

**Rev. Laura L. Lupton**  
Mission Coordinator - Western Community

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February 13, 2017

Dear Pastors and CREs/QREs,

Come, You are invited, Come! Come for a rejuvenating retreat Sunday Evening, April 30 to Tuesday, May 2. Enjoy a little time away to listen for God's good word for you, Discover new connections with your neighbors in ministry. It is our prayer for you that this retreat will be **refreshing for your soul, inspiring for your ministry and renewing your strength for the journey.**

Retreat leader Derek Maul is coming to Agape Retreat Center to lead us in "**The Adventure of Discipleship**". During our time together we will not only get to know each other and pray together, we will let the Spirit speak to our hearts as we explore:

- Ministry is an Adventure!
- From Recruiting Church Members to Equipping Disciples of Jesus
- What Kind of Adventure is Your Story?
- Get Real (keeping the Adventure Moving Forward)
- Live Like You Mean it!



Before becoming a full-time writer, Derek taught public school in Florida for 18 years, including cutting-edge work with autistic children. He holds bachelor's degrees in psychology and education from Stetson University and the University of West Florida. Derek's books include: "**GET REAL: a spiritual journey for men,**" "**In My Heart I Carry A Star: stories for Advent**"; "**The Unmaking of a Part Time Christian**"; "**Reaching Toward Easter: devotions for Lent**" and "**10 Life-Charged Words; real faith for men**". He writes regular columns for news outlets, including the Christian Voice, AllProDad.com, The Tampa Tribune and FOCUS Magazine. His commentary and features have appeared in Newsweek, USA Today, The Christian Science Monitor, Presbyterians Today, and many others. Derek is married to Rebekah Maul, a Presbyterian Pastor in Wake Forest, North Carolina. See [www.derekmaul.com](http://www.derekmaul.com)

This continuing education retreat is only \$150 per person. Registration information is attached with a deadline of Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The Lutheran owned Camp Agape is located in the rural area outside Fuquay-Varina.

Joyfully,

*Laura*

Rev. Laura L. Lupton

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&

Rev. Tyler Williams

# West Community Pastors Retreat

April 30 to May 2, 2017

Camp Agape

1369 Tyler Dewar Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

(919) 552-9421

**Registration deadline: April 4, 2017**

*Come enjoy a time of learning, spiritual refreshment, rest, and fellowship!*

Arrival: 4:30-5:15 p.m. on Sunday

Departure: Noon on Tuesday

**Optional Preparation Devotional:** "Reaching Toward Easter: devotions for Lent" by Derek Maul

**Cost: \$150.00** (includes 2 nights, 5 meals) Bring your own Twin Sheets and Towels

Payable in full with registration (Form on reverse side.).

The cost of this retreat is reduced to this rate because of a \$1,000 grant of support from the West Community of Presbytery. This is an example of your Shared Mission support of Presbytery at work to encourage and support pastors.

**Directions** are online at [www.agapekurebeach.org/home/directions.html](http://www.agapekurebeach.org/home/directions.html) Please use their directions as we have been told that GPS, Mapquest and Google Maps are all misleading.

## **Payment:**

Make checks payable to Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and note West Pastors' Retreat in the memo line. *Send check and the completed registration form to Laura Lupton,*

*PO Box 66, Cameron, NC 28326 by Tuesday, April 4th.*

**Cancellation Policy:** If you need to cancel due to an emergency, we will do our best to refund your money but if the cancellation is within 5 days of the event, we will need to look at how much money we have committed to Camp Agape to determine your refund. In any case the most we would withhold is \$35. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Questions?**

Contact Tyler Williams, Organizer, at 919-353-0147 or [salemprespastor@gmail.com](mailto:salemprespastor@gmail.com)

Or Contact Laura Lupton, West Community Mission Coordinator,

[LauraLupton@presbycc.org](mailto:LauraLupton@presbycc.org) 910-818-9938 cell

*\*Make a copy of the registration form for your records.\**

*West Community Pastors' Retreat*  
**Registration Form**  
Deadline: Tuesday, April 4, 2016

**Please print clearly.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost per person is \$150.00**

Do you have dietary or mobility needs?

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide an emergency contact (someone not on the retreat):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send form and check with full payment**

**Payable** to Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

**Note** "West Pastors' Retreat" in the memo line.

**Mail to**

Laura Lupton  
PO Box 66  
Cameron, NC 28326

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For Presbytery use:

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. \_\_\_\_\_ Date rec'd. \_\_\_\_\_

## Pastors' Retreat Schedule

### "The Adventure of Discipleship" ~ Keynote Leader Derek Maul

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*Sunday April 30, 2017*

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**4:30 to 5:15 Check-in** at Camp Agape, 1369 Tyler Dewar Lane, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

5:30-6:15 Opening Gathering – Introductions – Entering the Spirit of the Retreat

**6:30 Dinner**

7:30 to 9:00 Session 1 with Derek Maul "Ministry is an Adventure!" (Introduction and background)

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*Monday May 1, 2017*

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**8AM Breakfast**

9AM Morning Prayers

9:30AM – 10:30 Session 2 "From Recruiting Church Members to Equipping Disciples of Jesus"

Break

10:45 – Session 3 "What Kind of Adventure is Your Story?"

**Noon Lunch**

Free Time with Options – Labyrinth, Journaling, Games, Reflection Stations, Walking Trails, etc.

3:00PM – Engaging the Lectionary – Group Discussion and Reflection around upcoming Lectionary passages. (There will be more than one group.)

**5:30 Dinner**

6:30 -- Session 4 "Get Real" (keeping the Adventure Moving Forward)

7:30 -- Evening Vespers

Social Hour & Refreshments

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*Tuesday, May 2 2017*

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**8AM Breakfast & Pack Your Bags**

9AM Morning Prayers & Meditation

9:30AM – 10:30 Session 5 "Live Like You Mean it!" (an Invitational Testimony)

Break

10:45 – Closing Worship with Communion

**11:30 Evaluation, Clean-Up and Departure**