

Mountain Standard Regional Retreat 2024

Come for a time of refreshing, rest and fun! Connect with other pastors and chaplains from CBWC Mountain Standard Region.

When: February 5-7, 2024

Where: Gull Lake Centre, 22-28116 Township Road 411, Lacombe County, AB

Theme: A Shared Mercy: Forgiveness and the Church

Cost:

Pre-Retreat Workshop: \$25 includes lunch

Main Retreat: \$250 includes accommodations and meals

Partial Retreat: Contact MSR office

*Please register even if you are only dropping in for a session or 2

*If cost is prohibitive, contact the MSR Office for assistance at msregion@cbwc.ca

Activities: Sessions, Communion, Worship, Fellowship, Skating, Floor Hockey, Nature Walks, Games, Prayer, Reflection, Rest, Good Food

Questions? Contact Sherisse at msregion@cbwc.ca

Pre-Retreat Workshop



John Kok is the Senior Financial Advisor and President of Navigator Financial Services Inc. He will be discussing “How Not To Blow Up Financially” and providing Christian based financial education.

Do you ever wonder why one of the richest countries in the world, and given great opportunities to succeed, so very few people do? Are the times different now or do the same opportunities exist? How does being a financial success and being a Christian fit together – or does it?

This session is designed to introduce the top 10 Reasons why people fail financially, and the solutions to turn this situation around. This Christian- based educational and entertaining presentation is sure to be insightful!

Main Retreat

Worship Leader



Melanie Litschel is the Worship & Creative Arts' Pastor at Trinity Baptist Church in Sherwood Park. She has a strong passion for worship and is working on her Masters in Worship Studies.

Session Speaker



Jon Coutts was a pastor in the Christian & Missionary Alliance before completing a PhD in Aberdeen and went on to teach systematic and pastoral theology at Ambrose University. His publications include the SCM Studyguide on Church Leadership and an IVP book from which these talks are drawn. Jon is married with four sons and is an avid fan of film, football, and hockey (specifically the Liverpool FC and the Vancouver Canucks).

Retreat Theme: "A Shared Mercy: Forgiveness and the Church"

As an extended reflection on Matthew 18, these talks will explore how Jesus' gift of forgiveness impacts our pastoral well-being, our approach to interpersonal relationships, and our vision of the church.

Session 1: Mercy vs. Greatness: Why Jesus loves unfamous pastors (Mt 18:1-14)

Session 2: Forgiveness and Reconciliation: How God is with us in the Mess (Mt 18:15-20)

Session 3: 77x99: The math of the merciful communion (Mt 18:21-35)