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- ◆ SPE website [www.spe-stfrancis.org](http://www.spe-stfrancis.org)
- ◆ St Francis Retreat Center website

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Unless otherwise noted, all registration is through the office at St. Francis Retreat Center.

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703 E. Main Street  
DeWitt, MI 48820

## Boundary Training

**April 30, 2015**

Especially designed for pastors, lay staff and volunteer leaders, this one-day workshop reviews essential information and strategies for creating and maintaining a safe environment for vital ministry in today's changing world.

***This training satisfies the denominational boundary training requirements for:*** American Baptist Churches of MI; Christian Reformed church in NA; Episcopal Diocese of Michigan; Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, North/West Lower MI and South East MI Synods; MI Conference of the United Church of Christ; Presbyterian Church (USA), Presbytery of Lake Michigan, Presbytery of Lake Huron and Presbytery of Detroit.

9:15 am – 3:30 pm

Cost: \$75 (includes materials and lunch) if you register by April 10; \$85 after April 10

Registration deadline: April 23, 2015

[Online Registration](#)

[www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws)

◆ SPE Resource Center

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## **Introductory Emotional Intelligence Human Relations Skills Training**

*with Jenny Stephens and Patti Kenney*

**May 14, 2015**

**9:30am to 3:30pm**

**Lunch included**

**\$75 with lunch if you register by April 16**

**\$85 if you register April 16**

**Registration deadline is May 7**

In this workshop, participants will develop an understanding of the definition of emotional intelligence (EQ) and how it may be developed and used in interacting with groups in ministry settings. Through presentations, small group interaction, and multimedia, participants will:

- Develop an understanding of brain functioning and its relationship to EQ
- See the impact of EQ played out in group dynamics
- Explore how EQ has a physical impact, relationship impact, and workplace impact
- Do an EQ self-assessment
- Learn about the Johari window as a tool for self-reflection
- Discuss how emotional intelligence can affect ministry effectiveness
- Engage in reflective practice, evaluation, and learn about opportunities for further training

### **JENNY STEPHENS**

*Jenny Stephens is an ordained minister with The United Church of Canada and serves as the Personnel Minister of Hamilton Conference. Jenny is a trained Educational Supervisor and Intentional Interim Minister. Her background in scientific research brings transferable skills in gathering and analyzing information, generating options and implementing projects. Jenny is delighted by the experience of training in Emotional Intelligence, both for personal growth and for investing in the effectiveness of current ministry personnel. An intern trainer in the program, as well as Chair of the Program, Staffing and Coaching Team, Jenny feels privileged to serve on the Board of the EQ-HR Center and to partner in expanding opportunities for Canadian leaders within faith communities to experience the program in their own country.*

### **PATTI KENNEY**

*Patti Kenney is an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ and serves as the pastor and teacher of St. Paul UCC in Saline, Michigan. Patti designs and coordinates programs for church leaders through Sustaining Pastoral Excellence at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, Michigan. Patti is a trained spiritual director and convenes a spiritual direction supervision group. She has provided oversight for a number of seminary interns during their ministry practicum year.*

*Patti finds training in emotional intelligence to be a key resource in working with congregations and church leaders in this dynamic time of change in church life. A senior trainer and dean in the program, Patti serves on the Program, Staffing and Coaching Team.*

Click [here](#) to register online.  
Click [here](#) for brochure with registration form.

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## **Jesus and the Cornerstone Concept: Differentiation of Self** *with Robert Creech*

**September 24, 2015**

**9:30am to 3:30pm**

**Lunch included**

**\$85 with lunch if you register by August 15, 2015**

**\$100 if you register after August 15, 2015**

**Registration deadline is September 15, 2015**

Dr. Murray Bowen labeled the concept of "differentiation of self" as the cornerstone concept of his theory of human behavior. In his theoretical scale of differentiation, Bowen said that 100 on the scale was reserved for "that perfect human being," whose ability to manage emotional reactivity was complete.

Given Christian theology's emphasis on Jesus as the "fully human:" one, the Second Adam, what might we learn from his life about the nature of differentiation? How might his shape our understanding of spiritual formation? The primary focus of the day will be exploring the meaning of differentiation and the evidence of its presence in the gospel accounts of Jesus' life and teaching.

Dr. Creech is Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Christian Ministry at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco Texas. He has co-authored *The Leader's Journey*. He also trains clergy in the Center for the Study of Natural Systems and the Family "Defining Leaders." A three-year program of coaching and teaching.

**[Brochure](#)**  
**[Registration](#)**

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## **Prayer Series** ***Save the Date***

**October 22, 2015**

9 am to 4 pm

*Lunch included*

***Lectio Divina***  
***Praying with Icons***  
*More details coming!*

***This is open to all who would like to learn different prayer forms.***

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The Ecumenical Center for Arts and Spirituality

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Group Art Exhibition**  
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence at St. Francis Retreat Center

A juried Exhibition to be held April 23 – June 11, 2015

**“Family of Faith”**

**Reception April 26 4:00pm to 6:00pm**

*Join us for light snacks and a chance to view some spectacular art.*

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Terry Feuka

Director of Sustaining Pastoral Excellence

Reception in her honor

**June 4 from 3-5 pm**

At

St. Francis Retreat Center

Resource Center

Terry Feuka, the Director of Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, is leaving this summer to rejoin her husband, whose work has taken him to New York State. There will be a reception in her honor on June 4 from 3-5 pm, to be held at St. Francis Retreat Center in the Resource Center. At 4 pm, there will be a brief program, recognizing her stellar contributions and making a formal announcement of the Theresa M. Feuka Legacy Fund, to support the Resource Center.

All are cordially invited to attend the reception, to send notes of appreciation and to help assure the future of the legacy Terry has built in creating the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Resource Center.

In light of Terry’s impending departure, the Board met in January for strategic planning, and has made the decision to rename the ministry known for 12 years as Sustaining Pastoral Excellence. The new independent 501(c)3 will be known as the “Ecumenical Center for Christian Leadership.” ECCL will continue the ministries of programming and resourcing Christian leaders from all denominations, with the support and guidance of the Board of Directors and our 13 denominational partners:

*Presbytery of Lake Michigan  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing  
Presbytery of Lake Huron  
Episcopal Diocese of Michigan  
United Church of Christ, Michigan Conference  
ELCA North/West Lower Michigan Synod  
American Baptist Churches of Michigan  
ELCA Southeast Michigan Synod  
United Methodist Church – Michigan Area  
Great Lakes Region, Reformed Church in America  
Christian Church (DOC) Michigan Region  
Christian Reformed Church in North America  
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan*

**Mark your calendars now for this very special occasion.**

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**Volunteer Help Wanted**

Someone with library experience to work on a volunteer basis starting at a few hours a week and working up to 10 hours a week.

Please contact Terry for further details. [tmfeuka@stfrancis.ws](mailto:tmfeuka@stfrancis.ws)

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**Be sure to “friend” Sustaining Pastoral Excellence at St. Francis Retreat Center on Facebook!**

Terry posts articles, events, thoughts on the SPE page weekly. Take a moment and “friend” us.



**The SPE Resource Center**

*We are accepting any and all donations of books, DVDs and CD's. If your items cannot be added to the collection they will be put on the DISCARD shelf where they will be available for anyone who would like them.*

*If you would like to write a **review** of any of our materials please contact Terry (517-669-*

*8321 x22 or [tfeuka@stfrancis.ws](mailto:tfeuka@stfrancis.ws))*

*As always, there is one-on-one reference assistance. Terry is more than happy to answer your question or get material for you from one of the many cooperative libraries through WorldCat.*

*If you have any difficulties in accessing the catalog, ATLAS or in reserving*

materials, please contact Terry.

Please consider making a monetary donation to the Resource Center. We love donations of books, but there are many newly published items that would make a valuable addition to our collection.



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## Discard Shelf

Our Discard is still alive and well! Visit the back of the Resource Center and see all that we have. We only ask that you empty your pockets of change to add to our Donation Jar. This is our means to acquiring new items for the collection. Anything you can do is appreciated.

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## Library Trek

SPE Resource Center is now available on your **iPhone, iPod and Android!** Use the FREE Surpass Library Trek App to:



- Check availability
- Check your account
- Reserve a book to be mailed to you
- Scan UPC barcodes from any item to see if the Resource Center has the same title for check-out
- Browse reading lists and new titles



Just go to the App Store on your iPhone or iPod and search for **Library Trek.**



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DeWitt, MI**

*SPE is located on the beautiful 95 acre campus of St. Francis Retreat Center. Comfortable accommodations, delicious meals, excellent service and year-round retreats all available in DeWitt, Michigan. Visit our website for more information*

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