

Winter Light: Returning Home to a Place of Deep Belonging

January 19 - 21, 2018 at the Wellspring
Conference Center at Dayspring,
Germantown, MD

*You have traveled too fast over false ground;
Now your soul has come to take you back.*

--John O'Donohue

*When the common world makes less and less sense,
myth makes more and more sense.*

-- Michael Meade

Winter invites us to notice the low angle of the sun casting long shadows, to feel the prick of cold, to make careful footsteps over the frosty ground. We wander slowly among the frozen grasses and the trees, listening for winter's strange wild songs, for the story the land is telling, for the dream it carries. We wonder that we have fallen out of an ancient love affair with Earth herself. We know the time for return and repair has come.

Winter also invites us to gather around the warm glow of the hearth fire, immerse ourselves in the old stories, the ancient myths that help us shed our illusions of separation and awaken us to the deeper belonging that has always been there.

On this retreat, through time in nature, gathered times of ceremony, and soulful conversation, we will immerse ourselves in the world of myth and deep imagination looking for wisdom that can shift cultural consciousness in this time of turmoil and transformation.

This program is for people of all faiths and for those who might call themselves spiritual but not religious.

Retreat Leaders: Julie Gabrielli, Jim Hall, and Cheryl Hellner, share a fascination with the power of story to heal, reconnect, and create our world. We bring years of dedicated study and leadership in the areas of spirituality and nature, the arts, and sustainable living.

Wellspring Conference Center is set in the beauty of Dayspring – 200+ acres of woodlands, meadows, ponds and stream valleys, with permaculture community garden and Silent Retreat Center, less than 20 miles from Washington, DC. The retreat begins with supper at 6 pm on Friday and concludes with lunch on Sunday.

Fee, including lodging, meals and program, is \$260 (single room), \$240 (double room). To reserve your place register with a \$125 deposit on the Wellspring website -- wellspringconference.org/events/8

*** There is a 10% discount for those who register by December 1 ***

