

The Writing Academy is pleased to announce . . .

## Writer's Weekend 2011

at the Mt. Olivet Retreat Center in Minneapolis

Did you ever think that maybe it's time to stop talking about writing and start *writing*? This is the time. This is the place.

**The Writing Academy** invites you to join us for a weekend writing retreat.

**The time:** Thurs. Jul 28th through Mon. Aug. 1st.

**The place:** the scenic Mt. Olivet Retreat Center, south of Minneapolis.

**The purpose:** To work on your writing project in a safe and nurturing environment. Professional writing mentors will be available to offer guidance and encouragement.

Come with your pens and paper, your laptop and your journals. You may write in solitude or participate in group activities as you wish. Bring your non-writing spouse. Your spouse can do the activities while you write.

**Our theme:** "Waiting on the Word"

### Special features:

- Morning worship / Movie Night / Bonfire / Contest
- Critique and encouragement groups
- Coffee House: open mic readings for work-in-progress
- Worship with Rev. Stephen Eyre



**Rev. Stephen D. Eyre** leads our morning worship and conducts a Bible study.



**Fran & Jerry Elsea** lead a workshop called "You Can't Judge a Book by Its Movie."



**Nancy Esther James** serves as a mentor for those working on memoir, poetry, or journaling.



**Judyann Grant** serves as mentor for those writing devotions, children's literature, or inspirational columns..



**Michele Huey** is available to mentor those writing fiction or seeking advice about marketing issues.

**ASPIRING AND SEASONED WRITERS WELCOME!**

For more information and registration form, visit [www.wams.org](http://www.wams.org)

### Options for the Weekend:

- A planned writing retreat (You make a plan and come to meeting Olivet to work on your project.)
- An unplanned writing retreat (Come with your journal and see what happens.)
- A personal spiritual retreat
- A group conference (participating in all the activities)
- A vacation



Marsh bridge at Mt. Olivet  
Photo by Bill Menter

What do you want to write? A memoir? A novel? A collection of sermons or devotions? Whatever your project, come and write in a beautiful, relaxed setting. Professional writing mentors will be on hand to offer guidance, if you desire. In the Writing Academy, you will find a supportive community of writers who share the adventure of discovery and the pursuit of excellence in the writing craft.



For more information about the Writer's Weekend, including a schedule and registration form, visit our web site:

[www.wams.org](http://www.wams.org)

### Theme: Waiting on the Word

I'll wait to see what God says...  
And then God answered: "Write this.  
Write what you see.  
Write it out in big block letters  
so that it can be read on the run."  
--Hab. 2:1--3 The Message



Just as we wait on the Holy Spirit for inspiration for our writing, so readers are waiting for the words we will write--word of comfort, encouragement, healing, and strength.

### Prices for the weekend:

Double room: \$400.00  
Single room: \$440.00  
(Includes 3 meals per day)  
Daily commuter: \$50 per day  
(includes lunch and dinner)