

***Longing and Belonging:
The Journey toward an Undivided Life***

**October 21-24, 2014
at the Zapata Ranch
A Nature Conservancy Preserve in Mosca, Colorado**

**A Circle of Trust ®Retreat
with Caryl and Jeff Creswell and Sally Z. Hare**



**This is the temple
Of our adult beingness
And we belong**

**To that beingness
As we belong to our lives.**

**There is no house
Like the house of belonging.**

~ David Whyte

*A Circle of Trust retreat offered by still learning inc.,
in collaboration with Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center*

National Circle of Trust facilitators Caryl and Jeff Creswell and Sally Z. Hare invite you to join them for a retreat on the very special Zapata Ranch, a working bison ranch owned by The Nature Conservancy and managed through a one-of-a-kind partnership with the Duke and Janet Phillips Family -- a third-generation ranching family. The ranch is a 103,000-acre bison and guest ranch located on the eastern wall of the San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado.

It borders the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, the newest National Park in the United States. The high desert grasslands, alpine forests, wetlands, sand dunes, creeks and lush meadows offer one of the most scenic and ecologically diverse landscapes in the United States. The surrounding valley is a wildlife mecca and is home to thousands of elk, bison, deer, coyotes, birds and many other species.



Longing and Belonging: The Journey to the Undivided Life offers a space where we can explore our own most profound questions, to touch that place of longing within, to hear our own hearts speak about longing and belonging. Participants are invited to explore the power of story and the connection of story and sense of place. The facilitators create a safe place for participants to slow down and listen to their own hearts and inner wisdom in a quiet, focused and disciplined space where the noise around us – and within us – can subside.

Too often we feel divided in our lives, separated in how we spend our days from our true selves, our gifts, and the work that brings us alive. We feel a sense of longing that is hard to define; we get separated from our own story and sense of place. We yearn for connectedness, for community, for a sense of belonging. This retreat offers an opportunity to reconnect soul and role in the safe space of a Circle of Trust, bringing together the work of Parker J. Palmer with Jeff's work in teaching and learning and constructing meaning through the Scottish Storyline method and Caryl's work around the world in Godly Play and Sally's work in education and community and lifelong learning.

***A circle of lovely, quiet people
becomes the ring on my finger.***

---Rumi



In large group, small group, and solitary settings, we are invited to reclaim our own power by exploring the intersection of our personal and professional lives and our connectedness with Earth, uncovering our own story and gaining insights from nature, poetry, music and various wisdom traditions and the beauty and stories around us.

We abuse the land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.

-- Aldo Leopold

This retreat is for anyone seeking ways to live an undivided life, to live with wholeness. It is for those who care about their community, their planet, and are seeking a place for personal renewal. It is for those who, in Parker Palmer's phrase, are experiencing "the politics of the broken-hearted," facing the seeming divisiveness in our democracy and on our planet, and looking for ways of responding that are creative and life-giving.

ABOUT still learning, inc.

The retreat is a special program of still learning, inc. whose mission is 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 clergy and medical and other community leaders through renewal programs in workshop and retreat settings all over the country. For more information, see www.stilllearning.org

RETREAT LEADERSHIP

Caryl Menkus Creswell has been involved with Courage and Renewal work over the past five years. She is a recorded Quaker pastor and pastored Quaker meetings for thirteen years. For the last twenty years she has worked with children and adults in Godly Play, a religious education program that deeply values the spirituality of children. She is a leader in training adults in Godly Play nationally and internationally in both English and Spanish and a national Circle of Trust facilitator.

Jeff Creswell has been teaching elementary school children and presenting workshops for educators around the world for over thirty years. He has worked with teachers using the Storyline method since it was first brought to the United States from Scotland in 1990. He is the author of a book published by Heinemann Books, *Creating Worlds, Constructing Meaning: The Scottish Storyline Method*. He first participated in a series of Courage to Teach retreats in 1999 and became a national facilitator in 2001. He has worked with teachers, school administrators, clergy and lay leaders, and cross professional groups.

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. Parker invited her to work with him as he created The Courage to Teach. Since that time, she has worked with the national Center for Courage & Renewal and facilitated COURAGE TO TEACH® and COURAGE TO LEAD® and CIRCLE of TRUST programs in South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, Oregon, and Kansas, as well as Australia and Canada, and leads circle of trust retreats with educators, physicians, community and non-profit leaders and other professionals.

WHEN and WHERE

The setting for the retreat will be the amazing Zapata Ranch in Mosca, Colorado, <http://www.zranch.org/index.cfm?id=67c8f9db-d1c8-4c6b-62e3094336bbd0&home.html>

The mission of the ranch is to create a working ranching model that views the ranch as an ecological resource base that supports a complementary mix of activities emphasizing sustainability, innovative management, and diversification as the keys to economic and ecological viability.

Because the ranch managers are Jeff's family and believe in the work of the Circle of Trust, they are offering us the ranch for this retreat at greatly discounted rates! Go to www.ranchlandsreview.com – and meet Duke Phillips and hear the amazing story of what this family and the Nature Conservancy are doing at Zapata.

The three-night retreat will begin at 4 pm on Tuesday, October 21st, and end with lunch on Friday, October 24, 2014. Participants may choose to fly to the Alamosa airport, half hour from the ranch – or may want to fly into Albuquerque, Denver, or Colorado Springs in order to drive some of the beautiful area. The ranch is four hours drive from Denver or Albuquerque or three hours from Colorado Springs.



COST

Space is limited to 20 participants. Programs typically fill well before the deadline. The fee for this retreat, including THREE nights lodging in large double room, taxes, all meals from dinner on Tuesday through lunch on Friday, retreat, materials, coffee breaks, and special field trip, is \$1200. A few single rooms will be available for the retreat for \$1500. An early registration discount of \$1050 (\$1375 for a single) is offered until May 30th. Specially-discounted rates for room and meals are offered for additional nights for retreat participants, as well as discounted prices for activities such as horseback riding and guided tours. Let us know if you'd like to come early – or stay later to take advantage of this amazing place—and we will help you make arrangements. To confirm your place in the retreat, 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.

Register before May 30th to take advantage of the early registration discount of \$1050 (\$1375 for single room) !

**For further information, please contact
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