

# **ALL-CHURCH RETREAT**

## **MAY 23-25, 2025**

### **Forgiveness**



**Hotel Allegro, Lincolnweg 23, 8840 Einsiedeln**  
**Reception: 055 418 88 88**

**If you have an emergency at any time during the retreat, please call the reception desk or:**

Annelies Guthman (Adult Ed & Retreats Elder): 079 955 69 78

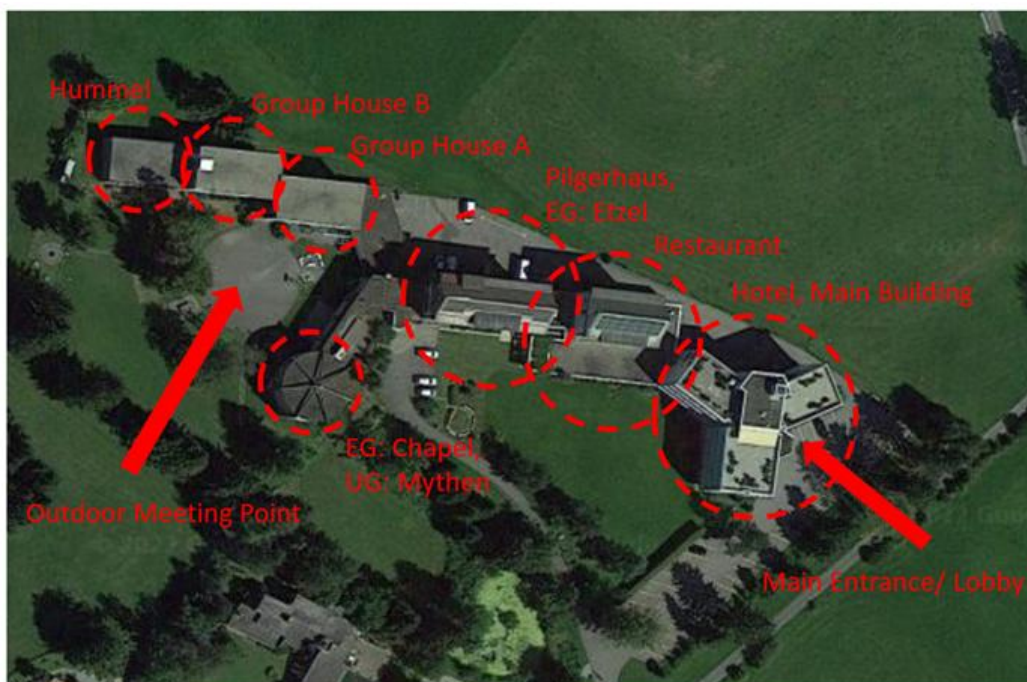
Stella Treumann (Children's Program): 078 230 51 51

Nicholay Mischler (Nursery): 079 951 71 66

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## IPC Retreat Information

WhatsApp group



## Payments

Please note: We will not accept any cash payments at the retreat. Any balances due should be paid via bank transfer (preferred) or Twint to IPC as soon as possible.



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## Additional info:

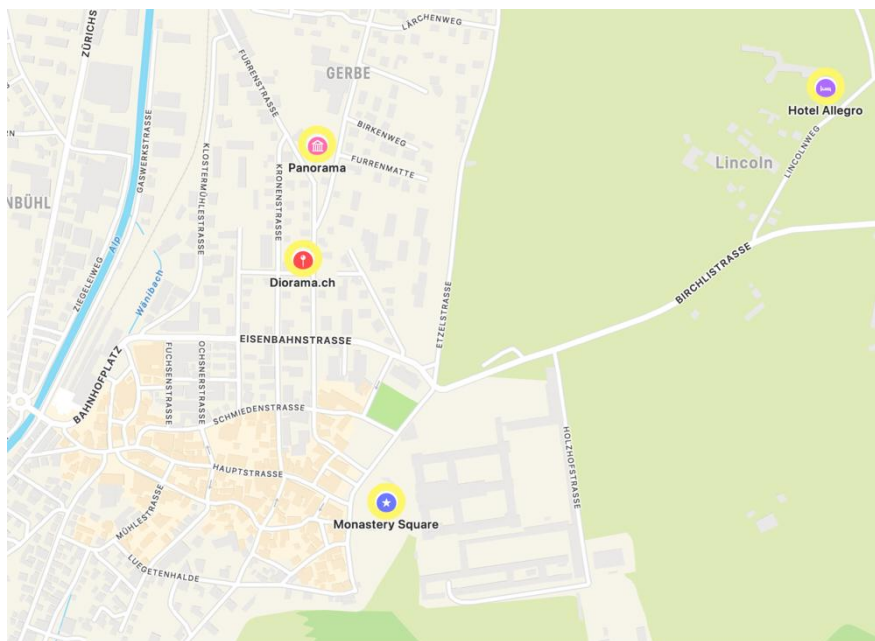
There will be a room dedicated for prayer during the retreat and staffed as often as possible with a volunteer.

## Activities & Map:

[www.kloster-einsiedeln.ch](http://www.kloster-einsiedeln.ch) – Booked tour 14:00-15:00. (Only for those who have signed up and paid in advance.)

[www.Diorama.ch](http://www.Diorama.ch) – Collection of over 470 wood carved creche figures (plus fossils/minerals collection)

[www.Panorama-Einsiedeln.ch](http://www.Panorama-Einsiedeln.ch) – Panorama painting of the crucifixion (2000 m<sup>2</sup>)



## Friday, May 23

Time	Activity		Location
16:00-17:45	<b>Arrival and check-in</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Check-in <b>Hotel and Alpine Lodge</b>: Please check in with the hotel desk. Then get your nametag at the IPC Welcome Table.</li> <li>•Check-in for the <b>Gruppenhaus</b>: You don't need to check in at the hotel desk. Please get your room information and your nametag at the IPC Welcome Table.</li> </ul>		Hotel lobby, main entrance
18:00 18:20 18:40 19:00	<b>Dinner</b> Please note that each meal is divided into 4 shifts in 3 locations. Please give priority to families with small children.		Etzel Druesberg Restaurant Etzel
19:30-20:00	Get to know each other 2-3 worship songs		Mythen
20:00-21:00	<b>Session 1</b> (adults) "Defining Forgiveness: What it is... and what it isn't" Rev. Mark W. van Stee	<b>Children</b> Film <i>Paddington</i>	Adults-Mythen Children-Hummel No nursery
after 21:00	Leisure Time / Fellowship		Various locations

Saturday, May 24				
Time	Activity			Location
7:00 7:20 7:40 8:00	<b>Breakfast</b> (Breakfast continues until 9:00/9:30 so there is more flexibility.)			Etzel Druesberg Restaurant Etzel
08:30- 09:00	<b>Check-in for day guests and Gruppenhaus guests at the IPC table.</b> <b>Hotel and Alpine Lodge guests check-in at 16:00 with the hotel. Please pick up your name tags and programs from the IPC table.</b>			Hotel lobby, main building
09:15- 11:45	<b>Session 2</b> (adults) “The Biblical Necessity (and Personal Cost) of Forgiveness” Rev. Mark W. van Stee	<b>Children</b> Lego Program 1	<b>Nursery</b>	Adults-Mythen Children-Hummel Nursery-drop your child/ren off at Hummel
11:45 12:00 12:20 12:40	<b>Lunch</b>			Etzel Druesberg Restaurant Etzel
14:00- 16:00	<b>14:00 Games</b> (led by Bogdan, 40-50 max) <b>14:00 Lecture:</b> “Nocturnal Christianity” by Florence Cobben <b>14:00 Guided Tour</b> to the Monastery  <b>14:30 Prayer walk</b>  <b>14:30 Retreat Choir</b>			Lecture: Mythen  Tour leaves 13:45 from the front desk Walk: meet Vicky in the lobby Choir: Mythen
15:00- 18:00	<b>Children Lego Program 2</b>			Hummel
16:00- 18:00	<b>Session 3:</b> (adults) “What If We Can’t Forgive Ourselves?” Pastor Nathan Wannemacher	<b>Nursery</b>		Adults-Mythen Nursery-drop off child/ren at Hummel
18:00 18:20 18:40 19:00	<b>Dinner</b>			Etzel Druesberg Restaurant Etzel
19:30- 21:00	<b>Testimony, Prayer and Praise</b>	<b>Children</b>		Adults-Mythen Children-Hummel No nursery
after 21:00	<b>Leisure Time/Fellowship</b>			Various locations



## Sunday, May 25

Time	Activity		Location
7:00 7:20 7:40 8:00	<b>Breakfast</b> (Breakfast continues until 9:00/9:30 so there is more flexibility.)		Etzel Druesberg Restaurant Etzel
8:00- 10:00	<b>Check-out</b> Gruppenhaus: empty trash, strip beds, sweep floor		
9:45	<b>Retreat Choir Rehearsal</b>		Mythen
11:00- 12:30	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> Sermon: Rev. Mark W. van Stee	<b>Children</b> Start with adults, then Sunday School <b>Nursery</b>	Adults-Mythen Children-Mythen, then Hummel Nursery-Children's Corner (hotel lobby)
13:00 13:20 13:40 14:00	<b>Lunch and Goodbye</b> If you have not pre-registered for lunch, you may picnic in the Gruppenhaus or outside.		Etzel Druesberg Restaurant Etzel
	<b>Travel safely and thank you!</b>		

## Friday Discussion Groups Retreat 2025

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
Peter Chen	Nicholas Edmonds	Remi Tobler	Jeff Anhut	Heather Altermatt	Rebecca Chan
Chile Anhut	Marianne Alder	Barbara Bagajo	Renée Beyer	Christine Bliven	Spencer Bliven
Jolinda de-Korne Elenbaas	Peter Cho	Greg Chun	Florence Cobben	Quirine Cobben	Youp Cobben
Jean-Claude.G	Boopathy Dhanapal	Gabi Dhanapal	Joël Duss	Dorothea Edmonds	Laura Fisher
Hellen Kahugu	Joan Gottraux	Arthur Heusser	Gloria Heusser	James Heusser	Gioia Heusser
Reto Kurmann	Elena Kleimenova	Sue Knüsel	Hans Knüsel	Jane Kokkala	Dennis Kuriakose
Johnson Oduwaiye	Helena Kurmann	Joshua Leung	Vicky Lee	Samantha Leung	Rui Si Lim
Christina Reynolds	Magnus Osei	Bessy Osei	Hannah Pahls	Carolyn Pecher	Wofgang Pecher
Vanitha Theodore	Stephan Henne	Praveen Richard	Pauline Richard	Catrina Scholze	Mettrin Sigrist
Genu Cherukara	Lynn van Stee	Bev Visser	Kathy Dal Corso	Caitlin Mackie	Christoph Meister
Group 7	Group 8	Group 9	Group 10	Group 11	Group 12
Cris Achim	Lydia Schönpflug	Manuel Constam	Jimmy Yap	Cheemui Yap	Nathan Wannemacher
Brutiu Bogdan	Mike Chamberlain	Rebecca Chen	Maio Chen	Frank de-Korne Elenbaas	Johan & Jolene Blesson
Pepijn Cobben	Chandler Cudlipp	Bence Czipo	Birgit David	Christopher Gierer	Pranay Richard
Marlene Fisher	Terri Furrer	Lanette Meister	Patrik Jehle	Anju Blesson	Aaron Cherukara
Natascha Gray	Annelies Guthman	Mishka Hulka	Sjolanda Huls	Christine Weeks	Annella Cho
Eric Malmi	Maria Malmi	Amanda Mitchell	Blesson George	Pascal Mütschard	Aston Dennis
Lydia Meister	Jenetta Meister	Mathilde Steensma	Michelle Mütschard	John Cherukara	Johanna Fisher
Susanne Sondheimer	Carel Steensma	Yue Ling Wong	Kay Stobaugh	Suresh Theodore	Daria Müller Deeya.A
Michael Weeks	Prashan Richard	Milkah Meier	Ann Zindel	Joel Wong	Benjamin Mütschard Tessa & Alina Henne

## Saturday Discussion Groups Retreat 2025

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
Peter Chen	Nicholas Edmonds	Remi Tobler	Jeff Anhut	Heather Altermatt	Rebecca Chan
Karen Abhari	Marianne Alder	Maria Anhut	Barbara Bagajo	Chile Anhut	Jonah Bagajo
Spencer Bliven	Brutiu Bogdan	Mike Chamberlain	Rebecca Chen	Birgit David	John Cherukara
Youp Cobben	Pepijn Cobben	Chandler Cudlipp	Bence Czipo	Laura Fisher	Jolinda de-Korne Elenbaas
Boopathy Dhanapal	Gabi Dhanapal	Joël Duss	Ann Zindel	Arthur Heusser	Marlene Fisher
Nadine Gordon	Jean-Claude.G	Joan Gottraux	Susanne Hattingh	Fred Käser	Gloria Heusser
Katlyn Jehle	Matt Kägi	Hellen Kahugu	Ingrid Käser	Vicky Lee	Jürg Kessler
Nathan Kolo	Dennis Kuriakose	Reto Kurmann	Helena Kurmann	Diane Meier	Joshua Leung
Paul Lim	Eric Malmi	Maria Malmi	Milkah Meier	Annette Mitchell	Lanette Meister
Christoph Meister Stephan Henne Metrin Sigrist Corinne Urquhart	Lydia Meister Eva Nelson Praveen Richard Swandiana.S	Jenetta Meister Johnson Oduwaiye Pauline Richard Susanne Sondheimer	Betty Wegmann Walter Mitchell Esther Oehninger Dorli Scherer	Christine Weeks Tatyana Okhman Hans Joachim Scherer Carel Steensma	Lynn Van Stee Alexander Mitchell Carolyn Pecher Claire Schnellmann
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Terri Furrer	Peter Cho	Greg Chun	Philippe Tobler	Quirine Cobben	Jannina Wannemacher
Natascha Gray	Blesson George	Anju Blesson	Prashan Richard	Ronald Gordon	Giannina Wild
James Heusser	Bea Groeger	Annelies Guthman	Marie Louise	Kobus Hattingh	Vanitha Theodore
Elena Kleimenova	Gioia Heusser	Mishka Hulka	Sjolanda Huls	Patrik Jehle	Matthias Schnellmann
Michael Weeks	Sue Knüsel	Hans Knüsel	Jane Kokkala	Hortensia Kolo	Bev Visser
Samantha Leung	Shuk-ha Leung	Waihung Leung	Sami Lieder	Rui Si Lim	Florence Cobben
Andrew Mitchell Bessy Osei Kay Stobaugh Caitlin Mackie	Amanda Mitchell Hannah Pahls Catrina Scholze Suresh Theodore	Michelle Mütschard Wolfgang Pecher Gordon Schultz Peter Wild	Pascal Mütschard Vitaliy Petruk Christine Schultz Robert Urquhart	Magnus Osei Christina Reynolds Anika Schumann Yue Ling Wong Herman Rittmeyer	Paul Nelson Kathy Dal Corso Nora Sparks Rosalind.Delaunay Mathilde Steensma
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	Johanna Fisher	Deeya Akshintala	Elodie Kolo	Johan Blesson	Jolene Blesson



## Discussion Questions

### **Session 1 – “Defining Forgiveness: What it is... and what it isn’t”**

Q1 – Have you ever been faced with a situation where you had to make a big decision about whether to forgive someone? How did you approach this decision?

Q2 – In the teaching session, we defined forgiveness in three different but related ways:

- Forgiveness is giving up our right to impose suffering on the one who harmed us.
- Forgiveness is surrendering our right to get even with the one who hurt us.
- Forgiveness is relinquishing our right to punish the offender, even when punishment is justified.

Is this how you have typically thought of forgiveness? How does this way of thinking about forgiveness compare with what the Apostle Paul says in Colossians 3:13?

Q3 – In light of Romans 5:6-8, how would you characterize God's forgiveness of us? Did he seek to "make us pay" for our sins? Who bore the cost of our forgiveness?

Q4 – Consider forgiveness as it relates to justice. Is granting forgiveness at odds with demanding justice? Why or why not? How do 1 Peter 3:9 and Romans 12:21 inform our understanding of how to administer justice?

Q5 – In his book on forgiveness, Rev. Tim Keller says that part of the difficulty of true forgiveness is that it is unnatural as well as counter-cultural. Do you agree? Why or why not?

Q6 - What does Jesus suggest in Mark 11:22-26 about the nature of forgiveness – does it come naturally to us or do we need some “supernatural” help with it?

## **Session 2 – “The Biblical Necessity (and Personal Cost) of Forgiveness”**

Q1 – Have you ever felt the burden of needing to forgive someone, but you just couldn't make yourself do it? What was interfering?

Q2 – The “unforgiving servant” in Jesus' parable (Matthew 18:21-35) is judged very harshly. What did his unwillingness to forgive his fellow servant indicate about how he viewed the forgiveness he had received for his own debt? How might our reluctance to forgive others indicate the same with regard the forgiveness we have received from God? (cf. Luke 7:47)

Q3 – What are our usual responses to people who have hurt us? How do we try to get back at them?

Q4 - How is forgiveness a matter of “taking up one’s cross?”

Q5 – In his book on forgiveness, Rev. Tim Keller says this: *“But in all situations, when wrong is done, there is always a debt, and there is no way to deal with it without suffering – either you make the perpetrator suffer for it or you forgive and suffer for it yourself. Either you make the debtor pay by hurting them until you feel things are even or you pay by forgiving and absorbing the pain within yourself.”* What do you think about this statement? How do Jesus’ words from the Lord’s prayer (“forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”) illuminate our responsibility with respect to this debt incurred by the harmful actions of others?



### **Session 3: “What If We Can’t Forgive Ourselves?”**

Q1 – Have you ever struggled with forgiving yourself, or are you struggling with it now?

- Why can forgiving ourselves be so challenging?
- Do you think God cares if we forgive ourselves?

Q2 – Often as Christians we can fall into 2 major categories. Some of us lean more towards legalism, and we can tend to add a lot of “false guilt” onto our consciences. Others of us lean towards licentiousness, and maybe tend to not feel “real guilt” when we should.

- Which category do you think you lean more towards?
- How can we know when our guilt is “false guilt,” and how can we know when it is “real guilt?”
- How can differentiating between “false guilt” and “real guilt” help us in forgiving ourselves?

Q3 – Read this quote from Tim Keller:

Many despair over their sin because they never believed their standing with God was by sheer mercy to begin with. Though they gave lip service to the idea of God's grace, they based their justification on their sanctification- their performance. That is, they believe God loved and accepted them on the basis of their moral performance and their relative freedom from sin and wrongdoing. When a person falls into sin who is still functionally operating on the belief that they are saved by their moral life, their very foundations are shaken.

- What is Tim Keller trying to say here?
- Have you ever caught yourself basing your justification on your performance?
- What is the antidote to this mindset?

Q4 – Read through these passages:

Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...

1 John 3:20

If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Ephesians 1:7-8a

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.

1 Corinthians 4:3-4

I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

How can these passages help us to forgive ourselves? (choose whichever one(s) stick out to you)

## **Morning Worship, Sunday, May 25**

### **Scripture:**

#### **Psalm 32: 1-2**

Blessed is the one  
whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.  
<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one  
whose sin the Lord does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

#### **Matthew 6: 9-13**

<sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray:  
“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.  
<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

**Sermon: “Christlike Forgiveness” by Rev. Mark W. van Stee**

## **Feedback Form URL & QR Code**

Please give us your feedback (after) the retreat by using the QR code for the online survey form!

