

Coal, Courage and Christian Faith

An Environmental Retreat May 30 – June 1, 2014

Pine Mountain Settlement School, Pine Mountain, KY

Spend a weekend at an Appalachian education center sharing time with biologists, artists, clergy, local people and fellow retreat participants gathered together to witness, experience and reflect among 500 acres of old growth forest, coal mining sites and the Appalachian experience.

Engage the struggle and stories of coal, courage and faith. On this retreat we will listen with open hearts to the voice of the forest, faith and the people in this uniquely beautiful and troubled place at the headwaters of the Kentucky River.



Guiding this experience will be:



David Hurt as Lilly Cornett

The hospitality of Pine Mountain Settlement School, which for over 30 years has provided instruction in environmental education and traditional arts and culture to thousands of students and adults.

The Kentucky Humanities Council presentation of *Lilly Cornett: Voice for the Forest* by actor and musician David Hurt. (<http://www.neh.gov/events/lilley-cornett-voice-the-forest>)

A guided tour of Lilley Cornett Woods, one of the largest tracts of "old growth" forest in Kentucky. (<http://naturalareas.eku.edu/lilley-cornett-woods-appalachian-ecological-research-station>)

A guided visit to a local mountain top removal site.

Reflection, study and conversation led by the Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel, Episcopal Priest and Environmental Network Coordinator for Province IV of The Episcopal Church and Assisting Priest at The Church of the Ascension, Frankfort, KY.

Dinner and conversation with local residents of the area, who differ in their viewpoints on coal, community and the environment.

Participants will lodge at Pine Mountain Settlement School (<http://www.pinemountainsettlementschool.com>). The retreat will play a rhythm of engagement and reflection, as we live on location, hike the woods, receive hospitality, discuss our faith, take time for prayer, witness devastation and competing visions of the future.



Registration: Cost for the full retreat is \$125 (includes all room and board).

Scholarships are available. To register or for more information, please contact the Rev. Jerry Cappel at jjcappel@hotmail.com or call Church of the Ascension at (502) 223-0557. For a retreat schedule, visit: <http://www.kinshipearth.org/em4/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

