

# CMU MINISTRY INQUIRY RETREAT 2023

A MINISTRY EXPLORATION RETREAT FOR STUDENTS  
“HOLY LISTENING IN DISCERNMENT FOR MINISTRY”

JANUARY 27-28, 2023, CAMP ASSINIBOIA

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY  
IN A BEAUTIFUL RETREAT LOCATION

Join this decade-long tradition that begins on a Friday evening and goes through Saturday evening surrounded by nature—a perfect setting for holy listening and discernment. If you are interested in exploring possibilities and questions of Christian ministry in the church and beyond (chaplains, mission work, Christian non-profit work), this retreat is for you. Students from all denominational identities and degree programs are welcome.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Opportunities for discerning how God’s calling can occur through a variety of ways.
- Engaging your peers with multiple narratives of seeking God and ministry.
- Small groups, biblical reflection, worship time, alone time, time outdoors with nature, and meals together in a safe, supportive, discovery-oriented setting that welcomes your authentic questions.

## WHO'S GOING TO BE THERE?

**Andrew Dyck** (Host), Assistant Professor of Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry

**Sunder John Boopalan**, Assistant Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies

**Renee Willms**, Interim Director of the Centre for Career and Vocation & the Interim Director of Practicum

**Other local Christian leaders** who will share their stories, and facilitate small groups

**You, and a small group of your peers.**

## CRITERIA FOR APPLYING

- **Curious** about Christian ministry or **already happily involved** in some forms of ministry and service.
- **Seeking clarity** about your "call."
- **Interested in** furthering your spiritual growth and development.
- **Completed** one year (30 credit hours) or more of post-secondary education (CMU or elsewhere).
- **Have talked about your interest** with a student life staff member, practicum coordinator, or faculty member (advisor or someone else). You may also talk to Andrew Dyck or John Boopalan.
- **Committed** to being available for all retreat activities beginning to end.

## NEXT STEPS

1. Complete the below application.
2. Along with your application, submit a 1-2 page description of your faith journey.
3. Your cost is \$30, payable to CMU via cash or cheque, along with your application.  
NOTE: the 'real cost' of this Ministry Inquiry Retreat is \$150 per student. CMU is pleased to cover all costs in excess of \$30. We hope you will make use of this opportunity.

## QUESTIONS

Email Andrew at [adyck@cmu.ca](mailto:adyck@cmu.ca) <mailto:abergen@cmu.ca> or John Boopalan at [JBoopalan@cmu.ca](mailto:JBoopalan@cmu.ca).

**Application Deadline: Monday, January 9, 2023.** Drop off at north or south campus reception, addressed to Andrew Dyck or John Boopalan. In the following week, Andrew or John will notify you about the status of your application.

**Retreat dates: January 27-28, 2023,** Friday evening 6:00 p.m. to Saturday evening 8:00 p.m.

**Transportation:** Supplied by CMU.

# CMU MINISTRY INQUIRY 2023 APPLICATION

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CHURCH MINISTRY RETREAT | JANUARY 27-28, 2023, CAMP ASSINIBOIA

**SUBMIT TO RECEPTION by Monday, January 9**

*(addressed to Andrew Dyck or John Boopalan)*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Winnipeg contact information:**

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CMU program/major** (if you've decided): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **post-secondary credit hours** completed as of December 2022: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you commit to **participate in the full retreat** from Friday evening to Saturday evening? \_\_\_\_

**Home congregation** Do you have a home congregation or pastor that we could contact to keep them in the loop and invite them to pray for you? This is optional. If yes, please include name of pastor/ congregation & full address, including postal code) below:

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**Dietary Needs** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** name \_\_\_\_\_ phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** of the CMU faculty or staff member with whom you've discussed your interest in participating in the CMU Ministry Inquiry Retreat: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Faith Journey:** In preparing for the retreat, describe your faith story in 1-2 pages (attach it to this form). Include a description of your relationship with God, your ministry and/or mission experiences, and avenue(s) of ministry that currently or potentially interest you.

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