

Sisters

United for Christ

presents its

26th ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

“C.H.O.S.E.N.”

March 28-29, 2025

**Presidential Abraham Lincoln Hotel and BOS Center
Springfield, Illinois**

Greetings,

We had such a spiritual time last April as we celebrated our 25th Annual Retreat. The speakers, workshop facilitators, choir members, devotion leaders and retreat participants were all awesome.

It is time to begin registration for our 26th year. Wow! God has been mighty good!!! Hopefully, you will be with Sisters United For Christ as we thank God for blessing us through the years.

Come and join with other women who are “growing” in our Christian walk. Together we can lift our voices in praise and worship. We are sisters in Christ who are trying to encourage all sisters to be united for Christ.

Please share this information with other women in your church and city, especially young adults ages 18-30. And to assist with planning we ask that you honor the registration deadlines.

I look forward to seeing you in March.

*Love,
Janice*

SISTERS UNITED FOR CHRIST
WOMEN'S RETREAT
BOS Center
Springfield, Illinois

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 28, 2025

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	HEALTH FAIR
4:00 p.m.	HOTEL CHECK-IN
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	GENERAL SESSION <i>Honoring Cancer Survivors</i> Speaker: Minister Keisha Lockett New Greater True Light Baptist Church Chicago, Illinois
9:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	CHOIR REHEARSAL
10:15 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	MIDNIGHT PRAYER

Saturday, March 29, 2025

5:45 a.m. - 6:15 a.m.	WALK IN THE SPIRIT
5:45 a.m. - 6:15 a.m.	MOVEMENT FOR JESUS (Dance Ministry)
7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	BREAKFAST
7:45 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	MORNING MEDITATION Speaker: Sis. Jackie Hamilton Capitol City Church of God Springfield, Illinois
8:20 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	BREAK

Saturday, March 29, 2025 continued

8:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. **WORKSHOPS (Select two workshops and an alternate workshop. List the numbers on the registration form.)**

- 1) **C**onversations About Faith
 - 2) **H**ow God Sees Me
 - 3) **O**vercoming Life's Challenges (Grief Recovery)
 - 4) **S**ingle, Saved and Satisfied
 - 5) **E**ngaging With God (Developing Relationships with Trust and Prayer)
 - 6) **N**avigating God's Plan For Me
- Young Adult Session (ages 18-30)

9:50 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **HOTEL CHECK-OUT**

10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. **WORKSHOPS**
(above sessions repeated)

Young Adult Session (ages 18-30)

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
Speaker: Minister Keisha Lockett
New Greater True Light Baptist Church
Chicago, Illinois

MISSION STATEMENT

Sisters United For Christ are Christian women prayerfully guided by the Holy Spirit agreeing to faithfully promote the benefits of a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to proclaim through biblical teaching and principles how Jesus Christ meets the needs of the whole woman—mind, body and soul.

RETREAT INFORMATION

Facility

The retreat will be held at the BOS Center. Sleeping rooms are at the Presidential Abraham Lincoln Hotel, which is connected to the BOS Center. The hotel and convention center are located downtown in the heart of the state capitol. Sisters United For Christ will make your hotel reservations. Do not call the hotel directly regarding rooms or mail registrations to the hotel.

Registration

- The retreat fee includes hotel (based on double occupancy), Saturday breakfast and lunch, admission to sessions and workshops, conference material, tote bag and t-shirt.
- The registration fee **postmarked** on or before February 14, 2025 is \$165.
- **Postmarked after February 15, 2025 the registration fee is \$190.**
- The registration deadline is February 28, 2025. **After this date, retreat registrations will not be accepted.**
- A \$25 administrative fee will be charged on cancellations received in writing postmarked on or before February 28, 2025. No refunds will be issued after February 28, 2025; however, registration may be transferred to another individual.
- If payment is delayed in the mail and not received prior to the retreat then participant must pay cash onsite and registration will be refunded when payment is received.
- **Registration forms with payment should be mailed to Sisters United For Christ, P.O. Box 291, Springfield, IL 62705.**

Scholarships

Sisters United For Christ will award partial scholarships for the retreat to selected recipients. **Potential recipients need to submit a completed scholarship application and registration form along with the \$82.50 reduced fee by February 14, 2025.**

Scholarships will not be provided for two consecutive retreats and are limited to no more than three per church (with at least one being a young adult age 18-30). If you have questions, contact Janice Whitt at 765-282-0724.

Roommates

The registration fee includes one night hotel based on double occupancy. Indicate your roommate's name and phone number on the registration form. If a roommate is not indicated or if your indicated roommate does not register by February 28, 2025, the committee will randomly assign participants. **If you would like a single room add \$68.00 to your registration fee.**

Workshops

Retreat participants will be able to attend **two** workshops from the list on the tentative schedule. **Young Adults (ages 18-30) will remain together for both sessions.** Workshops are designed as small group sessions and thus attendance is limited for each session. **Sessions will be assigned on a first-come basis based on paid registration.** If workshops are not indicated on your registration form, you will be randomly assigned. **No personal recording is allowed in the workshops.**

Special Meals

Vegetarian meals must be indicated on the registration form. **Special meals cannot be provided if they were not requested in advance.**

Attire

Casual attire is recommended for the retreat. Saturday had been designated as “t-shirt day” and all participants are encouraged to wear the retreat t-shirt that you will receive with your registration. **You may want to bring a jacket to wear as the air conditioning levels vary in the meeting rooms.**

Retreat Shirt

A shirt has been designed to commemorate the retreat. The pink short sleeve t-shirt is included in the registration fee and available in sizes small to 5X. **Participants must indicate your size on the enclosed registration form.** You can also preorder extra t-shirts on the registration form. Shirts will be available for pick-up during the retreat registration. If you transfer a registration, we cannot guarantee the availability of a t-shirt.

Choir/Musicians

If you are a singer and would love the opportunity to sing, the Retreat Choir is for you. We are also looking for some volunteer musicians that play keyboard, guitar and/or drums. During the retreat, rehearsals are scheduled on Friday from 4-5:30 p.m. and 9:15-10 p.m.

Children

Unfortunately, there are no accommodations for children or nursing infants and we will not be able to admit them into any of the sessions. Thank you for your understanding.

Taping

Sisters United For Christ will be recording the retreat for commercial purposes, and there is the possibility that you may be captured on film as part of the audience. By attending the retreat, you grant your permission to be recorded and agree to being filmed, videotaped, audio taped or photographed by any means; allow the use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation; specifically waive all rights of privacy during the filming, audio or videotaping; and release Sisters United For Christ from liability for loss, damage or compensation for the use of your likeness, voice and words. No personal recording allowed.

Groups

If you are planning to bring a group on a church van or charter bus and need to make arrangements for parking and/or lodging for a bus driver, contact Diane Harvell at 217-787-3405 before February 28, 2025.

Volunteers

We need a few volunteers to help during the retreat. Please let us know on the registration form if you are available to help. If you have questions, contact Jeanette Goza at 217-523-5101 (evenings).

Questions

For more information on the retreat, contact Willa Barger at 217-553-2306 or Vinita Taylor at 309-826-6115. You may also visit us at www.sistersunitedforchrist.org.

2025 Scholarship Application

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Potential recipients need to submit a completed scholarship application and registration form along with the \$82.50 reduced fee by February 14, 2025. Requests will not be considered if all the required information is not completed. If the application is not accepted the registration fee will be returned.

If you have questions, contact Janice Whitt at 765-282-0724.

1. Applicant Information (*indicates required information)

Last Name*	First Name*	Middle Initial	
Home Address	City	State	Zip
Phone*	Church Affiliation (include city/state)*		

2. What Sisters United For Christ retreat(s) have you previously attended? _____

Attach a separate sheet of paper to complete questions 3 and 4.

3. In one paragraph, share with us why you are requesting a scholarship.

4. In one paragraph, describe how your attendance at the Women’s Retreat will benefit you and/or your church.

Please return completed application, registration form and \$82.50 fee by February 14, 2025 to: Scholarship, Sisters United For Christ, P.O. Box 291, Springfield, IL 62705

Sisters United For Christ
2025 Retreat Registration Form

To register fill out one form per person (please photocopy or go to www.sistersunitedforchrist.org). Mail this completed registration form with payment (make checks payable to Sisters United For Christ) to Sisters United For Christ, P.O. Box 291, Springfield, IL 62705. If you have questions, call Willa Barger at 217-553-2306 or Vinita Taylor at 309-826-6115.

General Information (please print)

Name _____

(As you wish it to appear on name badge)

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Church Affiliation/City _____

Conference Registration

___ \$165 **postmark on/before February 14, 2025**

___ \$190 **postmark on/after February 15, 2025**

___ Single room (add \$68 to registration fee)

Workshop Selection (See the tentative schedule for the workshop numbers)

Workshop I _____

Workshop II _____ Alternate _____

___ Young Adult (18-30), your age _____

Roommate's name _____

Roommate's phone _____

Special considerations:

___ I will need vegetarian meals.

___ I have a physical difficulty and may need assistance. Please describe _____

Are you a cancer survivor? ___ yes ___ no If yes, what type _____

I would like to volunteer at the retreat ___ yes ___ no

I want to participate in the Retreat Choir voice type _____/instrument _____

Retreat Shirt (Included with registration) Indicate size below:

___ small ___ large ___ 2X ___ 4X

___ medium ___ x-large ___ 3X ___ 5X

Optional Retreat Shirt(s) Indicate size(s) below:

___ small \$20 ___ large \$20 ___ 2X \$25 ___ 4X \$25

___ medium \$20 ___ x-large \$20 ___ 3X \$25 ___ 5X \$25

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (registration fee and optional single room and/or t-shirts) \$ _____

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Early bird deadline
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