



DISCIPLINED ORDER OF CHRIST



**North Central Region Fall Retreat
OCTOBER 11-13, 2019
Spiritual Center of Maria Stein
Maria Stein, Ohio**



**“Discipline and Discovery
By Albert E. Day”**

**A 74th Anniversary Celebration
Or
Around 8 Disciplines in 2 1/2 Days**

Presenters:

**Debbie Baker, Bruce Batchelor -Glader,
Ed Rapp and Karen Small
Music By: Pamela Chappell**

In 1945 Albert Day, a Methodist pastor, relinquished his pastorate to accept a position with the National Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church. He came to Nashville, TN to develop a new program of spiritual growth and personal evangelism, to make religion real. Albert Day called his new program, “New Life Movement.” Delegates to the initial planning meeting included Methodist ministers and laity who met at Albion College in Albion, Michigan from July 31-August 9, 1945. Approximately 100 persons participated in this retreat.

After many days of presentations, discussions and prayer, the Disciplined Order of Christ (DOC) was born. Albert Day was the leader, the inspiration and founder of this Movement. Dr. Day wrote the book, *Discipline and Discovery*, and in 1947, *Discipline and Discovery*, was published by Upper Room Books and served as the guidebook for the DOC as well as a popular devotional book for the general public. Every new DOC member is encouraged to read it. The book has sold over 300,000 copies. *Discipline and Discovery* is currently out of print, but remains the core document for our Order. (Fortunately, our region has an abundant supply on hand!) In the years following he wrote additional books and articles and helped in building the DOC organization structure and guiding the spiritual movement.

It seems like an opportune time to spend a few days getting BTTB – back to the basics – of these practical disciplines that guide our daily lives and also serve as a way to model Christ to the world, since Jesus embodied all of them. The eight disciplines are: Obedience, Simplicity, Humility, Frugality, Generosity, Truthfulness, Purity, and Charity.

If you have a copy of *Discipline and Discovery* on hand, you may want to reread the first three chapters. Copies of *Discipline and Discovery* will be available at the retreat. Bring a Bible as well as something to use for note taking. The four presentations (with two disciplines apiece) are based on Danny Morris’ *Discipline and Discovery Workbook* (also out of print!). Each presentation will include group exercises and other activities to help us rediscover these spiritual companions. It should be a great time together!

Adapted from the DOC article “Our Founder: Albert Edward Day (1884-1973)” <https://dochr.org/about-us/our-founder/>

POLICY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Board is aware that there are often circumstances that would prevent someone from attending a retreat without some financial assistance and have adopted the following policy.

FOR FIRST TIME RETREATANTS

The North Central Board has elected to offer financial assistance to first time attendees to our retreats. **The \$50 registration fee** is required to reserve a spot and would be sent in with the registration. The \$50 will be reimbursed upon the registrant attending the retreat. Room and Board would then be waived.

FOR RETURNING RETREATANTS

The registration form now includes a space to request financial assistance. Board approval will be required prior to the retreat. Retreatant should indicate the amount requested and submit it along with the \$50 registration fee by the date specified on the form. You will be notified of the amount approved by the Board.

FUTURE RETREATS – SAVE THE DATES

2020 Disciplined Order of Christ National Retreat – August 6-9, 2020

2020 Fall Retreat – October 16-18, 2020

2021 Spring Retreat – May 17-19, 2021

ABOUT DOC

Growth

For almost 75 years, many people have found what they are searching for in the Disciplined Order of Christ (DOC), a Christ-centered spiritual movement. Members of the DOC humbly try to develop a balance between body, mind, and spirit. They join together in fellowship to encourage each other to follow a Christian life based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The people in the DOC meet together in retreat settings, where they can experience longer periods of sharing and a richer exploration of their spiritual interests. They hear challenging speakers who offer guidance on important topics. They sing, laugh, and eat together and return home refreshed and renewed.

Who We Are

The DOC frees people to grow in the mind of Christ. Rather than a select association of those who claim that they have arrived at spiritual maturity, the Disciplined Order of Christ joins people together in a pilgrimage of those who are earnestly on the way. They recognize that all persons are created by God and are therefore worthy of Christ's love. Diverse educational, cultural and religious backgrounds join persons together in DOC. They discover their common ground in the spirit of Christ. Some are ordained ministers, but most are lay members of their churches.

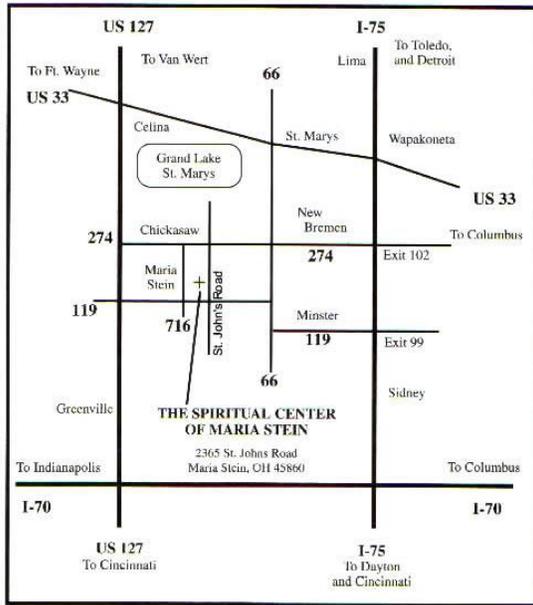
Who We Try To Be

Simply by opening themselves to God's gracious ways, members of the Disciplined Order of Christ experience the transformation of the Holy Spirit in their lives, and then go to share the good news of the Christian faith with others, and to minister to their needs.

DOC Disciplines

Daily Private Devotions
Personal Commitment Small Fellowship
Active Congregation Participation
Witness & Service
Stewardship
Ecumenical Fellowship

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein Retreat House
 2365 St. Johns Rd., P. O. Box 95, Maria Stein, OH 45860
 Phone: 419-925-7625 - Fax: 419-925-6516



Driving Directions

From the North:

Take I-75 South to St. Rt. 274, go West to St. Johns Road, go South, the Center is on the West side of the road.

From the South:

Take I-75 North to St. Rt. 119, go West to St. Johns Road, go North, the Center is on the West side of the road.

From the East:

Take US 33 West to St. Rt. 274, go West to St. Johns Road, go South, the Center is on the West side of the road.

From the West:

Take I-70 East to St. Rt. 127, go North to St. Rt. 119, go West to St. Johns Road, go North, the Center is on the West side of the road.

REGISTRATION FORM

Check-in is from 3:00-5:00 p.m. October 11 with dinner at 5:30 p.m., first session at 6:30pm. The retreat will conclude following 12:00pm--noon lunch on October 13. Our retreat director is Bruce Batchelor-Glader phone #330-819-3194; e-mail address: brucebatch@gmail.com.

Returning Retreatant First Time Retreatant

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Emergency Contact _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50 per person (non-refundable, enclose with registration)
 Registration fee must be paid by all participants.

ROOM & BOARD: \$170 Per Person

TOTAL CHARGES: **\$220 Per Person**

Financial Assistance Request Amount Requested \$ _____

-- Returning Retreatants Only

***Request should be sent to the address below for approval and must be received by SEPTEMBER 23.**

No special dietary needs can be met by facility's kitchen staff. Refrigeration is available if needed for brought food.

SEND TO: Edgar Rapp, Retreat Registrar
 235 Timberwind Lane, Vandalia, OH 45377-9765
 Phone (937) 387-6097

CHECK PAYABLE TO: Disciplined Order of Christ

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019