

Utah Fall Pastor's Retreat

Oct 25-27, 2026 at Aspen Ray Lodge, Price



Creation Care, Stewardship, & Sustainability

God has called us to nurture and steward this beautiful world we call home—increasingly difficult work in a society built on consumption and greed. As we burn through natural resources and pollute our planet, all of creation cries out. We will gather to learn about water, wildlife, trees, climate change, and how to better balance our human needs while fostering a theology of creation care and conservation that allows the planet to heal.

Come spend a couple days with your fellow pastors and chaplains in space carved out for you to rest, connect with your Creator, learn more about a theology of creation care.

Our retreat presenter is Joel Holtrop. Joel retired in 2011 after a 36 year career with the U.S. Forest Service. The last half of his career he was in agency leadership positions, culminating in being Deputy Chief responsible for overseeing the 193 million acre National Forest System. In his retirement, Joel has been able to continue his life-long Christian calling of caring for God's creation by holding volunteer leadership positions in global conservation organizations. Joel and his wife relocated to SLC from DC to be near family and attend Mt. Olympus Presbyterian.



Details

When: Oct 25-27 (Sun, 4pm- Tues, 11am)

When: Aspen Ray Lodge

3769 W Gordon Creek Road. Price, Utah

*FYI: there's plenty of recreation options (hiking, biking, etc) nearby and we'll have a block of free time on Monday if you want to explore (or nap!).

Bonus Free-time Option: Joel, who's also a birder, will lead a birding walk around the property for anyone interested!

***BYOB**

Cost:

\$200 for Pastors OR \$75 CLP's (or those without continuing education funds)

Register:

by Oct 1st by Emailing: admin@pbyutah.org

Tentative Schedule:

Sunday

4pm-5pm: Arrive, check in,

5pm-6pm: Happy Hour provided by Ralph Clingan!

6pm: Dinner

7pm: Evening session

Monday

8am-ish: Wake up and Breakfast

9:30am-Noon: Morning Sessions with Breaks

12pm: Lunch (eat on site or take it with you if you're off to adventure)

12-5:30pm: Free time... go birding with Joel, wander, nap, hike/bike, read... you do you.

5:30pm: Gather to go into town for dinner together in Price

7:30pm: Evening session

Tuesday

8am-ish: Wake up and Breakfast

9am: Final Session & Closing Communion

10:30am: Pack up, checkout and travel home