

# NNESRE

Geneva Point Center – 108 Geneva Point Road, Moultonboro, NH 03254, (603) 253-4366

**Our 2010 Theme: “Everything Old is New Again”**

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**94th Annual Session**

**[www.campwinni.org](http://www.campwinni.org)**

**July 31 to August 7, 2010**

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The Northern New England School of Religious Education (NNESRE) was founded at Dartmouth College 94 years ago. Since then it has sponsored a summer conference each year, previously at the University of New Hampshire and more recently at Geneva Point Center.

We are an interfaith, interracial, family-oriented, open and welcoming community that shares a weeklong experience of living and learning. Each year we explore a new camp theme that is woven into our various educational courses, activities, worship, and music. The camp philosophy directs us to bring newly acquired insight and knowledge back to our homes, places of worship and communities in a collective effort to make our world a better place to live.

Geneva Point Center is located on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee in central New Hampshire and features 195 acres of beautiful beaches, woodland trails and recreational facilities. Our conference holds morning classes for youth of all ages as well as morning adult seminars each lasting about one hour. Afternoons are open for rest, relaxation and recreational pursuits. The waterfront offers swimming, paddle-boats, canoes and kayaks. Following dinner and vespers there are evening programs designed to provide fun for all ages and include folk dancing, storytelling, the “Hoot” talent show, a Coffee House, campfire singing, a drum ring, and much, much more.

Bring your family and join us this year to experience “Winni,” a loving and supportive community and tradition. More at [www.campwinni.org](http://www.campwinni.org).

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## ***Adult Education Classes – listed alphabetically by instructor*** **Three periods of 55 minute classes beginning at 8:50am each day, Sunday thru Friday**

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### **“Transformational Change: Moving From Survival to Achievement.” - *Hamish Blackman***

To live is to experience change. Simply to endure change can be an achievement. Yet, there are ways to do more than survive or simply bounce back from difficult situations. There are ways to break through to new levels of personal and interpersonal growth and effectiveness. This program focuses on how each individual experiences, confronts, and masters the changes they encounter. We will explore the universal traits of survivorship; the transformative nature of self-awareness, responsibility, and commitment; the importance of resilience; and the necessity for action.

- Hamish is President of The Wellness Corporation, an employee assistance program whose mission is to empower people to make positive change and “build a better world one organization at a time.”

### **“A Chance to be Heard” - *Robert Campbell***

Should we become part of Geneva Point Center? Should we become a year-round organization with multiple retreats? Should we become a resource for other non-profit organizations? - We face some interesting choices in the next decade. Help the Business Committee and the Board of Trustees steer NNESRE in the right direction. We will discuss our options and determine the pros and cons of each. We will then ask the camp population to vote on the future of NNESRE. Our findings will go a long way toward helping the Board of Trustees decide what steps to take on our behalf. This class will only be offered in one period so don't pass up this “Chance to be Heard.”

- Robert is the founder and CEO of Paradigm Fox LLC, a Connecticut management and marketing consulting firm.

### **“Qi Gong” - *Jim Eskra***

Qi Gong is a Chinese mind/body exercise that balances the body's energy, or Qi. The movements are flowing and gentle, inducing the body's Qi to also be flowing. Chinese medicine teaches that flowing Qi is necessary for optimal health, flexibility, mental well-being, concentration, a stronger immune system, increased consciousness of breathing and body coordination, vitality and longevity. Participants of all fitness levels will relax, stretch and strengthen their whole body while learning and performing a series of standing exercises. Jim Eskra has had a long time interest in mind/body exercise.

- Jim has studied yoga for 36 years and Qi Gong and Tai Chi for 10 years. He is currently taking Qi Gong courses from Jon Sidoli who has taught Tai Chi at NNESRE.

### **“The Gospel According to Whom?” - *Gretchen Grimshaw***

This class is an expansive exploration of the many presentations and perspectives of the core Gospel message by which Christians are called to live. We will first spend time articulating our own understandings of “the gospel” presented in the New Testament canon. We will explore the similarities and differences in and between the stories and theologies of each of the four canonical Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John with special attention to the varying identities and missions of Jesus. We'll also cover the non-canonical Gospel of Thomas, with peripheral attention paid to a variety of other early Christian Gospel texts, such as the Gospel of Mary and the Gospel of Judas.

- Gretchen is the Priest-in-Charge at the Episcopal Parish of St. Paul in Newton Highlands, MA.

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## **Adult Education Classes, cont. — listed alphabetically by instructor**

### **Three periods of 55 minute classes beginning at 8:50am each day, Sunday thru Friday**

#### **“Sing It! Move It! Create It!” - Joanne Hammil**

Singing together can fill our hearts and spirits as well as our ears! It allows us to create something amazing that we simply can't do as individuals, and can be both deeply moving and incredibly fun! A song smorgasbord, from doo wop to world music, gorgeous to whacky, we'll sing all kinds of songs, mostly in parts, including rounds, folk songs, jazz, movement and body rhythm pieces, musical games, songs for off-the-wall fun and for quiet strength. No experience is necessary. If you like to sing, join us! This class has all different material from my 2007 class. Handouts will be given of all songs and activities.

- Joanne is a nationally renowned music educator, composer, performer and community choral director. Her original songs and rounds have been widely recorded and published.

#### **“Acting and Improvisation” - Heather Hawkins-Weinland**

Through improvisation games, acting exercises, movement and voice work we will explore taking risks, getting our creative juices flowing, laughing at ourselves, and being in the moment. We'll work on scenes, songs, stories, and poems based on the Winni week theme, “Everything Old is New Again.” I encourage students to bring material that excites them as well as any scenes, songs, or monologues that you would like to work on. We will explore the questions: How do we create theatre that explores the beauty and questions of life while providing hope to our search for meaning? And, how do we as creative performing artists express our faith traditions?

- Heather is a professional actress and educator of theatrical arts in Seattle where she also directs musicals and choirs.

#### **“They Wrestled With God” - Ron Kittel**

God is not an object to be studied but rather a reality to be experienced; not a substance to be proved or disproved, but a presence with which we have to wrestle and with which we must come to terms. In this class we will study the Biblical accounts of some who actually experienced God in this way. We will analyze the stories of such figures as Jacob, Moses, Jonah, Job, and others, in an attempt to discover how and why their depth of encounter with God resonates with what we experience in our time -- individually and nationally -- and what is the continuing pattern (or archetype) for this kind of encounter with God.

- Ron holds a Doctorate of Theology in New Testament studies and was an interim minister for the UCC in Connecticut. He also teaches and lectures, and he operates a sheep farm with his wife in the NY Catskill Mountains.

#### **“Black in America” - Debra Sargent**

We must not let our cultural biases get in the way of understanding the lives of other people - a difficult task given the emotionally charged feelings and beliefs that most people have concerning race and ethnicity. We'll discuss historical and social interpretations of cultural diversity, consequences of social inequality, prejudice, and discrimination, and political and economic dynamics. Attention is focused on the recognition and appreciation of multiculturalism, particularly the nurturance of sensitivity and tolerance toward individual differences. We'll learn to follow a cultural relativity approach to objectively analyze the phenomena of race and ethnicity and worldwide patterns of discrimination.

- Debra is a student advocate and advisor at the Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication in New London, CT.

#### **“Comparative Christianity” - Rev. Dr. Rochelle Stackhouse**

Although we are all Christians, we often know little about traditions outside of those in which we participate. Most mainline Protestants have only a glancing knowledge of Roman Catholicism or the Orthodox as well as Pentecostal Christianity. This course will help us to do two things. First, we will explore how we can interpret our own traditions to those who are from other Christian or non-Christian traditions. Second, we will look at basic theology and practice of Christian traditions common in the American context: a sampling of mainline traditions, Roman Catholicism, Orthodoxy and the larger Pentecostal and Anabaptist groups.

- Shelly was ordained in 1982. She is the Pastor of Church of the Redeemer UCC in New Haven, CT.

#### **“Changing the World: An Exploration of a Few Social Movements” - Lou Weeks**

We will study parts of the Civil Rights movement, the movement to end apartheid in South Africa, the American labor movement, the gay rights movement, and as a counter example the Nazi movement in Germany. Some of the questions we will tackle are: How does a movement differ from a revolution, a political party, a religion, a mob? How are movements structured? What are the conditions that give rise to movements? What is the role of leadership in a movement? I have been involved in some of these movements and have been captivated by the transformational change that movement participants experience.

- Lou is the Organizing Director for Unite-Here Local 1, the union of hospitality workers in Chicago, Illinois. He has been an organizer for 26 years.



# Winni Education School 2010



The Winni Ed School is an engaging morning program for infant through teens held each morning from Sunday-Friday during Winni week. Teachers plan a fun-filled week of learning and fellowship for our young campers while the adults are attending their own classes.

Our day begins with Dean Tom Weston leading community singing at 8:45 a.m. at the Outdoor Chapel for all of the Ed School. Campers then proceed to their classes which are divided according to grade, age and class size. Classes are facilitated by a lead and assistant teacher who plan group building games and activities, art and music. Healthy snacks are provided in the classroom. After second period, school-age campers are escorted to the water front for an hour of beach fun and swimming. High School teachers will determine their group schedule as we get closer to our time together.

Look for an Ed School Registration email in late spring. If you are interested in teaching in the Ed School then please share that with us via the Interest Survey that will be sent to all Winni members in early April. We look forward to another fun and exciting week together!

Joann Milford, Ed School Coordinator  
Leslie Ganley, Assistant Ed School Coordinator

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## Business Committee

The fee structure and registration system have changed for 2010. Starting this year, GPC is requiring us to pay lodging fees based on a complete occupancy theory. The result is that the more filled beds you have then the lower your costs per person. For example, if you choose to stay at Lakeview Lodge then your fee for the week is \$840, regardless of whether you are a single or you fill it up with five happy campers. Singles staying at the Inn will see the largest increase, but if they are willing to have a roommate then they will see no increase in their costs. Overall, families managing to fill their lodging to capacity will see a decline in their total fees and those with more empty beds will see an increase.

Also, GPC previously imbedded the cost of meeting space into our lodging fees. However, they realized that following this fee structure resulted in them charging the fee to campers who do not use meeting space. Therefore, they now wish to have that fee broken out and accounted for separate from lodging. The result is that in addition to covering faculty/staff subsidies and program expenses, registration fees will now also cover the costs for meeting space. Therefore, our registration fees have increased to \$130 (\$105 in 2009) for those over age 21 and \$120 (\$100 in 2009) for those under age 21.

Finally, the cost of meals was also previously imbedded in our lodging fees and is now charged separately.

**Scholarship assistance** is available. These funds are designed to offset some of the costs for those who may otherwise choose not to attend Winni. All scholarship requests should be directed to the Business Manager and will be reviewed and authorized by the Business Committee.

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## NNESRE STAFF

Thomas Weston Jr., Dean  
Rev. Robert Fellows, Chaplain  
Ron Offutt, Business Manager  
Cynthia Wilcox, Program Coordinator

Joann Milford, Ed School Coordinator & Joe Morrissey, Assistant Coordinator  
Sue & Mike Nisson, Evening Coordinators  
Diane Stevens & Bill Milford, Geneva GEMS Co-Editors

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## Registration (can also be downloaded from [www.campwinni.org/about.html](http://www.campwinni.org/about.html))

**Registrations received before May 1** will be evaluated for accommodations as follows: those with disabilities/special needs receive first preference, faculty/staff are next, and all others are evaluated using factors such as seniority or other special needs determined appropriate by the Business Committee. Registrations received after May 1 will be assigned by date received. Please e-mail the Business Manager if you desire a more detailed description of lodging areas.

Pillows, blankets and **linens** are automatic for the following rooms: Lakeview Lodge/Cabins, Gibbes, Cottage F, Cabin Z, Chapel Line and 1st and 2nd Floors of the Inn. Others may rent linens for \$10.00 per set (includes two bed sheets, one pillowcase, two bath towels, and one wash cloth – towels are renewed mid-week). This fee will be added to your June final invoice after lodging assignments have been finalized. Please contact GPC directly to rent **motorized carts**.

**Instructions:** Please fill in the outlined areas below. Begin with your **identifying and contact information**. Next, add your children's names, age on July 31<sup>st</sup>, and grade this fall. Then write in your **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice for lodging**. Next, **complete the registration box**, lower right below. Calculate your registration fees based on age. Include applicable discounts and total your registration. Lastly, **sign the form** and mail this page, **and your check**, to the business manager at the address provided. Please direct questions to Ron Offutt via his e-mail address below. Also, if you know of someone who does not use e-mail but would like to get a brochure then please clue me in.

And in 'Winni Spirit' **share this brochure** with friends and family. All the best to everyone, and I'll be back in June with your final invoice and lodging location. ~Ron

### 2010 "WINNI" REGISTRATION FORM

**First time at NNESRE?** Please check here so that we may send you an introductory package \_\_\_\_\_

Those under 18 and not attending with a parent require an adult sponsor enrolled at NNESRE. Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name, Age July 31, Grade this fall**

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Please make check payable to "NNESRE."

**Please mail this completed and signed registration and your check to:**

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120 Ridgewood Avenue  
North Haven, CT 06473  
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**Accommodations (add comments on back if necessary):**

1<sup>st</sup> Preference:

2<sup>nd</sup> Preference

2010 Lodging		Rates	Sleeps (rooms)	2010 Weekly Meal Rates	
Lakeview Lodge	full bath	<b>840</b>	5 (10)	Adult age 16+	<b>201</b>
Pasture Line Cabins	½ bath	<b>840</b>	10 (3)	Youth age 13 to 16	<b>181</b>
Gibbes House	full bath	<b>770</b>	2 (1), 4 (9)	Child age 3 to 13	<b>127</b>
Lakeview Cabins	full bath	<b>770</b>	2 (4), 3 (4)	Infant to age 3	<b>0</b>
Cottage F	full bath	<b>700</b>	3 (3)		
Cabin Z	full bath	<b>700</b>	2 (1)		
Chapel Line Cabins	full bath	<b>630</b>	4 (8)		
College Row Cabins	½ bath	<b>630</b>	6 (6)		
Cottage E	full bath	<b>560</b>	4 (3)		
Dock Road Cabins	½ bath	<b>560</b>	7 (10)		
Malden 2nd floor	full bath	<b>560</b>	8 (1)		
Peat and Repeat Cabins	½ bath	<b>560</b>	7 (2)		
State Line Cabins	½ bath	<b>560</b>	8 (4)		
Inn 1 <sup>st</sup>	½ bath	<b>455</b>	1 (1)		
Inn 2 <sup>nd</sup>	½ bath	<b>455</b>	2 (6)		
Inn 2 <sup>nd</sup>	shared full bath	<b>420</b>	2 (12)		
Inn 3rd floor	shared full bath	<b>280</b>	2 (17)		
Tent		<b>175</b>	4 / site		

#### Registration Box

Age 21+ @ \$130.00: # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Age 3-21 @ \$120.00: # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-May 1<sup>st</sup> Discount \$5 each # \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

Senior Citizen 65+ \$5 each # \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

Total registration = \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_