



GRACE COMMUNION

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New Zealand - Living and Sharing the Gospel

1 November 2018

Dear Sisters in Christ

**New Zealand Women's Retreat
15 – 17 February 2019
"El Rancho" Waikanae Christian Holiday Camp**

It's hard to imagine that we got together nearly three years ago. How short and yet how long ago was that? That's life these days so all the more reason to get away from the hustle and bustle of our busyness and just immerse in a weekend of peace, tranquility, fun and laughter.

The theme for our retreat next February is "**Precious Pearls**" where we will uncover the value, identity and potential inside us, just like the pearls inside the oysters. Pearls are mentioned in the Bible and they are of such great value that in one of Jesus's parables, a merchant sold **all** that he owned to buy one.

We are privileged to have as our special guest speaker, Sandra Sellmer-Kersten. Sandra lives in Hawke's Bay with her Kiwi husband Peter. Sandra served on staff at Elijah House USA for nine years under John and Paula Sandford, moved to NZ in 2011 and now works closely with Elijah House NZ. She has travelled around the world ministering, teaching and training and now shares that experience with us in New Zealand. Sandra and Peter move in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and minister with gentleness and compassion. They share a passion for healing the broken-hearted, freeing people from their past traumas, pain, shame and sinful habit structures, helping people understand and fully embrace their true identity and destiny.

Our retreat is a time to unwind and be spiritually rejuvenated. We have made many wonderful memories and strengthened friendships over the years. Feel free to invite family and friends – it is a non-denominational retreat for women of all ages. We will pray and worship together, listen to inspiring speakers and participate in group discussions, have quiet times, enjoy meals together and yes, talk and share in the way women do!

Please pray for God's guidance in all aspects of the planning, for perfect weather, safe travels and for a special blessing on our time together. I look forward to seeing you there.

Love & blessings

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Retreat Co-ordinator

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NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019 GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue

El Rancho (www.elrancho.co.nz), is about an hour's drive from Wellington at 58 Weggery Road, Waikanae Beach. The camp is spread over 60 acres with the river on one side and a walking track to the beach and a swimming pool. We will be using Elm Fireside and Elm Lodge for the weekend which can take up to 60 people.

Transport

There are good bus and train services to Waikanae and flights from Auckland and Christchurch to Paraparaumu and Wellington. Shuttle buses can be arranged so please let us know your arrival and departure details and if possible liaise with others to arrive and depart at a similar time. There may be an extra cost.

Accommodation

All bedrooms have 2/3 single beds and a hand basin. You can have a room to yourself if you would like. Shower and toilet facilities are shared between two bedrooms. A fitted sheet and a pillow is supplied. Please bring your own top sheet, duvet or sleeping bag and pillowcase and towels & toiletries. These can be hired – bedding set \$12, towel set \$6.

Dress

Informal and relaxed. Our social on **Saturday night** is called "Pearls of the Pacific" so wear something with an Island theme to add to the atmosphere.

Cost

The cost for the weekend will be NZ\$170 per person. All meals from Friday night dinner to Sunday lunch are included. All details are on the registration form.

Other Queries

If you need extra registration forms or have any queries please contact Marilyn Wong: email davmar@slingshot.co.nz or text 0220 665 729

PROGRAMME

Friday 15 February	4.30 pm	Registration desk opens
	5.30 pm	Dinner
	7.30 pm	Worship, welcome and supper
Saturday 16 February	8.00 am	Breakfast
	9.30 am	Worship & Speaker
		Morning tea
	11.30 am	Speaker
	12.30 pm	Lunch
	1.30 pm	Group photograph
	2.00 pm	Worship & Speaker (interactive)
		Afternoon tea
	5.00 pm	Free time
	5.30 pm	Dinner
7.15 pm	"Pearls of the Pacific" evening and supper	
Sunday 17 February	8.00 am	Breakfast
	9.30 am	Worship & Speaker
		Morning tea
	11.00 am	Communion & closing session
	12.30 pm	Lunch
	3.00 pm	Depart El Rancho

**NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019
REGISTRATION FORM**

*(Please complete a separate registration form for **each** person attending)*

Name

Address

Phone(s)

Email

I would like to share a room with

I have special needs *(please specify, e.g. dietary, mobility, hearing)*

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- Full Weekend: NZ\$170 per person *(Friday dinner to Sunday lunch)*
 - Saturday only: NZ\$30 per person *(lunch only)*
NZ\$40 per person *(lunch and dinner)*
(For any other options please enquire regarding cost.)

- Towel set NZ\$6 Bed linen set NZ\$12

- I enclose a cheque for payable to "Wellington Ladies Club".
- I have deposited in BNZ A/c 02-0520-0087672-00.
- I am travelling from overseas and will pay when I arrive.

I am available to assist in the following areas

- Registration desk/administration/kitchen
- First Aid
- Opening/closing prayers/prayer team
- Worship team *(specify in what capacity)*
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- Other

I will be travelling by plane / bus

arriving at *(place)* on *(day)* at *(time)*

departing from *(place)* on *(day)* at *(time)*

*Please return your registration form **by 12 January 2019** to: GCI Women's Retreat, PO Box 9705, Marion Square, Wellington 6141 or email to davmar@slingshot.co.nz*