

## The Invitation

Dear Friend of Aldersgate Retreat,

This is your invitation to “change lives” through service on the *Aldersgate Retreat Site Committee*.

The principal duties of the *Site Committee* are 1) to promote the retreat and 2) to implement the comprehensive master site plan. This includes the development of financial resources to grow program, maintain the retreat, and expand the ministry through the implementation of the master site plan.

The *Site Committee* is made up of two task forces. The “Publicity” Task Force focuses on the promotion of the retreat and the cultivation of leadership. The “Development” Task Force identifies and develops the financial and human resources needed to expand the program, maintain the retreat and implement the comprehensive master site plan.

The *Site Committee* is accountable to the *Board of Camping, Outdoor, and Retreat Ministries* and meets bi monthly. Individual task forces and specialized sub groups may meet between meetings to complete their respective tasks

The *Site Committee* has the formidable challenge of renovating Aldersgate Retreat to better meet the needs of your congregation and the community you serve. We need “connection with” and “support from” your congregation. Please pray about this opportunity to serve Christ’s church.

## Aldersgate Retreat Site Committee

### “Publicity” Task Force

*Promote the retreat, programs offered at the retreat, and identify leadership*

- Recruit and train “Local Church” Camp & Retreat Advocates
- Produce publicity and promotion of the retreat
- Recruit participants for appropriate District and Conference sponsored camp/retreat events held at Aldersgate Retreat
- Identify leadership for District & Conference Camps, Site Committee, and Board of Camping, Outdoor, and Retreat Ministries
- Coordinate site events



### “Development” Task Force

*Identify financial and human resources for the maintenance and development of the retreat*

- Implement the BCORM approved Comprehensive Master Site Plan
- Cultivate unrestricted gifts (annual fund) for the retreat and the general camp and retreat ministry
- Raise capital funds for the implementation of the BCORM approved Comprehensive Master Site Plan
- Cultivate gifts for endowment funds associated with the retreat and the general camping and retreat ministry
- Identify and prioritize capital projects and major maintenance needs of the retreat
- Coordinate volunteer maintenance projects



## Aldersgate Retreat

# Site Committee



*Working to establish and nurture a vital relationship between local congregations, friends, and Aldersgate Retreat*

**Church Camp  
Changes Lives**

June 17, 2005



## Gifts, Skills, and Linkages Needed For an Effective Site Committee

### Publicity Task Force

- “Local Church” Camp & Retreat Advocates
- Persons with experience or interest in publicity, journalism, photography, video, newsletters and web site development
- Persons with interest in events (i.e. barbecues, open houses, etc.)

### Development Task Force

- Members of *Church Finance Committee* and/or *Board of Trustees*
- Experience in non-profit fund development
- Grant researchers and writers
- Persons with experience in construction and landscaping
- Carpenters, plumbers, painters, etc.

## Getting Started

Your journey begins with a phone call or an email to Bill Damerell, Aldersgate Retreat Site Manager. You can reach Bill at:

(805) 489-4139

or

Aldersgate@cal-pac.org



## The Mission of United Methodist Camp & Retreat Ministries

United Methodist camp and retreat ministries create environments of intentional Christian hospitality and learning within natural settings designed specifically to help persons and groups:

- Affirm and expand their faith in God.
- Learn and practice Christian discipleship.
- Grow in wisdom and in healthy self-esteem.
- Establish relationships and lifestyles of loving interdependence with one another and all creation.
- Develop as skilled spiritual leaders who move out to inspire faith communities and society at large to “seek God and to do justice.”
- Find renewal, encouragement, and support as leaders and participants from a host of religiously affiliated and non-profit organizations, so that they might more effectively fulfill their purposes of bettering the world and transforming countless lives.