

Grief, Spirituality and Sexuality: Life After Losing a Spouse

with *Rachel Nafziger Hartzler*
pastor, author and speaker

There **IS** life after the death of a spouse, although the journey to get there may be painful, challenging, and seemingly endless at times. In this retreat specifically for widowed people (and those who walk with them), the topics of loss and suffering, lament, spirituality, sexuality, and hope will be presented and discussed. There will be times for worship, small groups, and personal reflection.

April 24-26, 2009

at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center

Participants of a similar event in 2007 commented on the refreshing candor; the rich, deep spiritual tone; and the mixture of lament, hope, and assurance.

Program Costs

Costs include all lodging, food and registration fees. Lodging will be in the Motel at Laurelville, a facility with 10 rooms each containing a double bed, two single beds and private bath.

Single Lodging \$300 per person

Double Lodging \$225 per person

Childcare is not being planned for this retreat, but we would be happy to help arrange it, if necessary.

Schedule

Friday

7:00 p.m. Loss and Suffering: Where is God?

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Lament: Expressing the Pain of Loss

12:00 noon Lunch and free time

3:00 p.m. Spirituality: The Longing to Know God

5:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Sexuality: The Longing to Know an Other

8:30 p.m. Evening Prayers

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Looking Forward with Hope



Rachel Nafziger Hartzler was happily working as a childbirth educator when her husband had a deadly heart attack while jogging. At age 51 she was catapulted into a new stage of life with unrelenting sorrow, horrendous confusion, and unanswerable questions. Adding to her distress was becoming a single parent to grieving children. With the support of a caring community and by the grace of God, Hartzler endured the early months of widowhood only to discover new questions and challenges emerging as she slowly moved along on her grief journey. Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary was one place where she engaged the questions and began to discover that loss is an invitation to transformation. Her seminary work included a study of widowed people that became a foundation for her book, *Grief and Sexuality: Life after Losing a Spouse*. She graduated from AMBS in 2004 and is now serving as a pastor at Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church in Middlebury, Indiana.

For more information call 800.839.1021 or visit www.laurelville.org

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Registration

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Email*: _____

Lodging (please check one):
Single Lodging _____ Double Lodging _____

Double Lodging only:
Choose Roommate (name) _____
Please Assign _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

Photography—I agree that Laurelville may use pictures taken of these participants in Laurelville publications or on the web.

Signature

Payment Calculator

Total Adult Cost _____ @ \$300 = _____

Or _____ @ \$225 = _____

Total \$ _____

Deposit (\$50 per adult required) - _____

Amount due upon arrival \$ _____

Method of Payment

Check made payable to: LMCC

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Amount to charge \$ _____ (last 3 or 4 digits on back of card)

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How to register

- Print and complete this registration form.
- Return to Laurelville, along with your deposit (\$50/adult, nonrefundable, non-transferrable required) via:

Mail: LMCC

941 Laurelville Lane
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

Fax: (724) 423-2096

- Or call us at (800) 839-1021 or (724) 423-2056

- More forms are available at www.laurelville.org

Thank you for registering.

* You will receive an email confirmation (if email is provided) when we've processed your registration.

