

## Lodging Information

For those who wish to come in Friday or stay over Saturday night, hotels are located at Exit 218 from I-70, about 10 miles east of OU Eastern.

### Super 8 Motel

68400 Matthews Drive  
St. Clairsville, OH  
(740) 695-1994

### Holiday Inn Express

51654 National Rd E  
St. Clairsville, OH  
(740) 699-0010

### Hampton Inn

51130 National Rd. E  
St. Clairsville, OH  
(740) 695-3961

### Best Value Inn

51260 National Rd E  
St. Clairsville, OH  
(740) 695-5038

### Fairfield Inn & Suites

67731 Mall Rd.  
St. Clairsville, OH  
(740) 699-4980

### EconoLodge

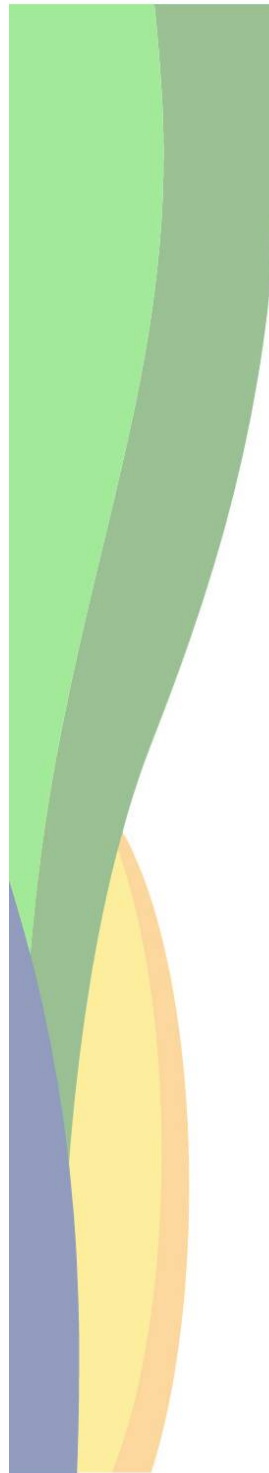
51659 National Road,  
St. Clairsville, OH  
(740) 526-0128

## Conference Planning Committee

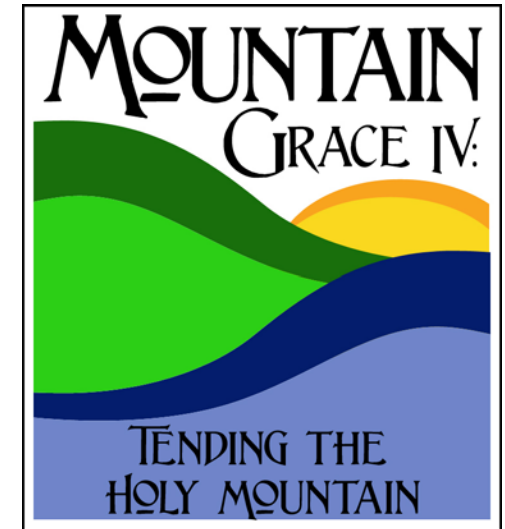
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The Ven. Faith Perrizo

## Conference sponsors

Episcopal Appalachian Ministries  
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Episcopal Community Services Foundation  
Diocese of West Virginia  
East Central Ohio Area Ministry (host)



Mountain Grace Conference IV  
c/o Michael Maloney  
5829 Wyatt Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45213



**A Conference  
Presented by the Dioceses of  
West Virginia and Southern Ohio**

**Keynoter:** The Rev. Suzanne Watson,  
Staff Officer, Congregational Development,  
Small Church Focus

**Homilist:** The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal  
Bishop of Southern Ohio

**Celebrant:** The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price,  
Bishop Suffragan of Southern Ohio

**Welcome:** The Ven. Faith Perrizo,  
Archdeacon, Diocese of West Virginia

**Ohio University Eastern Campus**

St. Clairsville, Ohio

September 8, 2007 8:30 – 4:00 pm

*They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy  
mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge  
of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.*

**Isaiah 11:9**

## Tending the Holy Mountain

In the three previous Mountain Grace conferences, we have explored the culture of Appalachia and ways our congregations are meeting the spiritual and materials needs of rural, small town, and urban Appalachian communities. In this year's conference we will continue to explore ways our Episcopal congregations can develop deep roots and yield abundant spiritual life as tenders of God's holy mountain and as a people full of the knowledge of the Lord. Here is what you can expect:

- To experience Appalachian culture through the arts and key resource people from the region.
- To find new ways to reach out to Appalachian people
- To participate in practical workshops on worship, outreach, leadership development, lay ministry, community organizing, and community development through the arts.
- Great networking with people in churches like yours.
- Lots of resources to take home.
- Door prizes: Appalachian cultural resources

### Keynote Speaker

Suzanne Watson's focus on the staff of the congregational development team at the Episcopal Church Center is working with congregations with an average Sunday attendance of fewer than 70 people. Her remarks will address the assets of our congregations and the challenges facing them.

## Conference Schedule

**8:30 Refreshments, Displays**

**9:00 Registration begins, music by Doug and Shelly Harper**

**9:30 Welcome to the Appalachian Story: The Ven. Faith Perrizo**

**9:45 Keynote: Suzanne Watson**, Small Church Desk,  
Episcopal Church Center

**10:15 Break**

**10:30 Workshop Descriptions**

**10:45 Workshops**

Affirming and Celebrating Appalachian Culture

Journey to Ministry: Stories of developing leadership from  
within the community

Engaging Youth in Tending the Holy Mountain  
Total Ministry

**12:00 Lunch and More Music**

**1:00 Workshops**

The Small Church as Agent for Change

African American Experience in Appalachian Churches

Ministry Across Boundaries

Youth Ministry in the Small Church

**2:30 Break**

**2:45 Liturgy**

**3:30 Conference Evaluation, Door Prizes, Adjourn**

## Workshop Descriptions

### Total Ministry:

*Strategies for fully mobilizing the gifts for ministry present in your congregation*

The Rev. Cn. Vicki Zust, convener

The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, Eastern Michigan, presenter

### The Small Church as an Agent for Change:

*How can your small congregation become a more vital center of worship and outreach?*

The Rev. Debbie Gamble, St. Philip's, Cincinnati

### Affirming and Celebrating Appalachian Culture:

#### Appalachian Sunday and other observances

*A workshop about planting deep roots by connecting with the spirituality of place.*

Michael Maloney, Convener

The Rev. Edward Payne, Music as a Bridge

The Rev. Lee Anne Reat, Appalachian Sunday and other  
liturgical opportunities

### Miraculous Ministry Multipliers

*Real stories of how churches can build on traditional ministries like soup kitchens to leverage quantum leaps in community well-being through food stamps, Medicaid, tax credits, and health education.*

Ms. Ariel Miller, Executive Director, ECSF and Sandy  
Guerard, Health Minister, All Saints, Portsmouth

### Journey to Ministry: Stories of developing leadership from within the community

*Personal stories of how ministry leaders overcame adversity and developed their gifts to become effective in inspiring and empowering others.*

Canon Debbie Short, Diocese of West Virginia

The Rev. Theresa Kelley, St. Luke's, Wheeling

### Engaging Youth in Tending the Holy Mountain

*How youth from one congregation have become active in promoting environment-friendly practices.*

The Rev. William Carroll and youth from Good  
Shepherd, Athens, OH

### A Dialog on Appalachian Ministry

*A conversation about what we have learned and what we might envision to strengthen congregations in Appalachian communities.*

The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price, Convener

### Youth Ministry in the Small Church

*The youth minister of Southern Ohio (a native of West Virginia) shares strategies which energize and inspire youth participation.*

Mr. Roger Speer

## How to Get There

### Getting to OU Eastern Campus from the west:

Take Interstate 70 east to exit 213. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left onto National Road and drive for half a mile. Turn right into OUE's entrance and follow the road up to OUE's Shannon Hall.

### Getting to OUE from the east:

Take Interstate 70 west to exit 213. At the stoplight at the end of the exit ramp, turn left and go across the bridge to the stoplight. Turn right onto National Road, and drive for three-fourths of a mile. Turn right into OUE's entrance and follow the road up to OUE's Shannon Hall.

### For more information or to register:

Contact the Rev. Katharin Foster at [kkfoster@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kkfoster@columbus.rr.com) or 740-593-8615.

Send in the form on the bottom of this page with your check (\$15 per person), payable to Episcopal Community Services Foundation, earmarked "Mountain Grace IV."

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dietary restrictions or special needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form by September 1 to:

The Rev. Katharin Foster  
7919 N. Coolville Ridge Rd.  
Athens, OH 45701

**Register online at [Episcopal-dso.org](http://Episcopal-dso.org)**  
(see Appalachian Ministry)