

Finding What You Didn't Lose
A Circle of Trust® Retreat

A Retreat on the Ocean
with Dr. Sally Z. Hare,

November 9-11, 2016
Pawleys Island, South Carolina



**the trick of finding what you didn't lose
(existing's tricky: but to live's a gift)
the teachable imposture of always
arriving at the place you never left**

---e. e. cummings

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*Some things have to be believed to be seen.
You have to know they exist –
or you won't see them.*

*--Sally Z. Hare, *I'll Meet You in the Field:
The Intersection of Education and Community**

In this unique retreat, Dr .Sally Z. Hare invites you join her for a Circle of Trust, grounded in Parker J. Palmer's Circle of Trust® approach and Sally's work in adult learning and lifelong learning and the importance of our stories in understanding the meaning of our lives.

Of course, we haven't really lost anything... Not our hearts, our true selves, nor our sense of passion for our life and work. But the pressures and hectic pace of our modern lives too often cause us to feel like we are losing hope – and we can no longer see what has always been there, our own gifts and strengths.

In this year of an American Presidential election, the noise and vitriolic exchanges seem especially vexatious. As we approach another transition in a lifetime of change, we need a place to quiet our hearts and find what is there. Those of us engaged in organizational leadership, teaching, psychology, pastoral care, medicine and other service professions, in community service and social change, know the challenge of sustaining ourselves and our commitment to deeply held values and beliefs. The more passionate we are about our work and our lives, the more vital it is that we take time to renew our own spirits – to reconnect with the wellsprings of our work in the world, our service to others.

**There is in all things an invisible fecundity, a dimmed light,
a meek namelessness, a hidden wholeness.**

**This mysterious Unity, and Integrity, is Wisdom,
the Mother of all, Natura naturans.”**

—Thomas Merton, “*Hagia Sophia*”

The safe space of this retreat offers you the opportunity to glimpse your own hidden wholeness, to rejoin soul and role, to reconnect who you are with what you do. This is a creative endeavor that asks us to

reclaim our own story. Researchers in leadership and adult development today are affirming that successful adults are those who remember, reflect and recreate their stories. Our lives are **not** our experiences, but how we make meaning from our experiences.

This Circle of Trust retreat is for persons moving into retirement or changing jobs, whether in education, health care, psychology, law, philanthropy, the arts, religious/spiritual life, and nonprofit and community organizations. In this retreat the skilled facilitator will help create a quiet, focused, respectful space, in which the noise within us and around us can subside, and we can meet stillness. In large group, small group, and solitary settings, we will explore the intersection of our personal and professional lives, making use of stories from our own journeys, as well as insights from poets, storytellers, various wisdom traditions – and inviting our own writing and poetry to emerge.

**Here is one way to understand the relationships in a circle of trust: they combine unconditional love, or regard, with hopeful expectancy, creating a space that both safeguards and encourages the inner journey. In such a space, we are freed to hear our own truth, touch what brings us joy, become self-critical about our faults, and take risky steps toward change—
— Parker J. Palmer, A Hidden Wholeness**

ABOUT still learning, inc.

still learning, inc., is about renewing what we do by reclaiming who we are, in the world of work, the world of parenting, the world of family, the world of leadership. We are dedicated to the lifelong learning of teachers, educators, parents, business and other leaders through renewal programs in workshop and retreat settings all over the country.

www.stilllearning.org

WHEN and WHERE The setting for the retreat will be the **Sea View Inn**, located on Pawleys Island, SC, one of the oldest summer resorts on the East Coast. The retreat will begin at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, November 9, and end with lunch on Friday, November 11, 2016.

Participants may stay at the Sea View Inn before or after the retreat at discounted rates with advance reservations.



COST

Space is limited to 20 participants. Programs typically fill well before the deadline.

The registration fee for this retreat is \$889 and includes EVERYTHING: all retreat fees, materials, single room with private half-bath, wonderful Southern meals (hot breakfasts, dinner mid-day, and supper in the evenings!), generous coffee and tea breaks.

Please mail your check to still learning, inc, with the attached registration form to Dr. Sally Z. Hare, still learning, inc, p o box 14028, Surfside Beach, SC 29587. A DISCOUNTED EARLY REGISTRATION FEE OF \$775 IS OFFERED until JULY, 15, 2016.

RETREAT LEADERSHIP

Sally Z. Hare is a teacher and a learner and a student of community. She earned her doctorate at the University of South Carolina and has completed post-doctoral work in settings as diverse as the Harvard University Leadership Institute, the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society, and the Institute of Noetic Science's Healing Arts of Bali. She is president of still learning, inc, and Singleton Distinguished Professor Emerita at Coastal Carolina University, where she served for many years as Dean of the Graduate School and Continuing Education and founding director of the Center for Education and Community. During her Kellogg fellowship in the early 90's, Sally had the chance to meet Parker Palmer as she was exploring the concept of community. Since that time, she has worked with the national Center for Courage & Renewal and facilitated the COURAGE TO TEACH® and the COURAGE TO LEAD® programs in South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, Oregon, and Kansas, and has led Circle of Trust® retreats across the United States, as well as in Canada and Australia, with educators, physicians, community leaders and other professionals

People who have had unhappy childhoods are pretty good at inventing themselves. If nobody invents you for yourself, nothing is left but to invent yourself for others."

--John LeCarre, author

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CIRCLE OF TRUST RETREAT APPLICATION
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Name _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers: H _____ W _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

Personal statement: To help us discern how participating will both serve you and allow us to better plan the program, please include a personal statement (not more than two pages) with your registration:

- How you learned about this circle of trust retreat;
- Why you are interested in participating, and how you hope to benefit personally and/or professionally.

Program costs:

_____ \$889. My check made to *still learning, inc* is enclosed with this registration form and my personal statement

Special Dietary Needs:

If you have any other special needs, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can do our best to accommodate you.

To register send the registration form, personal statement, and your check payable to still learning, inc., to:

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