

Vine and Branches

The Monthly e-Newsletter of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

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Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats for emotional and spiritual healing after abortion are held internationally. Rachel's Vineyard welcomes women, men, couples, grandparents and former abortion providers. Our retreats are held in both Catholic and Interdenominational settings. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is a resource for clinical training, education, and healing models.

Rachel's Vineyard is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible. We work in partnership with Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is available on the web at www.rachelsvineyard.org and through our 24/7 help line 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

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Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. Confucius

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The Language of Love: God's Healing Mercy in El Vinedo de Raquel

The Rachel's Vineyard retreat is written in a Universal Language that transcends words and sounds. Rachel's Vineyard is written in the language of Love. It reaches out with mercy and compassion to a demographic that goes virtually ignored by the rest of society and offers a healing that only the Author of Love Himself can provide.

So regardless of cultural background, country of origin or spoken language, Rachel's Vineyard is able to penetrate deep into one's spirit, because everyone understands, desires and deserves love. This is certainly the case for Rachel's Vineyard in its Spanish Ministry. Currently with over 20

sites nationally and five international countries offering the retreat in Spanish, Rachel's Vineyard is redoubling its efforts to reach our Hispanic and Latino brothers and sisters around the world who are hurting after abortion.

Two individuals who are at the heart of the development and spread of Spanish Rachel's Vineyard are Eugenia Hadley and Father Victor Salomon. Both Eugenia and Fr. Victor were born in Spanish-speaking countries and share a warm joyfilled spirit.

Eugenia Hadley has been spearheading the growth of Spanish Rachel's Vineyard through countless hours of volunteer work, sharing the healing message of RV both in the US and abroad. Born and raised in Mexico City until the age of 18 when she came to America, Eugenia became involved with Rachel's Vineyard while searching for a program that would reach the hearts of her Hispanic brothers and sisters while staying true to their unique and beautiful culture. After taking different courses on post abortion counseling, unable to find a program that could fulfill the needs of the Hispanic community, she eventually discovered Rachel's Vineyard and participated in a retreat. "After attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat I could see that this warm and loving format would fit the post abortion Hispanic culture perfectly and that is exactly what was needed at my pregnancy center that works with the Latino community." Since that first retreat Eugenia has helped established Spanish speaking Rachel's Vineyard sites in the US as well as in Puerto Rico, Mexico City, Uruguay, Ecuador, and Spain! That's not all, the spread of El Vinedo de Raquel is continuing with many other Spanish speaking countries inviting Eugenia to bring the Rachel's Vineyard retreat to their area. Countries like Bolivia, Argentina, Chile, Spain and several cities in Mexico have requested the program.

With El Vinedo de Raquel spreading it's roots nationally and globally, every effort is being made to make all aspects of the ministry available in Spanish. Dr. Theresa Burke's groundbreaking book on abortion trauma, *Forbidden Grief* has been translated into Spanish. Another exciting development is the recent filming of a new series entitled "Sanando las heridas del aborto" (healing the wounds of abortion), which is slated to air on EWTN in September. The series is hosted by another leader in Spanish Rachel's Vineyard, Father Victor Salomon. Father Victor, a pastoral associate for Priests for Life, came to the United States from Venezuela in 2005 and quickly found himself being called to post abortion healing ministry. Father Victor works closely with Eugenia and many others to offer healing to those in the Spanish speaking community in the USA and beyond through his work with Rachel's Vineyard and Priests for life.

Both Fr. Victor and Eugenia understand the urgent need for a stronger, more widespread Spanish ministry within Rachel's Vineyard in the US as well as around the world. "The Spanish Ministry is important particularly in the United States because the Latino community is growing everyday. It is statistically known that by the year 2042 the Latino community will be part of the new majority in the United States," said Eugenia. Fr. Victor expressed his concern for the growing post abortive Hispanic community in the U.S. as well, "It's a fact that Hispanic women in the US are hurting because of abortion." Of the twenty Spanish-speaking sites in the US, almost half are located in California and Texas, the two states in the US experiencing the most rapid growth in its Hispanic population.

With a steadily increasing need for the healing work of Rachel's Vineyard it's clear that God is calling the ministry to spread it wings, and expand it's horizons. There is a growing demand in the United States, South America and Europe for El Vinedo de Raquel and the ministry is doing all that it can to keep up! Both Fr. Victor and Eugenia have big plans for the expansion of El Vinedo de Raquel. "It is my dream to see a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat site in every diocese in Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and the US." Father explains, "It's a fact that Hispanic women and men are suffering because of abortion, they need help." Eugenia shares the same vision, "My hope for the El Vinedo de Raquel is to be able to reach any post-abortive person who is suffering in the Spanish Communities in the United States and to continue to expand to

all the Spanish speaking countries in the world.”

What began as one retreat in one neighborhood is now covering the world with the healing love of Christ. All of this is made possible by the grace filled cooperation of volunteers who are willing to share their time and gifts to bring men and women hurting after abortion a peace they never thought they would understand.

If you are interested in joining El Vinedo de Raquel as a volunteer or would like to attend a Spanish retreat please contact us at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Our new El Vinedo de Raquel is currently under construction.

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Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conferences 2009 US and UK to Host Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conferences

July 7-10, 2009 Rachel's Vineyard International Leadership Conference "Reaping the Father's Bountiful Harvest" Malvern, PA USA

Rachel's Vineyard 2009 Leadership Conference: Reaping the Father's Bountiful Harvest is right around the corner! With just a few short months before July's conference, the time to register is NOW! Secure your bed in the beautiful AIR CONDITIONED Family Life Center at Malvern Retreat House. Be sure to sign up for the early bird registration and save \$30!!

Speakers include Dr. Theresa Burke, Kevin Burke, Father Frank Pavone, Janet Morana, Msgr. Mike Mannion, Jim and Joy Pinto and many other dynamic leaders in the field of post abortion healing! To learn more, visit our website www.rachelsvineyard.org or click the link below.

Click [here](#) to view our brochure.

August 14-16, 2009 Rachel's Vineyard Conference "The Healing Journey After Abortion" Leeds, England

Rachel's Vineyard UK and the Diocese of Leeds are offering a three-day conference with Theresa and Kevin Burke. Topics covered will include Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Re-enactment, an overview of Rachel's Vineyard, and a seminar on the Silent No More Awareness Campaign with co-founder Janet Morana, as well as how to minister to men and families suffering from post-abortion heartache. A special seminar for clergy will be offered on Friday the 14th.

For more information on this exciting and grown-breaking seminar and how to register please contact:

Deacon Charles Conner charlieco7@yahoo.co.uk

Click [here](#) to view our brochure.

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Sowing Seeds: The Continuing Growth of Rachel's Vineyard International

Since 1993, Rachel's Vineyard has gone from a single retreat in the Philadelphia suburbs to an international ministry serving 47 states in America and 27 countries international. That growth is always well...growing! The Vineyards deep roots and powerful healing in Ireland caught the attention of the Grey Friars in Lebanon, a small country in Western Asia on the eastern shore of

the Mediterranean Sea. Bernadette Goulding, site facilitator for Cork City, Ireland was invited by the Friars along with several others to come to Lebanon for a visit hosted by the Bishop there.

Besides the unwavering momentum of Rachel's Vineyard's spread around the world, what makes all of this even more miraculous is an experience Bernadette had in 2001, while being prayed over at a Heartbeat International conference: "...two ladies prayed with me and said that God would be calling me to many shores and that I would one day go to Lebanon." Incredible, Bernadette finds herself doing just that, eight years later.

Please pray for Bernadette and for the people of Lebanon, that they will welcome the healing message of Rachel's Vineyard and make it available to all those who are hurting after abortion in their country.

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"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May."

- Edwin Way Teale

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New Rachel's Vineyard Brochures Available Now!

Hot off the press! New CLIENT CENTERED brochures. The new brochures are written to reach out to the person who is hurting after abortion. Please help circulate an invitation to healing throughout your community

Click [here](#) to place your order.

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"An optimist is the human personification of spring."

-Susan J. Bissonette

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A Note from the Pastoral Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Many commencement exercises will be held across the country in the coming weeks. At Priests for Life, we urge that a remembrance be made at these ceremonies of the students who would have been graduating were it not for the fact that they were lost by abortion. Such a remembrance can be done in a very gentle way, acknowledging the pain of the parents and families of the aborted children and pointing to the opportunity for forgiveness and healing.

This is a component of our national healing. We face the loss and we grieve it - not just in the individual isolation of private grief, but in the public acknowledgement that there is a loss here that affects us all and for which, to one extent or another, we all share responsibility.

Encouraging the positive step of a prayerful, hope-filled remembrance of the aborted children at such ceremonies would be a good step in the right direction.

Blessings to each of you!

Sincerely,

Fr. Frank Pavone

Pastoral Director and Chairman of the Board, Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

National Director, Priests for Life

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Spring bursts today, for Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.
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New Rachel's Vineyard Music Video: I'm Movin' On

After an abortion many men and women feel like they cannot get on with their lives. They feel stuck in the depression and anxiety caused by the abortion and feel as though know else can understand or help them. Sometimes, they just give up hope. For those 100,000 men and women who have experienced healing through Rachel's Vineyard, they know they are not alone and that there is help out there. The song I'm Moving On by Rascal Flatts encompasses those feelings of shame and isolation, and brings a message of hope and healing for the future. Watch it for yourself and share it with friends and loved ones who may be suffering.

Watch it [here](#).

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Joy Crimmins of Rachel's Vineyard on "Business Matters"

Check out our very own Joy Crimmins on Business Matters with Tony Iannelli as she participates in the debate over tax dollar funding for abortion. The panel included Michael Ciccocioppo (Pennsylvania Pro-Life), Sam Bennett (Women's Campaign Forum), , Deb Sieger (Pennsylvania National Organization of Women) and Joy who facilitates Rachel's Vineyard in York County, PA. Joy handled herself with poise and class.

Originally aired on April 6, the entire debate is available online at <http://www.wfmz.com/businessmatters/>.

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Are You Ready to Be Silent No More?

Silent No More Awareness Campaign invites you to add (confidentially) your name to the growing list of men and women throughout the US who regret their abortion experience. By going to www.silentnomoreawareness.org/regret/index.aspx you can sign the completely confidential web page, counting you as one who is "Silent No More."

Please be assured that in order to protect your confidentiality, your name will NEVER be read in public and your information will NEVER be shared. The purpose of this is to tally numbers that will be presented at public speaking events to make listeners aware of the growing number of individuals who regret their abortions.

Break the silence; change the face of this country with your grace and courage.

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What Every American Needs to Know

Become a part of the effort to share the truth about the traumatic nature of abortion with your fellow Americans by reading and distributing the Elliot Institute's newest flyer loaded with facts about the reality of abortion that every American should know.

For more information and to view the flyer click [here](#).

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A Mother's Day Appeal

We all have the opportunity to bring a breath of new life and hope into the world through Rachel's Vineyard. By making a contribution we make it possible for sites around the world to help men and women who have lost children to abortion to reclaim their parenthood.

This Mother's Day give the gift of healed parenthood, make a donation to Rachel's Vineyard.

Choose how to make your donation:

Online www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate

by phone 610-354-0555

by mail PO Box 140130 Staten Island, NY 10314

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Cardinal Mindszenty's Message on a Mother

The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral-a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?

-Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

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"Spring ... an experience in immortality."

Henry D. Thoreau

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Welcome New Rachel's Vineyard Sites

Rachel's Vineyard welcomes several new sites:

Miami, FL facilitated by Christy Lopez-Acevedo

Mobile, AL facilitated by Beth Burgess

Doylestown, PA facilitated by Susan Fetta

Queensbury, NY facilitated by Pat Mousaw

We welcome all of our new site facilitators and their teams and offer prayers of thanksgiving for their service to the Vineyard!

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"Yesterday I dared to struggle. Today I dare to win." Bernadette Devlin

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United in Prayer

Join us in heartfelt prayer as we remember Ellis Rodrigue, brother of **Nancy Rodrigue**, who died in March at 49 years old.

Praise God for the reduction of the size of the cancer **Kari Curtin** is battling. We thank God for

His mercy and ask for His continued grace and strength for Kari as she continues to win the battle against cancer. Also offer prayers for strength and courage as she prepares for surgery.

Please continue to pray for **Cynithia Wynn** who is also battling cancer.

Mary Alice Schonberger, who answered our hotline for the first 10 years, recently lost her mother Marguerite McFadden. We pray for the soul of Marguerite and that God will bless Mary Alice and all of Marguerite's family with strength during this difficult time.

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Grief to Grace - Healing the Wounds of Abuse

Grief to Grace - Healing the wounds of Abuse will be held in a number of different locations this year. If you or someone you care about is suffering because of past abuse visit www.griefftograce.org. This new program was composed by Theresa and Kevin Burke, the founders of Rachel's Vineyard, to provide a psychological and spiritual healing journey for anyone impacted by abuse to reclaim sexual dignity.

May 21-25, 2009

Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

September 17-21 2009

Corpus Christi, TX

October 26-29, 2009

Aston, PA

Palm Beach Florida TBA

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Upcoming Events and Trainings

Friday, May 01, 2009 -- Saturday, May 02, 2009

Fort Worth TX- Clinical/Regional Training

Contact: Steve & Betsy Kopor

forgiven@racheltx.org

Presenter(s): Theresa Burke PhD, Kevin Burke MSW

Tuesday, July 07, 2009 -- Friday, July 10, 2009

Malvern PA- Rachel's Vineyard International Leadership Conference

Contact: Katie D'Annunzio katie@rachelvineyard.org 610-354-0555

Watch for updates on the web, newsletters and egroups!

Friday, August 14, 2009 -- Sunday, August 16, 2009

Rachel's Vineyard Conference - Leeds, UK

Speaker(s): Theresa Burke, PhD and Kevin Burke, MSW

Contact info: Deacon Charles Conner charlieco7@yahoo.co.uk

Event details: Friday 8/14 designed for Clergy

Friday, October 02, 2009 -- Saturday, October 03, 2009

Clinical Training - Baltimore, MD

Speakers: Kevin and Theresa Burke

Contact Info: Denise Douglas 410-354-6900

projectrachel@archbalt.org

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Other Events of Interest

May 18-21, 2009- Richmond, VA

Heartbeat International 2009 Conference

Call 1-804-643-3400 or visit www.heartbeatinternational.org

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Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

May 1 - May 3, 2009 -- Arlington, Virginia

Contact: Project Rachel 703-841-2504 projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org

Contact: Project Rachel 888-456-HOPE

May 1 - May 3, 2009 -- Baltimore, Maryland

Contact: Denise Douglas 410-354-6900 projectrachel@archbalt.org

Contact: Deacon Frank Zeiler 800-286-4224

May 1 - May 3, 2009 -- Grand Rapids, Michigan

Contact: Maggie Walsh 616-340-1824 projrach@iserv.net

Contact: Toll-free (MI only) 800-800-8284

May 1 - May 3, 2009 -- Kelowna, British Columbia Canada

Contact: Janet Kormish 250-762-2273 pr_nelsondiocese@hotmail.com

May 1 - May 3, 2009 -- Los Angeles (Español), California

Contact: Marcela Figueroa de Alcalá 877-2-RAQUEL

Note: Español

May 1 - May 3, 2009 -- Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota

Contact: Nancy Blom 952-882-2072 rvr-nancy@usfamily.net

May 1 - May 3, 2009 -- Paterson/Morris County, New Jersey

Local Host: Paterson Diocese

Contact: Marie Ryan 973-777-8818 x264 rachel@patersondiocese.org

May 1 - May 3, 2009 -- Richmond, Virginia

Contact: Kay Marie Geiger 804-330-3137 kmg4hope@verizon.net

May 1 - May 3, 2009 -- Santa Rosa/St. Helena, California

Contact: Valerie Johnson Fish 707-967-1101 rachelsvineyard@gmail.com

May 1 - May 3, 2009 -- York County, Pennsylvania

Contact: Joy 717-788-4959 Rvpamd@gmail.com

Contact: Denise Douglas 410-354-6900 projectrachel@archbalt.org

May 15 - May 17, 2009 -- Fresno, California

Contact: Jennifer Butcher 877-629-6626 tjen98@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Rosalinda Gutierrez - Español 888-686-8537 rosgonz20@aol.com

May 15 - May 17, 2009 -- Jacksonville/St. Augustine, Florida

Contact: Donna Augustine 904-221-3232 rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com

May 15 - May 17, 2009 -- Philadelphia Area, Pennsylvania

Contact: Priscilla 215-906-6337 occonnor1@comcast.net

Contact: Geri Simboli 610-399-0890 simboli2@earthlink.net

May 15 - May 17, 2009 -- Phoenix, Arizona

Contact: Jason Baier 602-334-7651 jasonb@fatherhoodforever.org

Contact: Roberta Bazaldua 602-471-1944 roberta.bazaldua@gmail.com

May 15 - May 17, 2009 -- Stanwood, Washington

Contact: Valerie Jacobs 800-822-HOPE valeriepr@aol.com

May 15 - May 17, 2009 -- Sydney, New South Wales Australia

Contact: Debbie 02-9440-7980 info@rachelsvineyard.org.au

Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

May 15 - May 17, 2009 -- Taipei, Taiwan

Contact: Georgie Hsieh 886-933-42-6608 georgiehsieh@yahoo.com.tw

May 15 - May 17, 2009 -- Tampa, Florida

Contact: Emma Boe 813-631-4370 eboe@ccdosp.org

May 22 - May 24, 2009 -- Ogdensburg, New York

Contact: Colleen Miner 518-891-2309 cbm510@roadrunner.com

May 22 - May 24, 2009 -- Vancouver, British Columbia Canada

Local Host: Post Abortion Community Services, Office of Life & Family

Contact: Doreen Yung 604-525-0999 vancouver.rachelsvineyard@rcav.bc.ca

Contact: Michele 604-443-3256

May 28 - May 30, 2009 -- Monroe, Washington

Contact: Barbara Olson 425-346-9381 bj.olson_44@yahoo.com

May 29 - May 31, 2009 -- Dallas (Español), Texas

Contact: Norma 972-679-4760 sanacion@racheldallas.org

Website: www.racheldallas.org

May 29 - May 31, 2009 -- Long Island/Brentwood, New York

Contact: Frank and Lorraine Gariboldi 516-523-0586 fgariboldi@optonline.net

May 29 - May 31, 2009 -- Long Island/Brentwood (Español), New York

Contact: Donna Crean 631-258-5062 donnacrean@optonline.net

May 29 - May 31, 2009 -- Orlando/Central Florida, Florida

Contact: Karen Reilly 321-662-5097 karenreilly57@gmail.com

Contact: Project Rachel 877-908-1212

May 29 - May 31, 2009 -- Wheeling, West Virginia

Local Host: Catholic Charities of West Virginia

Contact: Tawnya Knierim 304-233-0880 ext 459 rachelsvineyardwv@comcast.net

June 5 - June 7, 2009 -- DC Metro Area, Maryland

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June 5 - June 7, 2009 -- Eugene, Oregon

Contact: Lori Eckstine 800-249-8074 e2lori@aol.com

June 5 - June 7, 2009 -- Springfield, Massachusetts

Contact: Mary Petisce 413-452-0661 m.petisce@diospringfield.org

Contact: Claire Lapointe 413-452-0661 sr.claire@diospringfield.org

June 5 - June 7, 2009 -- Tulsa, Oklahoma

Contact: Mary Lee 918-585-8167 mlingram@catholiccharitiestulsa.org

June 12 - June 14, 2009 -- Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Contact: Stephanie Claudy 866-4-RACHEL sclaudy@camdendiocese.org

Contact: Spanish Retreats: Margarita 1-877-665-2974 popejp2rc@verizon.net

June 12 - June 14, 2009 -- Litchfield, Connecticut

Local Host: Archdiocese of Hartford

Contact: Mary Hayden 203-882-1326 mmhdfc@sbcglobal.net

June 12 - June 14, 2009 -- Sacramento, California

Contact: Debbie Anderson 916-733-0161 projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org

June 12 - June 14, 2009 -- San Francisco Bay Area, California

Local Host: First Resort

Contact: Christine Watkins 510-891-9998 christinew@firstresort.net

June 19 - June 21, 2009 -- Mobile, Alabama

Contact: Elizabeth Burgess 251-434-1550 ext 18 eburgess@cssmobile.org

June 26 - June 28, 2009 -- Amarillo, Texas

Contact: Stephanie Frausto 806-678-4673 ts_frausto@yahoo.com

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

June 26 - June 28, 2009 -- Ann Arbor/Detroit Area, Michigan

Contact: Beth Bauer 734-369-3470 lpbbauer@yahoo.com

June 26 - June 28, 2009 -- Cork City, Ireland

Contact: Bernadette 087-859-2877 lpbbauer@yahoo.com

Contact: Dr. Rita O'Connor 061-468-570

Website: www.rachelsvineyard.ie

June 26 - June 28, 2009 -- Dallas (Español), Texas

Contact: Norma 972-679-4760 sanacion@racheldallas.org

Website: www.racheldallas.org

Note: Español

June 26 - June 28, 2009 -- Fort Worth, Texas

Contact: Betsy Kopor 817-923-4757 forgiven@racheltx.org

Contact: Macaria (espanol) 469-767-8669 misericordia@racheltx.org

June 26 - June 28, 2009 -- Melbourne (Interdenom), Victoria Australia

Contact: Anne Neville (03) 9870 7044 anne@opendoors.com.au

Note: Interdenominational Retreat