



Becoming His

WOMEN'S
MINISTRIES
RETREAT

APRIL 5-7, 2013

Now when I passed by you, and looked upon you, behold, your time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness: yea, I swore unto you, and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord GOD, and you **became mine**. Ezekiel 16:8

Dear Friend,

Thank you for accepting our invitation to retreat together for the 2013 Women's Retreat in beautiful Kananaskis. Our heart rejoices as we think about what God has planned for each one of you! This weekend, as you escape the demands of day to day life, our prayer is that you will experience in a deeper way, what "Becoming His" is all about. May the majestic surroundings draw you close to our God who spoke this amazing world into existence and who desires to speak to your heart and mind. May you be strengthened in His promises and may your faith and hope be established in the One who will never leave you nor forsake you.

As He invites you to "Become His" this weekend, will you accept His humble and gentle invitation and give your heart to Him completely? Will you allow His love to draw you into an even more intimate relationship with Him?

Whether you are seeking to renew your relationship and intimacy with Him or whether you are seeking to give Him your heart for the first time, may this weekend mark the start of a new and exciting journey in fellowship and intimacy with your Lord and Saviour who loves you infinitely!

Expect great things!

In His service,

Pastor Sandra Silva, Director
Women's Ministries, Alberta Conference



WITH ALL I AM

Into your hand
I commit again
All I am
For you Lord

You hold my world
In the palm of your hand
And I'm yours forever

CHORUS

Jesus I believe in you
Jesus I belong to you
You're the reason that I live
The reason that I sing
With all I am

I'll walk with you
Wherever you go
Through tears and joy
I'll trust in you

And I will live
In all of your ways and
Your promises forever

CHORUS

I will worship, I will worship you (x 2)

CHORUS x2

-Words and music by Hillsong



ESMIE BRANNER was born in Jamaica and reared in England. She immigrated to the United States in 1981. She attended Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI and graduated in 1997 with a Bachelor and Masters degree in Social Work. She's currently a PhD candidate in the field of Psychology. Esmie is a professor at Weimar College, and teaches Developmental Psychology. She has always worked in the

area of mental health, as both a therapist and counselor specializing in individual and family therapy.

Esmie is married to Arthur, who is a pastor in the Northern California area. Together they formed a ministry "Families For Him" traveling nationally and internationally to counsel individuals and families, and conduct a range of power-filled seminars on family life, mental health, and relationships. They helped to establish the first depression recovery clinic near Berlin, Germany, where they work alongside with other German doctors and psychologists twice a year. Esmie and Arthur have reared five children - 3 sons and 2 daughters - and have six grandchildren. Esmie is a writer and author of the book "Beyond The Veil Of Darkness," a power filled story of her life and spiritual experience spent in Saudi Arabia during her first marriage to a Suni Muslim. God has been more than gracious to Esmie. He has rescued and saved her, and now she can't help but tell of His greatness. She lives for Christ and the good news of the Gospel.

FRIDAY	Becoming His In His word
SABBATH MORNING	Becoming His Through the Holy Spirit
SABBATH KEYNOTE	Becoming His Through The Trial of Your Faith
SUNDAY	Becoming His Through Witnessing

MORNING DEVOTIONALS



HONEY TODD is a forgiven daughter of God, reaching out to touch hearts with God's love and joy. 27 years ago God gifted her with a wonderful husband, Clinton. They have two adult sons. She has worked as a high school teacher, a psychologist and a pastor. Currently I serve the Lord in Calgary in a pastoral capacity.

SABBATH
SUNDAY

Christ's Love Poured Out on Earth
Christ's Love Celebrated in Heaven

YOUNG ADULTS



MASSIEL DAVILA was born in the center of the world (aka Nicaragua) some amount of time ago. She now finds herself at College Heights Church as Pastor of Nurture where she works with an awesome team. She enjoys reading, writing, watching things that happen on stages, traveling, and sitting in cafés while wearing scarves & talking to people. Massiel loves words, people and God, and seeks to spend her life bringing those three things together.

DEVOTIONAL
SABBATH SCHOOL

Our Inheritance Because We are His
Led & Leading: Intergenerational
Communities

AFTERNOON

Conversations on Beauty

6 ITINERARY

FRIDAY

- 4:00 - 7:00 pm Registration
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm Supper and Friendship Time
- 7:45 pm Vespers, Esmie Branner
 "Becoming His In His Word"

Elders & Prayer Warriors: Please stay behind for a meeting regarding the Anointing Service.

SABBATH

- 7:00 am Morning Devotional, Honey Todd
 "Christ's Love Poured Out on Earth"
- 7:00 am Young Women's Devotional
 "Our Inheritance Because We are His"
- 8:00 - 9:15 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sabbath School (Main Banquet Hall)
 "Becoming His Through the Holy Spirit"
- 9:30 am Young Women's Sabbath School
 "Led & Leading: Intergenerational Communities"
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Keynote Address, Esmie Branner
 "Becoming His Through the Trial of Your Faith"
- 12:30 - 2:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 - 4:00 pm Free Time

- 4:00 - 5:30 pm Anointing Service and Closing of Sabbath (Sinclair Room)
- 4:00 pm Young Women's Program
"Conversations on Beauty"
- 6:00 pm Banquet (Dress Attire)
- 9:00 pm Free Time & Evening Activities

SUNDAY

- 7:30 am Morning Devotional, Honey Todd
"Christ's Love Celebrated in Heaven"
- 8:30 - 10:00 am Brunch
- 10:15 am - noon Closing Address, Esmie Branner
"Becoming His Through Witnessing"

8 SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

The following activities have been planned for Saturday night. Please note that some activities may have a fee or require reservations, which will be stated in the description.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Ice skating (\$7/hr rental)

Snow shoeing (\$15/half day rental, no hourly rates)

Cross country skiing (\$20/half day rental, no hourly rates)

Tobogganing (Bring your own)

Nature walk (max. 15-20 guests at a time, map on opposite page)

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Board games (Can be signed out at main lobby)

Movie and popcorn night

Knitting by the fireplace

Singing around the fireplace

Prayer room

HOTEL AMENITIES - SUMMIT SPA & FITNESS CENTRE

Indoor/outdoor hot tub (6:00 am - 11:00 pm)

Saltwater pool (6:00 pm - 11:00 pm)

Fitness room

Eucalyptus-infused steam room

Facials (\$120+)

Body wraps (\$120+)

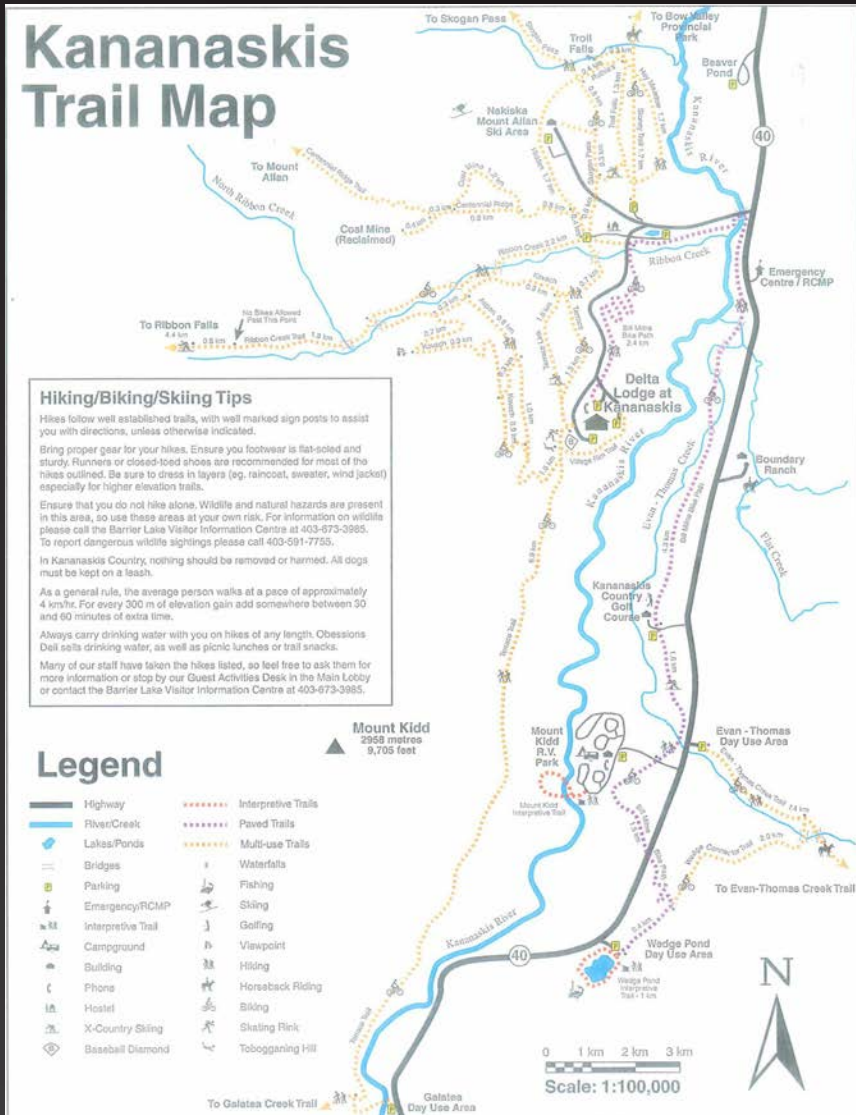
Body therapies & treatments (\$120+)

Manicures & pedicures (\$65+)

Massages (\$75+)

If you have not done so already, please book your hotel room at www.deltalodgeatkananaskis.ca or call 1-866-432-4322.

Indicate you are part of the Women's Retreat and provide code #SE403_002 in order to obtain the special rate. The cost is \$140 per night for double occupancy (extra \$25 for each additional person).



ADVENTIST BOOK CENTRE

The ABC will be available for orders on Friday 4:00 - 7:20 pm, Saturday 9:00 - 10:30 pm, Sunday 9:00 - 10:20 am and again after the final meeting. Food orders placed on Friday and Saturday will be delivered to the hotel and available for pickup after the final meeting.

ALLERGIES

Please be considerate of those who have allergies and sensitivities to scent by refraining from use of perfumes and body sprays.

BANQUET

Don't forget to wear your dress attire to the banquet on Saturday night.

EVALUATION SHEET

Your comments and ideas are valuable to us for future planning. Please take a moment to fill out the evaluation sheet and turn it in at the Sunday morning brunch, or to any committee member.

FOOD AND DRINK

Kindly respect the hotel policy that no food or drink is to be allowed outside of the dining room.

HOTEL CHECK-OUT

Check-out is 7:00 am - 12:00 pm on Sunday. You will be responsible for any incidental charges to your room when checking out. The hotel can provide a luggage storage room, if needed.

HOUSEKEEPING

Please remember to show your appreciation for housekeeping by leaving a small tip with a note each day.

MEAL TIMES & NAME TAGS

Please be on time for meals, our time is very limited. Also, your name tag is your meal ticket. Thank you for wearing it.

MINISTERIAL SPOUSES MEETING

Are you a ministerial spouse? Come gather together for a time of fellowship and sharing at 12:45 pm on Saturday. Pick up your lunch and join us.

OFFERING

A free-will offering for the WARM (Women's Assistance Retreat Ministries) fund will be taken at the 10:45 am service on Sabbath.

PHONE USAGE

There is a charge for phone usage on all local and long distance calls from your room phone. To avoid phone charges on your hotel bill, we suggest using the hotel pay phone.

PRAYER ROOM

The prayer room will be available on Saturday from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.

PRIZE DRAWS

You must be present to receive a prize.

RECORDINGS

Recordings of main meetings will be available for purchase.

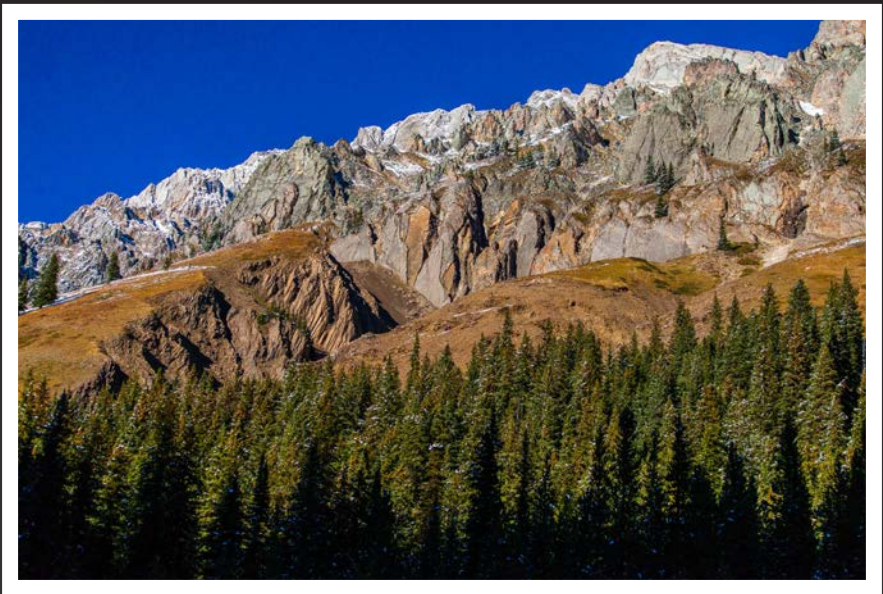
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LEADERS' NETWORKING & TRAINING

Are you a Women's Ministries leader in your church or do you desire to become one? If you answered yes, then please join us for a time of sharing on Saturday over breakfast.

12 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Heartfelt thanks to the planning committee that made this retreat possible! Your labours of love made all the difference!

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