



We are delighted to announce that this year's speaker will be Dr. James R. Edwards. Dr. Edwards has been involved in a variety of ministry experiences. He led a Young Life Club while attending Whitworth College. He has done street ministry in West Harlem, New York. And after finishing at Princeton Seminary he worked as Minister of Students at First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs. In 1978 he started teaching at Jamestown College and in 1997 he became Professor of Theology at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington.

Dr. Edwards was a Contributing Editor for *Christianity Today* and has written numerous books and commentaries. His book, "Is Jesus the Only Savior?" received *Christianity Today's* book of the year (2006) award in apologetics and evangelism.

Jim and his wife Jane have two grown children and five grandchildren.

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down
in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love will
follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.*



Clergy Retreat

Feb. 16-18, 2020

@Calvin Crest

45800 Calvin Crest Road
Oakhurst, California

Being a Pastor, a Commissioned Ruling Elder, or Church Staff Member is incredibly rewarding, but it takes a toll on us.

The Soul Shepherding Institute reports some startling statistics.

- *75% of pastors report being extremely stressed.*
- *Additionally, 90% work 55-75 hours per week.*
- *90% feel fatigue and worn out each week.*
- *91% have experienced some form of burnout in the ministry.*

These statistics are part of the reason we do an annual Clergy Retreat. The retreat (which is open to Clergy, CRE, Church Staff, Seminary students, and their spouses & family) is a time for church leaders to relax, rest, learn, play and enjoy each other's company. It is a time to be stress free. Calvin Crest Conference Center is a great place to relax and rest. Please consider coming to this year's Retreat.

Register for the Retreat on the Presbytery of San Joaquin Website: www.sjpresbytery.org

Cost: \$165 per adult (double occupancy)
\$82.50 per child ages 4-12
Children up to age 3 are free

Childcare is provided during the day.

For those wishing to come just for Monday, the cost is \$55 and includes lunch and dinner.

Scholarships are available for any attendees that might need assistance.

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, February 16

- 3:00 p.m. Arrival & Registration
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Gathering & Worship

MONDAY, February 17

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Community Gathering
12:00 p.m. Lunch
3:00 p.m. Free Time
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Community Gathering

TUESDAY, February 18

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Community Gathering
11:00 a.m. Departure



“It is the small and insignificant that God habitually chooses for his purposes. Peter of Damaskos, a twelfth century Orthodox saint said, ‘It was through victories in small things that the fathers won their great battles.’ And not only the fathers, but our Lord himself. Through humble Mary and a mean manger and insignificant Nazareth the Incarnation takes form in the world; with five loaves Jesus feeds five-thousand; through the foolish things of the worlds God shames the wise, and through the weak things of the worlds he shames the powerful.”

James R. Edwards,
“The Lamp Has Not Yet Gone Out”
Theology Matters, Jan. Feb. 2009