

Finding Voice

March 8-10, 2019



Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center
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Brownstown, IN 47220
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Overview

In the wake of the #MeToo movement, it seems that now more than ever the Church is called to witness to the lives of young women. *Finding Voice* is a retreat to empower young women in the church to find their place in the church and the world. Together we will examine the ways in which female voices have been heard throughout time and process how women can be each other's greatest allies in lifting up one another's voices.

We will also cover some difficult Scripture passages that will help young women to discuss issues within the #MeToo movement from a faith perspective, including: the believability of the female voice, consent, and stereotypical views of women in the Bible.

Speakers

The weekend will feature some amazing women within the church, including:

Beatrice Beverly

Stop the Violence Indianapolis
<http://stoptheviolenceindy.org/>

Andrea Kamwendo

LifeSmart Youth
<https://lifesmaryouth.org/>

Susan Shambaugh

Pastor - La Fontaine UMC
www.lafontaineumc.org

Molly DeWitt

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Rev. Chelsea Guenther Benham

Irvington Presbyterian Church
<http://www.irvpresby.org/>

Registration

Registration is open to any young women, regardless of background or church affiliation. All are welcome to find God and community in this place. The registration fee for *Finding Voice* is \$120.00 per person,¹ covering meals, lodging, and all program activities for the weekend.

¹ Through a generous grant from the Synod of Lincoln Trails of the PC(USA), we are able to offer limited full and half scholarships for the event. Email program@pyoca.org for more information.

Minors will need to fill out additional medical/consent and parental/guardian agreement forms that will be held confidentially on file. Email program@pyoca.org for minor forms.

Lodging

All lodging is retreat-style, with bunk beds in each room. **Linens are not provided by Pyoca**, so be sure to bring your own with you. Indicate any roommate requests you may have as you fill out your online registration.

Tentative Schedule

Friday

- 6:30 - 7:30** Check-in/Move-in to cabins
- Snacks in Lodge
7:45 Welcome/Intros - *International Women's Day*
8:00 *Finding My #Sheroes* - **Beatrice Beverly**
9:30 Ice Cream Social

Saturday

- 8:00** Breakfast
9:00 Bible Study - *Finding Women's Voices*, **Molly DeWitt**
9:30 Small Groups
10:00 Large Group Reflection
10:30 Bible Study - *Finding My Choice*, **Molly DeWitt**
11:00 *#MeToo & Consent*, **Andrea Kamwendo**
12:00 Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 Workshops
3:15 *Shaping My Story* - Art as Spiritual Practice
4:30 Self Care Time
5:30 Dinner
6:30 Bible Study - *Lifting My Voice*, **Molly DeWitt**
7:00 Small Groups
7:30 Large Group Reflection
8:00 "Shake the Dust"
8:30 **#Shero Stories**
 - Susan Shambaugh
 - Beatrice Beverly**TBD** Women's Film Hour

Sunday

- 8:00** **Breakfast**
9:00 Bible Study - *Voices United*, **Molly DeWitt**
9:30 Closing Small Group
10:00 Worship - **Rev. Chelsea Benham** preaching/presiding
11:00 Depart