



# 2017 MSR Retreat

8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

## The Retreat

The MSR Retreat is held each year after the AOM annual meeting. It is a unique opportunity for reflection, learning, and community building, specifically designed for MSR members, spouses, colleagues, and friends.

The MSR Retreat is co-created and pluralistic. The intention is to explore practices from a variety of sacred, spiritual and psychological traditions based on the interests of participants.

In 2017 we will draw on the principles and process of Appreciative Inquiry (Cooperrider & Whitney, 2008) and Open Space Technology (Owen, 2008) to construct much of our time together. We will also continue the tradition of encouraging retreat participants to contribute to the program. In the past this has generally been 30-120 minutes in which a participant shares something of their teaching and/or sacred-tradition practice(s) (i.e. yoga, meditation process, classroom activity, discussion-facilitation, singing etc.).

## The Details

**Dates:** Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Commencing after AOM on Tuesday  
Concluding around 1:30 on Friday

**Where:** Forrest Hills Mountain Resort & Conference Center  
135 Forrest Hills Rd  
Dahlonega, GA 30533

**Cost:** \$375 USD per person (double occupancy)  
\$525 USD per person (single occupancy)

Includes program fees, accommodation, and meals. Does NOT include transportation to the venue. Options to be announced.

## Questions?

For more information, please contact:  
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## The Rhythm of Our Time

We will gather on Tuesday evening after the conclusion of the AOM meeting. Participants will depart from the “MSR hotel” mid-afternoon on Tuesday in order to arrive in time to settle into their surroundings, greet one another, and share a light meal before we begin our retreat activities.

The daily rhythm will include time for: prayer, worship, meditation, journaling, silence, small and large group sharing, and presentations. Free time is built into the rhythm of our days.

## The Venue

The 2017 MSR Retreat will be held at Forrest Hills Mountain Resort & Conference Center, a tranquil space at the foothills of the Chattahoochee National Forest. Nestled between the scenic town of Dahlonega and the peaceful Amicalola Falls, this venue hosts many outdoor activities and places for individual reflection. An on-site stable offers a variety of horseback riding activities. Hiking and walking trails surround Forrest Hills as well as an extensive network of trails within minutes of the resort.



## Register Early

Registration **will open on 27 February 2017** on the AOM website. You can navigate to the registration site via the MSR Retreat webpage:

<http://msr.aom.org/index.php/retreat/>

Because of the limited space, people will be registered for the Retreat on a “first come, first served” basis. Space is strictly limited to 30 participants.