

*Transformation
begins*



In this special place of red canyons, majestic mesas and amazing skies, Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu has been host to a number of courses, meetings, conferences, and special workshops for various groups from around the world.

If you are unable to join one of our many courses, come for a day visit, or choose to stay for a multi-day retreat.

For groups we can provide meeting rooms, as well as overnight lodging and meals.

Our ropes challenge and waterfront courses can help promote team building and interactive fun.

The Ghost Ranch Bodywork Program can help participants renew body and mind.

Ghost Ranch stands proud as an ecumenical and interfaith education and retreat center of the Presbyterian Church (USA). For more than half a century people have come for spiritual development, to discuss issues of peace and justice, to work together in creation care, to paint and write, to hike and ride horseback, to research globally renowned archeological and fossil quarries, or simply to reset and renew their spirits.

Ghost Ranch *Abiquiu*

Ghost Ranch was given by Arthur and Phoebe Pack to the Presbyterian Church in 1955. The 21,000 acres that comprise Ghost Ranch were part of a land grant to Pedro Martin Serrano from the King of Spain in 1766. The grant was called Piedra Lumbre (shining rock).

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This Planet as Paradise: Beauty & Ecological Restoration

4th in a Series of
Earth-Honoring Faith

June 20-26, 2011
Ghost Ranch Abiquiu

Instructors:

**Rita Naskashima Brock,
Marty Haugen, Janet Parker,
Larry Rasmussen, Barbara
Rossing and Daniel Spencer**

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This Planet as Paradise

"Beauty and grace are performed whether or not we . . . sense them. The least we can do is try to be there." (Annie Dillard). In the churches' first millennium, beauty in creation was doubly focused: (1) understanding God's vivid presence in nature and the human world, and (2) learning to use the Spirit's power to help life flourish in peace.

We will explore the theology of this planet as paradise and create rituals and spiritual practices to cultivate love of beauty and a right relationship with creation. This will include a study of paradise texts, including the New Jerusalem Bible's version of Rev. 21-22; Native American cosmologies of beauty, with a day at a Pueblo Feast Day; attention to the land and deep human ties to landscapes; the ethics and aesthetics of redemption/restoration, and worship as the matrix for perceiving and proclaiming the beauty of restored creation.



The week will include exploration of Ghost Ranch, and field trips to Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo and the Monastery of Christ in the Desert to learn their understanding of and practice of beauty and the spirit. The anchor book of the week will be "Saving Paradise," by Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Parker, a Publisher's Weekly selection for best books of 2008.

Instructors

Rita Naskashima Brock, Oakland, CA
Rita is founding co-director of Faith Voices for the Common Good, a widely sought lecturer and prize-winning author. With Rebecca Parker, she is co-author of "Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire," a Publisher's Weekly selection for best books of 2008.

Marty Haugen, Eagan, MN

Marty is the well-known composer of over 400 liturgical compositions. For 25 years, he has led workshops and consultations on liturgical ministry and given presentations and concerts across the U.S. and abroad.

Janet Parker, Arlington, VA

Janet is Pastor for Parish Life at Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ in Arlington, Va. Her work in Christian Ethics includes Indigenous worldviews and struggles for sustainability, sovereignty and land. Currently she provides leadership for people of faith fighting mountaintop removal mining and climate change.

Larry Rasmussen, Santa Fe, NM

Larry is Reinhold Niebuhr Professor Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary. He is the creator and organizer of Ghost Ranch's decade project on Earth-honoring Faith and author of the award-winning volume "Earth Community, Earth Ethics."

Barbara Rossing, Chicago, IL

Barbara is professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, where she also directs the environmental ministry emphasis. A widely sought lecturer, her current work focuses on the book of Revelation. She is the author of "The Rapture Exposed."

Daniel Spencer, Missoula, MT

Dan is associate professor of Environmental Studies at the University of Montana. He integrates his natural sciences background with religion, ecology and environmental ethics. He is currently writing a book, "Ecological Location: Reintegrating the Social and Ecological into an Ethics of Place."

Save the Date

June 18-24, 2012

Food, Food, Glorious Food: the Eucharist & Your Foodshed

Catalog of Courses

Ghost Ranch is dedicated to providing opportunities for learning and sees education as a means for individual and social transformation. We believe in education that engages both head and heart. Our programs combine discussion and hands-on experiences to help participants expand their sense of self and the world.

We work to introduce issues of local, regional and global significance into our programs in the hopes of exposing participants to new cultural, historical and spiritual ideas. We draw from the resources of northern New Mexico to make learning at Ghost Ranch a truly unique experience. Our faculty come from many disciplines and from throughout the country and the world to offer education intentionally grounded in the context of northern New Mexico.



Registration

For registration, housing, facility and meal information and to see other courses being offered visit

www.ghost ranch.org