

James Keith Posey

Spiritual Director and Listening Circles Coordinator:

Deb McCranie

Registration Information

A nonrefundable deposit of **\$150** is required to secure your space.

Early Bird Registration: **\$685**
(Deposit must be received by December 31, 2017)

After December 31, 2017: **\$740**

To register go to:

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