



2019 Women's Retreat Report

In His great goodness, God drew 60 Cascadia sisters to Yelm, WA the weekend of May, 17-19 to join together in heartfelt study, prayer and worship (and some serious appreciation of nature!) for the 5th annual Cascadia Women's Retreat. Representing 15 parishes from Oregon and Washington with ranging in age from 9 months to 8 plus decades, the women met once again at the beautiful 1,000-acre Cascades Camp and Conference Center in lovely new quarter, spacious Timberidge Lodge.

Teaching from the Book of Titus and addressing the drastically changing values in Western culture and shifts in Christendom, Australian-born retreat speaker Bron Short from St. John's, Vancouver B.C. profoundly and practically opened the eyes of retreat attendees to the necessity and blessing of holding fast to an eternal perspective in day-to-day life with historical cultural understanding, relevantly fulfill their call to "adorn the Gospel" at this post-Christian point in time.

Fellowship included enjoying excellent meals together, joyful worship in English and in Swahili as the women welcome their Kenyan sisters from All Saints Anglican Church in Federal Way, WA to the diocese, hiking and canoeing in perfect weather, and swapping testimonies by the campfire. Over \$600 in offerings was raised for CWU's general fund and mission projects in Myanmar and Kenya.

45 women attended the Cascadia Women's retreat last year. This year, answering to the earnest prayers of the retreat team, the Lord gave 65 total registrants with 60 in attendance as 5 were unable to come due to sickness and family matters during the retreat weekend. 12 of the 65 registrants received scholarship assistance from CWU general fund toward their retreat registrations.

For 2020, the retreat team is praying for at least 80 attendees. Next year retreat is scheduled from Friday, May 15 to Sunday, May 17 at Timberidge Lodge in Cascade Camp. Please spread the word and save the date!

Respectfully submitted

Cascadia Women's Retreat Team