



SUMMER INSTITUTE 2009



Center for Theological and Spiritual Development at the
College of Saint Elizabeth presents



**Saturday Retreat
July 11
9:30 am - 2:30 pm**

**Annunciation Center -
College of St. Elizabeth**

Summer Institute 2009
will take place from
July 6 through July 16.

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and schedules can be found at
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“Living the Questions of the Spiritual Life... with Spiritual Director Henri Nouwen” with Dr. Michael Christensen and Dr. Rebecca Laird

Fr. Henri Nouwen is considered one of the greatest spiritual writers of modern times. The renowned priest of L'Arche Daybreak Community in Toronto and professor at Notre Dame, Yale, and Harvard was the author of over 40 books on the spiritual life, including *The Wounded Healer* and *The Return of the Prodigal Son*.

Though Nouwen guided many people during his lifetime, his principles of spiritual direction were never written down. Dr. Michael Christensen and Rev. Rebecca Laird have presented his wonderful and wise advice on how to live a deep spiritual life in communion with others. Our retreat guides will help us explore three of Nouwen's ten universal questions for living the spiritual life: Who am I? Who is God for me? Where do I belong?



Michael J. Christensen, Ph.D. studied with Henri Nouwen at Yale Divinity School, and currently serves as National Director of the Shalom Initiative at Drew University. He is an ordained United Methodist minister with a professional background in urban ministry and international relief and development. He is the author, co-author, or editor of eight books, including *C.S. Lewis on Scripture*; *Equipping the Saints: Mobilizing Laity for Ministry*; and *Partakers of the Divine Nature*.

Rebecca Laird, D. Min., is an ordained minister and certified spiritual director. She is the Director of Supervised Ministry and Ministerial Formation at Drew Theological School. A former editor of *Sacred Journey*, an interfaith spirituality journal for which she conducted the last interview of Henri Nouwen's life, she has written six books and more than 100 articles on the spiritual life.



Michael and Rebecca are co-authors of **Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith* and editors of *The Heart of Henri Nouwen, His Words of Blessing*.

*** Book available for purchase day of event, although prior reading of this book is highly recommended.**

For information on overnight accommodations, call Xavier Center (973-290-5100), a retreat center on the campus of the college; The Madison Hotel (973-285-1800); or the Hamilton Park Conference Hotel (973-377-2424).

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2009 RETREAT

**REGISTRATION: \$25 per person (Lunch available for purchase)
Make checks payable to College of Saint Elizabeth**

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