

Experience Learning

Professional Development Series

Date: Saturday, June 21, 2014

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: The Browne Center
Durham, NH 03824

Price: \$125.00 **includes lunch*

We welcome a diverse mix of participants, including:

- * consultants * experiential educators *
- * facilitators * students * educators *
- * health care & higher ed professionals *
- * leaders & managers in business *



What happens in a Circle of Trust?

"We speak our own truth; we listen receptively to the truth of others; we ask each other honest, open questions instead of giving counsel; and we offer each other the healing and empowering gifts of silence and laughter.

This way of being together is so counter-cultural that it requires clear explanation, steady practice, and gentle but firm enforcement by a facilitator. But once we have experienced it, we want to take this way of being into other relationships.."

--Parker Palmer, *A Hidden Wholeness*



Professional and Personal Renewal in a Circle of Trust

Based on the work of Parker Palmer*, this retreat offers a unique opportunity to "reconnect Who We Are with What We Do".

This retreat will provide:

- The opportunity to rediscover our own values and integrity, and explore ways to bring this deeper self into our work.
- A focus on the art of open and honest questioning, developing receptive listening, and practicing empathy as keys to understanding others and controlling our habitual tendency to try to "fix" people and give advice.
- Whole group, small group, and solitary settings where we will use our own stories, as well as insights from poets and storytellers from various traditions, to develop our intuition and guiding inner wisdom.
- The opportunity to use these new resources to explore challenging professional and personal situations.

*Parker Palmer is the author of *A Hidden Wholeness, Let Your Life Speak, and Courage to Teach*. He is also an educator who is having a profound national and international impact.

To Register Online:

<http://BrowneCenter.com/ProfessionalRenewal>

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Retreat Facilitators

David Leo-Nyquist is a school-based consultant and former humanities teacher-educator. He has designed and facilitated Courage & Renewal retreats since 2000, and lives in Shelburne, Vermont.

Jim Varn is Assistant Provost and Director of the Master of Public Administration Program at UNH. He has consulted, facilitated, and taught for a variety of organizations in leadership, organizational development, conflict management, and strategic planning. Jim, a Kellogg National Fellow, received BA and CAGS degrees from UNH, and an MPA from Harvard University.