



WHAT IS COURAGE TO TEACH?

Courage to Teach® is a philosophy and program developed by Parker Palmer to support the personal and professional renewal of educators. The basic premise of this program is that good teaching cannot be reduced to instruction alone, but requires self-knowledge that comes from the identity and integrity of the teacher. The Courage to Teach program/seasonal retreat series will soon be available locally.

"The Courage to Teach retreat series are powerful reflective opportunities that have validated my passion about teaching ... I am so very grateful to have found them!" ~Teacher, 30 years

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RECONNECTING WHO YOU ARE WITH WHAT YOU DO

Courage TO Teach®

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009
Heartwood Conference Center & Retreat
Trego, Wisconsin

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RETREAT DESCRIPTION

This new one-day program provides an opportunity to sample the principles and practices of the Courage to Teach® program. Using large group, small group and solitary settings, participants will explore the connection to their vocation using stories, poetry and other wisdom traditions. This retreat will draw on the metaphor of the spring season (the promise of new possibilities that emerge in spring) to explore important vocation and life questions. The Sampler Day is designed for teachers, administrators, counselors, social workers and others interested in education.

COURAGE TO TEACH OBJECTIVES

- Renewing mind, body and spirit through exploration of the inner landscape of a teacher's life
- Reconnecting to one's identity and integrity: identifying and honoring gifts and strengths, and acknowledging limits
- Creating a context for careful listening and deep connection that also honors diversity in person and profession
- Helping educators create safe spaces and trusting relationships in their work environments, with their students and colleagues, and within their communities
- Exploring the connections between attending to the inner dimension of teachers and teaching and the renewal of education

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2009
Time: Registration 8:00 am
Retreat 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Location: Heartwood Conference Center & Retreat
Trego, Wisconsin
Fees: \$189 Early Bird (through April 9th)
\$209 (after April 9th)

Fee includes retreat materials, break and lunch.

UW-Stout credit is available for participation.

For more details and to register go to:
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*"... attending the mini Courage and Renewal retreat rocked ...
I felt rejuvenated, calm, and hopeful ..."* ~ Teacher, 16 years

ABOUT THE FACILITATORS

LAURIE HITTMAN, former Executive Director of Instructional Services, retired from Eau Claire Area School District in summer 2006, after being in education for over 30 years. During her career, Laurie has been a teacher, administrator, consultant and researcher.

BONNIE TRUDELL has been an educator for over 30 years, including 15 in teacher preparation and student teacher supervision. She is recently retired from the school health education program in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at UW-Madison.

Bonnie and Laurie are both part of the national network of retreat facilitators of the Center for Courage & Renewal where Parker Palmer is the Senior Advisor.