



The Academy

for spiritual formation®

Spiritual Growth Through Disciplined Community

Academy Council News

Fall, 2018

Opportunities for Spiritual Nurture and Renewal

Spiritual Formation is the life-long process of being constantly transformed by God's love into the image of Christ for the sake of others and the world.

TRANSFORMING THRESHOLDS OF HEART AND MIND: A FOUR GOSPEL JOURNEY

GUEST PRESENTER: DR. ALEXANDER JOHN SHAIA



MARCH 24-27, 2019

Oblate Renewal Center, San Antonio

A Taste of The Academy

RETREAT LEADER: PAULA LONG

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The Five Day Academy

All Academy events are held on the beautiful campus of the Oblate Renewal Center at the corner of Oblate and Blanco in San Antonio, Texas. This wonderful Catholic Retreat Center has been welcoming interdenominational Academies since 2001. Although in the center of San Antonio, this sacred space offers a beautiful and quiet atmosphere, comfortable rooms with private baths, delicious meals, and a lovely chapel and meeting rooms, as well as a beautiful "campus" for silent meditation, quiet walks, or conversation.

Salt & Light: Taking In and Pouring Out as Gospel Living **The 2018 Five Day Academy. August 27-September 1**



KUDOS to the 2018 Team!!!

Donna Strieb (worship), Janet Weatherston (Leader), Amy Oden (speaker) Karen Keck (registrar), David Hensley (covenant groups), Paula Long (hospitality), Annette Paulin (musician), and Jerry Haas (speaker)



A Teaching Session



Morning Silence with Jesus



*Worship
Prayer &
Sacrament*



Snacks Galore!



Focus for The Taste of the Academy

March 24-27, 2019

As we journey through our lifetimes, we will come again and again to significant change points which challenge us in unique ways.

*Are you confronted with radical change(s)?
Has suffering laid claim to your heart's desires?
Have you been surprised by joy and new insights?
Are you wondering how to "live out" your joy in
service to others?*

Building on the foundation of the four Gospel books, Dr. Alexander John Shaia will develop his insights into the Four Paths or Seasons of life's journey. We will study the Gospel text and discuss its applications to the shifting landscapes of our lives.

Registration Brochures are now available!! (See below)

COST

Early Registration by October 25, 2018

Single Room \$375 Double Room \$300

Regular Registration by January 25, 2019

Single Room \$400 Double Room \$325

After January 25, 2019

Single Room \$425 Double Room \$350

Limited Double Rooms Available

**\$50 non-refundable cancellation
fee plus possible additional fees if a
last-minute cancellation.**

Registration Brochures are available on-line at www.riotexas.org/academy for spiritual formation or at academy.upperroom.org, or by contacting Rev. Donna Strieb at dstrieb@ahumc.org.

What Is The Academy for Spiritual Formation?

The Academy for Spiritual Formation is an experience of disciplined Christian community emphasizing holistic spirituality—nurturing body, mind, and spirit. Ecumenical in nature, it includes both lay and clergy persons, and is for all who hunger for a deeper relationship with God. Each Academy fosters spiritual rhythms—of study and prayer, silence and liturgy, solitude and relationship, rest and exercise as all rediscover Christianity's rich spiritual heritage through worship, learning, and fellowship. In covenant community and at a personal level, time and space allows for discernment of direction, making covenants, and practicing commitments so that they increasingly may become spiritual leaven within the Body of Christ. It has been a ministry of the Upper Room since 1983.

For more information, check out the Academy website at [www. http://academy.upperroom.org](http://academy.upperroom.org) or email them at academy@upperroom.org.

Clergy Scholarships - \$150

Through Methodist Healthcare Ministries and the Rio Texas Conference Wellness Program
Contact: Eve Albert - evealbert@riotexas.org; 210-408-4551 • 210-408-4490 Fax

Laity Scholarships - \$150 - Through the Academy Council

Contact Rev. Donna Strieb at dstrieb@ahumc.org; 210-826-3215 • 210-826-3897 Fax

THE ACADEMY COUNCIL

*Offering Spiritual Formation Opportunities for
The Rio Texas Conference & South Texas Area
Chair: Rev. Donna Strieb*



The Academy Council seeks to serve as a resource to support and enhance spiritual formation for both laity and clergy in our Rio Texas Conference and South Texas area through Academy Events. A list of Council Members is below.

The Council meets four times a year, and sponsors *Five Day Academies*, shorter events known as *A Taste of the Academy*, and partners with the Upper Room in support of *Two Year Academies*. All events are ecumenical. **Interested in serving?** Contact Rev. Donna Strieb at dstrieb@ahumc.org.

Meet Your Academy Council 2018 Members

Donna Strieb, Chair
Taylor Boone
Dave Collett
Mary Faithful
Paul Harris

Patricia Jentsch
Paula Long
Germaine Mathis
Nancy McDougall
Carolyn Stapleton

Janet Weatherston

Check us out on [FACEBOOK](#) at The Academy for Spiritual Formation

How You Can Help Support the Academy for Spiritual Formation in the Rio Texas Conference!

The Academy for Spiritual Formation primarily serves the south Texas area encompassed by the Rio Texas Conference. We seek to serve people of all racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds. The Academy for Spiritual Formation ministry most positively impacts leaders, both lay and clergy, primarily in the Rio Texas Conference who are serious about developing spiritual leadership. In addition, persons from other denominations are also welcome in the ecumenical spirit of Christ and the United Methodist Church.

A gift to this project will enable the event to be more affordable by offering scholarship aid for all Rio Texas Conference laity.

*Make a gift today of any size by sending a check to Rio Texas
Conference Treasurer and mark it...*

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