WHAT IS KOINONIA?

Koinonia is a multi-denominational Christian community that through prayer, fellowship, and sharing of common experiences helps individuals feel God's purpose in their lives. With God's grace, individuals can focus on becoming more committed Christians, seeking to bring Christ into their lives, their families, their churches, their work and their communities.

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You are invited to spend a weekend with God . . . .

KOINONIA

A KOINONIA WEEKEND IS THREE DAYS LONG, BUT LASTS A LIFETIME!

The Koinonia weekend is open to anyone who is interested in participation in Christian living and the world around them.

In Greek, Koinonia (coin-no-nee-a) means a gathering. That is what a Koinonia Weekend is because it brings together people from different denominations and communities for a learning, sharing and inspirational experience in Christian living.

Koinonia is patterned after the Roman Catholic Cursillo that began in Spain in the 1940s. Koinonia outreach began in the Presbyterian Church in Findlay, Ohio, in May 1972, so that men and women, married and single, and those of different denominations, could participate on the same weekend. The Koinonia weekend is somewhat modified from the Catholic and Episcopalian Cursillo weekend, but the same basic theme exists.

THE KOINONIA WEEKEND IS SHORT COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY

The weekend begins on a Friday night and ends early Sunday evening.

The Weekends are structured around a series of seventeen talks, nine by lay people and eight by clergy. The talks cover such topics as God's Grace, Biblical Study, Christian Action, and other subjects relevant to lay people. After each talk there is a time for discussion within small groups.

The talks provide ideas for reflection and guidelines for life beyond the weekends.

The Koinonia Weekend is many things, but most of all; it is an experience to be lived. The weekend is filled with joy, much informal conversation, and singing, worship, fun and laughter. Within the forty hours of a weekend, complete strangers at the beginning become a true Christian Community.

The Koinonia weekends are held at:

Olmsted Community Church
7853 Main Street
Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

WHAT IS A KOINONIA WEEKEND ALL ABOUT?

- It offers a potential for personal growth, with emphasis on spiritual growth.
- It offers an opportunity for discovering more of the meaning of life through Christian community and unconditional love.
- It is a way of renewal for the church, focusing responsibility and mission beyond Koinonia.
- It is a launching pad to encourage action with the church and in the world.
- It is an experience of continuing Christian community.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ?

The men's weekends are traditionally held in February and September; the women's weekends are held in March and October. Call any of the contacts listed on the back of the brochure if you would like more information about the weekend, specific dates or to request the required reservation form.