



## **Spiritual Discernment Retreat**

**Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center**

**Farmington, Minnesota**

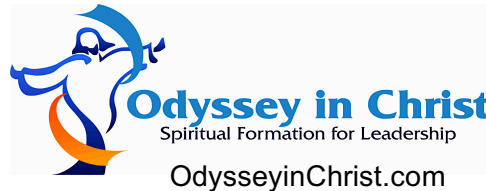
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Ruth Haley Barton, in *Pursuing God's Will Together*, suggests that if leaders are not seeking to pursue the will of God together in intentional ways, they may be simply doing what is best according to their own thinking and desires, or according to what is strategically expedient.

Practicing principles of discernment both personally and collectively can open groups to an entirely different reality—the wisdom of God that is beyond human wisdom and ingenuity. Group participants can learn to recognize and respond to the presence and the activity of God in the process of decision making.

### **What You Can Expect to Learn and Experience**

- *The Scriptural Basis for Personal & Group Discernment*
- *Guidance & Practice on the how to's of Decision Making*
- *Establishing a Life Rhythm that Leads to Spiritual Discernment*
- *How to Cultivate a Community for Spiritual Discernment*



“Discernment in its fullness takes a practiced heart,  
fine-tuned to hear the word of God  
and the single-mindedness to follow that word in love.  
It is truly a gift from God, but not one dropped from the skies fully formed.  
It is a gift cultivated by a prayerful life and the search for self-knowledge.”

Ernest Larkin

## Retreat Schedule

<b>Day One</b>	<b>Thursday Evening</b>	<b>Day Three</b>	<b>Saturday (Afternoon)</b>
5:30-7:00	Dinner & Introductions	12:00-12:30	Discernment Arenas
7:00-7:15	Praise & Worship	12:30-1:30	Lunch
7:15-7:45	Orientation	1:30-3:30	Break
7:45-8:15	The Sacrament of Presence	3:30-5:00	Group Discernment Practice
8:15-8:30	Break	5:00-6:00	Creative Expressions
8:30-9:15	Power of Silence & Solitude	6:00-7:00	Dinner
		Evening	Creative Expressions
<b>Day Two</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Day Four</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
8:00-9:00	Breakfast	8:00-8:45	Breakfast
9:00-9:30	Worship & Communion	8:45-10:00	Cultivating Personal & Group Discernment Practice
9:30-10:15	Intro to Spiritual Discernment		
10:15-10:30	Break		
10:30-11:15	Way of Life Discernment	10:00-11:00	Travel to Church
11:15-12:30	Discerning God & Self	11:00-12:30	Sermon Message “Emotionally Healthy Spirituality”
12:30-1:30	Lunch		Communion Service
1:30-2:30	Discernment Dynamics I		
2:30-3:30	Discernment Dynamics II		
3:30-3:45	Break		
3:45-5:00	Personal Decision Making		
5:00-6:00	Small Group Sharing		
6:00-7:00	Dinner	12:30-1:30	Lunch
Evening	Retreat Processing		
<b>Day Three</b>	<b>Saturday (Morning)</b>		
8:00-9:00	Breakfast		
9:00-9:15	Devotion & Worship		
9:15-10:30	Group Discernment Guidelines		
10:30-10:45	Break		
10:45-12:00	Discernment in Creation		

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