



Adrian Dominican Sisters presents ...

RESILIENCY IN OUR MIDST

1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. August 22, 2018 @ Weber Retreat & Conference Center, Adrian, Michigan

In this second of a series of educational forums, three Adrian Dominican Sisters share lessons they have learned while creating and sustaining resilient communities.

JUDY BYRON, OP

Sister Judy entered the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Edmonds (Washington) in 1960, eventually being elected to the community's General Council and as Prioress. She is one of the founders of the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, where she serves as Program Director and Director of the Northwest Coalition



for Responsible Investment. Twenty-six years ago, Judy and women religious from four other congregations in the Seattle area responded to the growing problem of homelessness by building partnerships among religious, developers, and residents to create affordable housing and wrap-around services. Today, Mercy Northwest Housing is a national model for comprehensive community development.

MAURINE BARZANTNI, OP

Sister Maurine, an Adrian Dominican for 59 years, taught in the Chicago area for most of her first 30 years in religious life. In 1990, after studying Spanish in Mexico, she and Sister Renee Richie, OP, began to minister in a remote rural area of the Dominican Republic with displaced and impoverished people. She and Renee met with



the women of *El Cruce de Arroyo Hondo* to identify needs and dreams, beginning with a medicine dispensary and culminating in a K-12 school, *Escuela Espíritu Santo Fe y Alegría*, that has become the heart of the community. After leaving the Dominican Republic in 2011, Maurine spent three years ministering in Kenya and another three years among the Carrier Nation in northern British Columbia before returning to Adrian.

JANET STANKOWSKI, OP

Sister Janet has spent 45 years as an Adrian Dominican Sister ministering as a teacher, university chaplain, parish administrator, residence hall director, and not-for-profit board member. Her commitment to saving the planet brought her together with Associate Patty Gillis to co-found Voices for Earth Justice, an interfaith non-profit



based in Detroit that helps diverse faith communities engage in environmental action and awareness. Her work with Voices for Earth Justice led to the renovation of a house in Brightmoor, one of Detroit's poorest neighborhoods. Called Hope House, it is a gathering place to connect with nature and with people from diverse backgrounds contributing to the revitalization of the neighborhood.

Space is limited, so register early by calling 517-266-4000 or visiting the website below.
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