

Presbytery of West Virginia's
2022 Educator, Clergy, CP, ALP Retreat (spouses welcome)

“Father Abraham’s Many Children”

with

Tyler Mayfield

at

St. John XIII Pastoral Center, Charleston

Monday, February 28-Tuesday, March 1, 2022



Focus: This retreat will explore religious difference by seeing parallels between reading Genesis expansively and engaging our contemporary religious landscape generously. We will pay attention to the fuller story of Genesis, especially those figures we do not commonly consider blessed or chosen, the other brothers of Genesis – Cain, Ishmael, and Esau. Each of these three characters has been derided, overlooked, and dismissed from discussions about Genesis and about God’s ways in the world. Likewise, we pay attention to people in other faith traditions who are not regularly deemed faithful and blessed. When we value and listen to our religious neighbors, we also explore our contemporary lives of faith and our mysterious God’s work in the world. What if our children’s song “Father Abraham Had Many Sons” was right all along? Abraham had many sons. Likewise, Abraham has many children today: me and you, our Jewish neighbors, and our Muslim friends. I am one of them, and so are you.

Leader: Tyler Mayfield is a biblical scholar, teacher, and administrator at Louisville Seminary, where he teaches courses in biblical theology, ethical readings of Scripture, and prophetic literature. He leads a triennial travel seminar to Israel and Palestine to explore the ancient biblical sites as well as contemporary Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. He is the author of four books, including [A Guide to Bible Basics](#); [Unto Us a Child Is Born: Isaiah, Advent, and Our Jewish Neighbors](#); and [Father Abraham’s Many Children: The Bible in a World of Religious Difference](#). He is currently working on a theological commentary on Ezekiel.

The cost per person is as follows:

- \$120/person for overnight (all single rooms, unless you are sharing with a spouse)
- Additional attendees from the same church are \$90/person
- Commuter rate (no overnight accommodation) is \$80. If you are commuting, plan to be present 1-4 & 7-8:30 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday.

The registration deadline is Thursday, February 17, 2022. Register and pay online at wvpresbytery.org/ecca2022, or mail your registration form and a check to Presbytery of WV, ECCA Retreat, 520 Second Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303.

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Registration Form if paying by check (due by February 17, 2022)
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Name _____

Church _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Any special dietary concerns? _____

Check one:

_____ I plan to stay overnight at St. John XXIII, so I am paying \$120.

_____ My spouse will be attending with me, so I am paying \$210.

_____ Another person, _____, not my spouse, is attending from my church, so I am paying \$90.

_____ I plan to commute and do not need a room, so I am paying \$80.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com or 304-667-9428.

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