

Dear Regional Missioners,

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you (I Thess 3:12.)

The core purpose of Cathedral Ridge Camp & Retreat Center echoes these words from the Apostle Paul: to provide a sanctuary where people connect and are transformed through a loving relationship with God in Christ, creation, and one another. Our sacred land and gathering spaces are fertile ground for all people of all ages, bringing together widespread communities and programs that stimulate exploration, discovery and collaboration. One of the ways Cathedral Ridge invites people from across the diocese into sacred relationships is through Abound Retreats.

Thank you for supporting the Abound Retreats! In August and September of 2025, we will be offering Abound Retreats for Congregational Leaders (both clergy and lay), Parish Administrators, Music Leaders, Children and Youth Leaders, Creation Care Leaders, and Deacons and Diaconal Postulants. Registration for these retreats is still open. We are expecting to provide renewal, training and support for over 110 leaders through this ministry.

Each retreat at Cathedral Ridge includes 2 nights and 6 meals. Attendees have been asked to invest in these retreats by paying a registration fee of \$75. The rest is covered by the support of this grant from the Regions. We are providing speakers for purposes of enhancing attendees' continuing education experience at the retreats.

We have witnessed the positive impacts that the past Abound Retreats have had on our church leaders. These highly successful gatherings have brought leaders who share common ministries together for connection, inspiration and collaboration to further God's work in the world.

According to the recent statewide Mission Leadership Review, attending to relationships is the greatest need in the Episcopal Church in Colorado. Cathedral Ridge Camp & Retreat Center offers an ideal setting to meet that need, where provision of hospitality allows people to focus on building those relationships, connect with nature, and enjoy a sacred space for self-care. One participant in the Abound Retreat for small churches said "Thank you for a glorious week. It has been restorative, educational, and full of hope. This time together was important. This time alone was important. This time to listen to the Holy Spirit was important."

Thank you again for your support of the Abound Retreats. It is wonderful part of the ministry of Cathedral Ridge. We look forward to serving more leaders in our churches in the coming years. Faithfully,

The Rev. John S. Hill
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