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Rachel's Vineyard  
Healing the Pain of Abortion  
One Weekend at a Time

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## Couples Who Abort Due to Genetic Abnormality

By: Kevin Burke, LSW

Every year in the United States, approximately 133,000 pregnant mothers will undergo routine pre-natal tests and receive what is called "poor pre-natal diagnosis," or PPD. This means that their infant is afflicted with a chromosomal abnormality or a serious defect in a vital organ. The most difficult and complicated grief that we witness on Rachel's Vineyard Weekends involve couples that aborted a child for this reason.

With the increase in genetic testing and fertility treatments there are growing numbers of couples facing these difficult decisions. Parents are often pressured by doctors, therapists, friends and family to "terminate" the pregnancy. They are given the grim prospect of a child born prematurely who die or suffer severe deformities with only the assurance of a brief life filled with suffering and pain. More than 90 percent of these pregnancies end in abortion. Some fertility treatments include "fetal reductions" where multiple embryos are fertilized and implanted, followed by a later decision by doctors to end the life of the less healthy fetuses.

When abortion is the preferred course of "treatment" not only is the baby's life ended, but the lives of these parents are changed forever. Like our first parents in the Garden of Eden, assuming this power over life and death has far reaching consequences beyond the decision to abort. The fallout from this loss places a tremendous strain on a couple as they struggle to come to terms with the shock and pain of their experience. Research confirms that women suffer years after the procedure:

*Women 2-7 years after were expected to show a significantly lower degree of traumatic experience and grief than women 14 days after termination... Contrary to hypothesis, however, the results showed no significant inter-group differences.<sup>1</sup>*

These parents suffer from a particularly complex form of grief and guilt years after the experience. They hunger desperately for healing and peace, but struggle to come to terms with their responsibility in

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the death of their child and the need for repentance, reconciliation and healing. They feel strongly that their situation is “different” from others who abort. Couples cling desperately to the idea that they did what was best for their child, saving them from a life, however brief, of suffering and pain. In other scenarios they must choose among healthier embryos or multiple fetuses so that the healthiest survive. Given the medical advice and pressure from a spouse or others, they feel they did not have a real choice.

The husband in these cases may have encouraged abortion as a way to protect his wife from the pain of giving birth to a child who would have died, or would die shortly after birth or would have been born with a physical and mental handicap like Down Syndrome that would be a burden to his wife and family. In their efforts to establish control and take action, they are tempted to see abortion as the best solution.

After the abortion there can be considerable anger at God, whom couples often blame for putting them in this situation. One couple expresses this struggle:

*If we were given a normal child, we would not have been put in this situation. We are different from others who have aborted because we wanted this child. God put us in this impossible situation, forcing us to make these painful decisions. We are left without our child, and with powerful feelings of confusion, resentment anger and grief.*

Without a healing process for this complicated grief, this pain will surely impact their relationship

### **Empty Arms and Wounded Hearts**

It is only when these mothers and fathers come to a clearer and honest understanding of their abortion loss that they can begin to repent, grieve and heal. An important part of this process is facing their role in that decision to abort, and the fear and weakness that tempted them to embrace this solution. When the rationalization and seemingly wise counsel of doctors and others fades away after the abortion, a mother and father are faced with empty arms and a wounded heart. They must face the painful realization that this decision also aborted their opportunity to hold this child and offer that child love and affection for however long the baby lived. In the case of Down and other conditions, they were given a child with special challenges to love and care for, and in their rejection of that child, something in them has also died both individually and as a couple.

The healing process can never be forced. We must be patient, especially in the early stages of healing as the wound is very raw. There can initially be great defensiveness. It's important to acknowledge their pain and loss, the confusing nature of the decisions

and challenges that their fertility treatment/testing and medical care presented to them. We need to remind them that they are not alone and that there is help! You can direct them to Rachel's Vineyard where we have counselors who want to speak with them.

For those offering the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats, it is important when couples register for the weekend sharing this type of loss, that you go over the entire weekend, making them fully aware of the process. With that understanding, we can entrust them to the God of mercy and pray for the Holy Spirit to open their hearts to his forgiveness and healing, according to His perfect will and time.

To read the extended article, [CLICK HERE](#).

<sup>1</sup> Kersting, A. et. Al. (2005) "Trauma and 2-7 years after termination of pregnancy because of fetal abnormalities." Journal Psychosoc Obstet & Gynae.V26: #1 9-14.

**Resources:**

[www.morninglightministry.org/hopeinturmoil.html](http://www.morninglightministry.org/hopeinturmoil.html)

*A Guide for Decision-Making After Receiving A Difficult Prenatal Diagnosis Regarding Your Baby*

[www.perinatalhospice.org](http://www.perinatalhospice.org)

*A listing of perinatal hospices and other valuable information. From their website: A perinatal hospice approach walks with these families on their journey through pregnancy, birth and death, honoring the baby as well as the baby's family. Even in areas without a formal program, parents can create a loving experience for themselves and their baby, and health professionals and family and friends can offer support in the spirit of hospice.*

*National Association for Down Syndrome*

[www.nads.org](http://www.nads.org)

*National Down Syndrome Congress*

[www.ndscenter.org](http://www.ndscenter.org)

*The DeVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research*

<http://www.deveber.org>

*Prenatal Partners for Life*

[www.prenatalpartnersforlife.org](http://www.prenatalpartnersforlife.org)

*If you have come to this site because you or someone you know has received an adverse or negative prenatal diagnosis, you have come to the right place. We are parents who have gone through similar circumstances and we want to offer support. We are here to help you.*

*You are not alone!*



**“Children are God’s apostles, sent forth, day by day, to preach of love, hope, and peace.”  
~ James Russell Lowell**



## **A Special Mother's Day Music Video** *Mom by Richard Sosa*

*Mom* is a song of Mercy, Love and Hope. Singer/Songwriter, Richard Sosa wrote this endearing song for all post abortive mothers who struggle with forgiveness. Written during the 2015 March for Life, Sosa talks about the need to reach out in love and gentleness to those struggling with the loss of a child/ren through abortion. Richard says, “I’ve written many songs about a variety of topics but this song was especially meaningful to me. I know many friends, men and women alike who struggle with the idea that they are still loved by God after an abortion. It is a constant battle to find peace in themselves. If we are to be the hands and feet of Jesus, then we have to be ready to welcome them with love, forgiveness and mercy, just as our Father does for us.” Teaming up with Emma Dalton, vocals, Sosa hopes this song brings needed peace into the hearts of those hurting by abortion.

<http://rachelsvineyard.org/video/index.aspx>



**“Mother Teresa’s faith was not a case study in self-contradiction. Instead, she placed her faith in Christ rather than placing her faith in her faith. Entrusting her soul to an invisible savior, the world saw Christ in her even when she could not see Christ in the world.”  
~ Robert Kellemen**



## Renewal

### Renewal

Prayers pulse like waves in the ocean,  
Channeling, surging through me, A torrent of joy,  
A sweet rushing in my veins.

You've changed, you've changed – a life beat.

My heart is wide open, My heart burns within me,  
Lord – pour the newness into me, Immerse me in  
your glory, I wish to bathe in the rivers of life.

I soak you in – my tears change to wine. Accept  
them, transform them, Palms up to the sky, I  
surrender myself.

The balsam wind blows across the lake. Its  
breath settles into my heart. I let my sins drift  
apart like ashes falling.

By the crackling fire, I decide to be new.  
I throw the stone away.

I feel the old layers crumble - I see the world  
through new eyes, a lens of God.

Threads of water, wind and fire twine around my  
heart, and cascade into my spirit.  
A trinity baptism.

***I have awakened***



## A Mother's Day Appeal

Mother's day allows us to recognize the importance of our moms. We celebrate the reciprocal love, gratitude, and joy of motherhood. However, for those who have experienced abortion, it can be a painful reminder of the losses they suffered. Both women and men can find love, support, and healing through a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. You can help these families find peace by making a donation

to Rachel's Vineyard.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is a non-profit organization. We are able to minister to those hurting after abortion through your contributions and prayers.

Here's how to make a donation:

Online: [www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate)

By Phone: 610-354-0555

By Mail: P.O. Box 140130 Staten Island, NY 10314



**“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking  
creates profoundness.  
Kindness in giving creates love.”  
~ Lao Tzu**



### **Message from the Pastoral Director**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was recently on the campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville, where I was attending the Catholic Leadership Conference in which I have been involved since its inception in the late 90s. One day, as I was walking across the campus, a student came running up to me and excitedly asked, "You are Fr. Frank Pavone, right?" "Yes," I replied. Then he went on to thank me profusely for my role with Rachel's Vineyard. He described how his mom had aborted his sibling and how Rachel's Vineyard had brought so much healing to her and to her husband. He explained how the wound of abortion had reached him, and how the healing flowing through Rachel's Vineyard had reached him as well.

Brothers and sisters, this story -- a completely unsolicited expression of gratitude from someone who felt that Rachel's Vineyard had saved his life from misery, and wasn't even on the retreat -- can be repeated around the world every single day, and it is thanks to everyone of us involved with this ministry, whether by prayer or a commitment of action. Let us thank God for calling us to this crucial mission and let us carry it out in unity, determination, and joy!

Sincerely,

Fr. Frank Pavone

Pastoral Director, Rachel's Vineyard Ministries



"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."  
~ Psalm 30:5



## Rachel's Vineyard in Social Media



Click the links below to visit Rachel's Vineyard social networking sites. Join today and send to your friends and family!

**Facebook** Fan Page: [www.facebook.com/rachelsvineyard](http://www.facebook.com/rachelsvineyard)

**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard](http://www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard)

We're happy to announce that we have expanded our social media presence!

Please follow us on:

**Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/RV\\_Ministries](http://www.twitter.com/RV_Ministries)

**Pinterest:** [www.pinterest.com/rachelsvineyard](http://www.pinterest.com/rachelsvineyard)

**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/rachels\\_vineyard](http://www.instagram.com/rachels_vineyard)



**“I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love.”**

**~ Mother Teresa**



## **Rachel's Vineyard Recommends**



### **A Nine-Month Prayer Adventure**

Looking for a fun, engaging way to pray for the unborn, as well as teach your children about the miracle of life? Join Holy Heroes' Spiritual Adoption Program – a 9-month prayer adventure that follows the developmental cycle of an unborn child.

Inspired by Venerable Fulton Sheen's "Spiritual Adoption Prayer," families and individuals who join this initiative will "adopt" and pray for an unborn child in need, receiving periodic updates throughout the "pregnancy" that provide insight into the baby's growth and development.

This FREE online program begins May 1, 2015 (the Feast of St. Joseph) and wraps up on Feb. 2, 2016 (the Feast of the Presentation).

For More Information please click here:

<http://www.holyheroes.com/Spiritual-Adoption-s/92.htm>



"Prayer immediately turns us into something greater than ourselves."

~ Cardinal Timothy Dolan

## United in Prayer

Please join us in praying for, *Celia Ryan*. She has been diagnosed with advanced lung cancer which has metastasized to her brain. Celia has served as a therapist and team member on Rachel's Vineyard teams in many locations including Washington, DC. She has also taught at many of Leadership conferences and is a beloved friend to many. Lord, please hold Celia in your arms and grant her a miracle of healing in whatever she needs during this difficult journey. If you would like to reach out to Celia you can do so by mail or email:  
4759 Lightkeeper's Way #14-A  
Little River SC 29566-7988  
[celiaryan@griefworks.com](mailto:celiaryan@griefworks.com)

Please pray for, *Clarissa Cincotta*, former retreat site leader from Bridgeport, CT who is grieving the death of her beloved father. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Please pray for, *Jim Easton*, as he fights his battle with brain cancer. Jim has been a long-time member of the Rachel's Vineyard prayer team in Fresno.

Please pray for repose of *Fr. Don Eugene Wilson's* soul. He was the active priest for Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna. He passed on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.





## *Cradlings*

When I asked God how I could hold my empty arms  
and carry what isn't there,  
this is what he said:

Rest.  
Rest and let me remember you.  
I loved you then and I love you now.  
I made you full and whole.  
I made you laughter and noise  
busy and quiet.

But most of all  
I made you holy  
and I named you "My Love".

Rest, My Love and let your arms be filled;  
I am 'The Gentlest of Cradlings'.

*StoneHeart was written when I began to think about the child that I never had. In spite of my faith and family, I turned away from being pregnant and tried not to think about it again. It worked and I managed to do well – on the outside, at least. But inside, I knew that my heart was stone.*

*This prayer-poem was written long after I went on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend. Now whenever I need to know what has happened to my child, I ask, The Gentlest of Cradlings to show me.*

~ Nuala Hope



**“Fear is the glue that keeps you stuck. Faith is the solvent that sets you free.”**

~ Shannon L. Alder



## Upcoming Grief to Grace Retreats

Healing the Wounds of Abuse

Reclaiming the Gift of Human Dignity

[www.GriefftoGrace.org](http://www.GriefftoGrace.org)

### London, UK

Contact: [g2guk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:g2guk@yahoo.co.uk)

Call: 020 7937 4297 / 07849 029 442 / 07770 373 758

June 8th - 13th 2015

### Yellowknife, Northern Territory, Canada

Contact: [Religious.ed@theedge.ca](mailto:Religious.ed@theedge.ca)

Gerri Fletcher 867-920-2129

June 10-13, 2015

*This is a closed retreat for the Inuit people.*

### Philadelphia, PA

Contact: [info@griefftoGrace.org](mailto:info@griefftoGrace.org) 610-203-2002

June 28th - July 3rd, 2015

### Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

Contact: [info@griefftoGrace.org](mailto:info@griefftoGrace.org) 610-203-2002

August 23rd - 28th, 2015

### Beaverton, OR

Contact: [griefftoGraceoregon@gmail.com](mailto:griefftoGraceoregon@gmail.com) 541-357-7501

September 16-21, 2015

The next U.S. Grief to Grace retreat will be held June 28 through July 3 of 2015 in Aston, PA. Grief to Grace invites participants to journey through this program in the name of love - love for themselves, love for family and friends, love for those who have suffered unspeakable abuse and mistreatment, and love for the Church - the suffering body of Christ, who cries out for comfort and consolation in the midst of profound betrayal and abandonment.

Visit [www.griefftoGrace.org](http://www.griefftoGrace.org) for more information. To request an application contact [info@griefftoGrace.org](mailto:info@griefftoGrace.org) or call 610-203-2002

Reserve your spot now as space is limited.



**“We aren't the weeds in the crack of life. We're the strong, amazing flowers that found a way to grow in the most challenging conditions.”**

**~ Jeanne McElvaney**



## Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Training Events

**Houston, TX** - Clinical and Rachel's Vineyard Facilitator and Team Training

On **Friday April 24, 2015** Dr. Theresa Burke will be conducting a **Clinical Training** for Mental Health Professionals.

On **Saturday April 25, 2015** Dr. Theresa Burke will be conducting a **Rachel's Vineyard Facilitator and Team Training**.

For more information please contact Stephanie Walker at

[mktginperson@yahoo.com](mailto:mktginperson@yahoo.com) or go to

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/2015-Clinical-Conference-HOUSTON/1482716128663939>

**Binghamton, NY** - Grief to Grace/Rachel's Vineyard Clinical Training

On **September 29, 2015** Dr. Theresa Burke will conduct a **Clinical Training** that is open to the public covering topics pertaining to trauma associated with Abuse and Abortion. Those interested in Grief to Grace or Rachel's Vineyard are encouraged to attend.

For more information please contact: Pamela Ludwig at

[Ludwigpe@gmail.com](mailto:Ludwigpe@gmail.com)

**Philadelphia, PA** – On **October 1, 2015** – Dr. Theresa Burke will be presenting at the Catholic Medical Association Conference.

For more information please contact Dr. Lester Ruppertsberger at

[lruppertsberger@gmail.com](mailto:lruppertsberger@gmail.com)



**“Listen to God with a broken heart. He is not only the doctor who mends it,**

**but also the father who wipes away the tears.”**

**~ Criss Jami**



## Conferences of Interest

### 2015 Rachel's Vineyard Australia-Asian Leadership Conference

Unpacking the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat – what makes it tick?

Exploring Rachel's Vineyard Retreat session by session.

We will look at:

- Why each session is there.
- What each session brings to the retreat process
- How each session fits into the retreat process
- Various ways to implement each session including creative suggestions.

This is a chance for us to work collaboratively, to raise awareness and develop skills and knowledge through reflection on practice and shared wisdom.

**For all Rachel's Vineyard and support people across Australia, New Zealand and Asia.**

**When:** Saturday May 9 2015. 9 - 4.30pm

**Where:** Good Samaritan Centre Glebe 2 Arcadia Road  
Glebe Point NSW 2037, Sydney.

**Cost:** Free for all Australasian practitioners from RV sites. There are subsidies available for transport and accommodation - please apply with reasons and the amount you are seeking.

**Registrations close on May 1, 2015.**

#### ***Program***

8.45am Registration and cuppa

9am Welcome and Intro

9.15 – 10.30 am Getting ready and Friday night - Presenter: Anne Neville

10.30 – 11am Morning tea

11am -12pm Saturday morning - Presenters: Anne Hadgraft and Louise Crawford

12 – 1pm Saturday afternoon - Presenters Theresa Taylor and Peter Maher

1 – 2pm Lunch

2 – 3pm Saturday evening Veronica McCluskie and John Bosman

3-3.10pm short break

3.10 – 4 pm Sunday morning led by Susanne O'Rourke

4 – 4.15pm closing ritual and wrap up.

**ALL ENQUIRIES:** Email: [petermaher@hotmail.com](mailto:petermaher@hotmail.com) or Ph: 61 2 9557 3197.

Accommodation is available at the Polding Villa, next to the centre and must be arranged directly with Polding Villa. Early registrations for this accommodation is essential as rooms are limited. Contact Sr. Mary Conkey on 61 2 9692 9085 or mail Polding Villa, PO Box 1076, Glebe NSW 2037 or Email: [mconkey@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mconkey@goodsams.org.au)



**“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success.”  
~ Henry Ford**



## **Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

### **Joliet / Lemont, IL**

Contact: Kay Corcoran 866-99-4-GIVE (4483) [corcoran-family@sbcglobal.net](mailto:corcoran-family@sbcglobal.net)  
Friday, May 01, 2015  
Sunday, May 03, 2015

### **Kelowna, BC, Canada**

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[rv.kelowna@hotmail.com](mailto:rv.kelowna@hotmail.com)  
Friday, May 01, 2015  
Sunday, May 03, 2015

### **Vancouver, BC, Canada**

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[vancouver.rachelsvineyard@rcav.bc.ca](mailto:vancouver.rachelsvineyard@rcav.bc.ca)  
Contact: Respect Life Office 604-443-3256 [rlo@rcav.org](mailto:rlo@rcav.org)  
Friday, May 01, 2015  
Sunday, May 03, 2015

### **Asunción, Paraguay**

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[cinyaderojas@gmail.com](mailto:cinyaderojas@gmail.com)  
Friday, May 01, 2015  
Sunday, May 03, 2015

### **Kent, England**

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Friday, May 01, 2015  
Sunday, May 03, 2015

*Note: Retreat held in Stroud, Gloucestershire*

**Sacramento, CA**

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Friday, May 01, 2015

Sunday, May 03, 2015

**Arlington, VA**

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Friday, May 01, 2015

Sunday, May 03, 2015

**Wheeling, WV**

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Sunday, May 03, 2015

**Katy (Interdenom), TX**

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Thursday, May 07, 2015

Saturday, May 09, 2015

**Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN**

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Friday, May 08, 2015

Sunday, May 10, 2015

**Mere de Misericorde, France**

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Friday, May 08, 2015

Sunday, May 10, 2015

*Note: Retreat to take place 1600 PARAY LE MONIAL près de LE CREUSOT*

**Palm Beach (Español), FL**

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Friday, May 15, 2015

Sunday, May 17, 2015

**Long Island/Huntington (Español), NY**

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Friday, May 15, 2015

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**Sioux Falls, SD**

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Friday, May 15, 2015

Sunday, May 17, 2015

**Dallas, TX**

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**Taipei, Taiwan**

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**Vienna, Austria**

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Friday, May 15, 2015

Sunday, May 17, 2015

**Cork, Ireland**

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Friday, May 15, 2015

Sunday, May 17, 2015

**Warsaw, Poland**

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Friday, May 15, 2015

Sunday, May 17, 2015

**Belfast, Northern Ireland**

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Friday, May 15, 2015

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**Los Angeles (Español), CA**

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Friday, May 15, 2015

Sunday, May 17, 2015

**Newark, NJ**

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Friday, May 15, 2015

Sunday, May 17, 2015

**Medford, OR**

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Friday, May 15, 2015

Sunday, May 17, 2015

**Minneapolis/St. Paul (Interdenominational), MN**

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Friday, May 15, 2015

Sunday, May 17, 2015

**Pittsburgh, PA**

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Friday, May 22, 2015

Sunday, May 24, 2015

**Northern New York, NY**

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Friday, May 22, 2015

Sunday, May 24, 2015

**Hobart, TAS, Australia**

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Sunday, May 24, 2015

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Sunday, May 31, 2015

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Friday, May 29, 2015

Sunday, May 31, 2015

**Western Washington, WA**

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Note: Retreat will be held in Stanwood, WA.

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Sunday, May 31, 2015

*Note: Retreat held on Scottish Borders*

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Sunday, June 07, 2015

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Friday, June 05, 2015

Sunday, June 07, 2015

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Sunday, June 07, 2015

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Friday, June 05, 2015

Sunday, June 07, 2015

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Sunday, June 14, 2015

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Friday, June 12, 2015

Sunday, June 14, 2015

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**Portland, OR**

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Sunday, June 14, 2015

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Sunday, June 28, 2015

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Friday, June 26, 2015

Sunday, June 28, 2015

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Friday, June 26, 2015

Sunday, June 28, 2015

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Sunday, June 28, 2015