

August 30, 2017

Dear Bayou Friends/friends,

O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay! It is time to come together for the late summer session of Bayou Quarterly Friends Meeting! Actually, since we are meeting from the 22nd to the 24th, summer will officially have ended. Come! Celebrate THAT with us, too!

Chris Drexler is now our clerk. If you have items for business or an activity you want to facilitate, please send them to him (drex.ch@gmail.com) to be included on the agenda. We will be finalizing our work on the adult program for SCYM 2018 (much work has already been done by a fantastic committee of dedicated Friends in Houston) so that details can be shared in November at Representatives' Meeting. But don't let the "work" part of our weekend scare you into not joining us. We always have time for good food, fun, and fellowship during our time together.

We are continuing to meet at the Drexel Conference Center of the St. Charles Retreat Center, in Moss Bluff, Louisiana, just north of Lake Charles. Directions to the Center are included with this letter, so remember to put them in the car! The building we use includes a men's and a women's dormitory, each with a bathroom including showers, a large central meeting room, a great kitchen, a small meeting room and a meditation chapel. The driveway is covered at the front door so don't worry about getting wet if it is raining when you arrive.

The grounds of the retreat center are beautiful, with wooded paths and a boardwalk over the swamp that leads to the river's edge. Sam Houston Jones State Park is just a few miles down the road. The weather will, more than likely, still be warm to hot, but sometimes the nights are cool. We can hope!

If you've joined us before, you know that **Show and Tell** is always a fun time on Saturday night. Everyone is invited to share something personal with the rest of us. This can be silly or serious but please try to keep your contribution to about 5-8 minutes in length. It provides us a way of sharing more of ourselves with one another and has frequently been a highlight of the weekend. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this fun activity but no one has to.

If I receive your registration on or before September 12th, you will qualify for a \$5 fee discount per person! What a deal! Please remember that pre-registration is not required for this weekend event. If you find out at the last minute that you can join us, just pack your car and come on over!

What gifts will you bring to our Bayou Quarterly faith community?

Pam and Chris

Bayou Quarterly Meeting - Moss Bluff, Louisiana – Fall 2017 September 22, 23 & 24

***** IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS *****

The telephone number at the Drexel Center is (337) 855-1232. Listen to the taped message and press #21 for Drexel Center. Leave this number with your emergency contact person.

Pam Daigle Arnold, treasurer, (225)665-3560, timefactory2@yahoo.com

The meal assignments are:

- Friday evening:** brown bag on your own
- Saturday breakfast:** New Orleans
- Saturday lunch:** Houston
- Saturday evening:** **POT LUCK SUPPER (EVERYONE...)**
- Sunday breakfast:** Baton Rouge
- Sunday lunch:** clean out the fridge!

There are grocery stores just down the road from the center.

WHAT TO BRING:

- This sheet with phone numbers and directions on it
- Bed and bath linens, pillow, and toiletries
- **Mosquito repellent**
- Flashlight with good batteries
- Sweatshirt or jacket for night walks
- Musical instruments, puzzles, craft projects to share
- **Something for SHOW & TELL on Saturday evening**
- Your camera and any photos you've taken in the past
- **A favorite dish to add to our Saturday evening pot luck meal**
- Special food items you need, or are assigned to bring
- A favorite distinctive mug so we don't use so much plastic!
- *Don't forget to leave the Drexel Center's phone number with someone

Directions to St. Charles Center for Bayou Quarterly – it's really easy!

From either direction (heading east from Houston/Galveston or west from BR/NO) travel I-10 to Lake Charles.

Turn north on Hwy 171 toward DeRidder...but stop in Moss Bluff. At the red light at Highway 378, turn LEFT toward Sam Houston Jones State Park.

Travel 2.5 miles. The retreat center is on the left. There is a lighted sign but also woods so keep an eye out. On the right side of the road is a green highway department sign which reads "Catholic Retreat Center."

Turn onto the retreat grounds. It is a paved driveway which curves through woods. Our facility is on the left, ¼ mile from the highway. Drexel Center.

!!! Print out and fill in this form - ASAP !!!
Registration for Bayou Quarterly – Fall 2017
September 22, 23 & 24

The daily fee is for any part of a given day. Per person, the highest number of total days possible is three (3). The daily cost varies as shown below, with \$70 being the most one would pay for the whole weekend. Fees for children through high school are waived. **If you need assistance or a scholarship, please discuss your situation with the Treasurer.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Monthly Meeting</u>	<u>Days Attending</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Fees: Friday = \$15 Saturday = \$35 Sunday = \$20

Total number of people _____ x Daily fee total _____ = \$ _____

Donations for scholarship fund (students, etc.) \$ _____ (included in your payment)

In case of an emergency over the weekend, we may need to contact someone back home. The name & phone of that person would be:

*****Name:** _____ **phone number:** _____

NOTE: \$5 will be deducted from each person's fees if you call or email your reservation to Pam Arnold before September 12, 2017. Fees can be collected with your completed registration form AT THE WEEKEND EVENT, but try to let Pam know you are planning to join us.

IMPORTANT: Please call/email Pam if you are coming so we can have a head count for meal preparations. (225)665-3560 (timefactory2@yahoo.com)

See you soon!