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Ministry Partner Guidelines

**COLORS**  
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**HOPE** **RETREAT**  
OCTOBER 24-27

Dear Partner in Ministry,

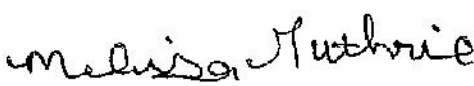
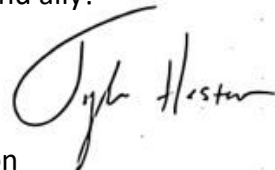
**We are headed to the mountains!** LGBTQ+ people of faith and allies from across the Church will gather together to hope in color and enjoy the colorful foliage at Christmount Retreat, Camp, and Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC. By engaging the spiritual practices from the devotional journal [Colors of Hope](#), retreat participants will be encouraged and equipped to embody their faith—and queer their spirituality. With an emphasis on connection over content, all are invited to join the book's editor and authors to wonder, resist, embody, create, hope, stretch, and share.

Christmount is the only formal Open & Affirming outdoor ministry with AllianceQ. The Alliance supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender-diverse people of faith, educates and equips faith communities for understanding, affirming, and including LGBTQ+ persons, and collaborates with ecumenical partners for intersectional justice work. **We invite you to collaborate with us as a sponsor, exhibitor, or supporter as we host the Colors of Hope Retreat at Christmount October 24-27.**

We need your support to make the retreat experience possible *and accessible*. With your financial contributions we can maintain a modest registration fee and provide generous scholarship support for as many registrants as possible. We have not gathered in-person for more than two years and we have never hosted a retreat like this. But we know people are longing for connection and we know our world needs beauty, hope, healing, and love to color every corner.

**Will you make a gift to AllianceQ in support of the Colors of Hope Retreat and our ministry alongside the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)?** Exhibitor display space is limited and available to those with the earliest reservation. Full details follow and all inquiries can be directed to [Melissa@colorsofhope.net](mailto:Melissa@colorsofhope.net).

Thank you for being a missional partner and ally!

Rev. Melissa Guthrie and Rev. Tyler Heston  
Colors of Hope Retreat Coordinators

**All.**

# COLORS OF H O P E RETREAT OCTOBER 24-27

	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Supporter</b>
Cost	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$100+
Retreat Registration(s) <i>Includes meals and lodging</i>	Two (2)	One (1)	
Table and chair(s)	X	X	
Slide to be shown on rolling basis with program announcements	X	X	Listed with all supporters
Name and/or logo on event website	X	X	X
Social media recognition	X	X	
Colors of Hope swag bag	X	X	
Opportunity to share resources	X	X	
Opportunity to sell own merchandise	X		
Full article or ad in <i>Crossbeams</i> newsletter	X		

### Sponsors and Exhibitors

Do not register through the event registration platform.

### Supporters

If you are making a financial gift in support of the event and will also be attending the retreat, you do need to register through the event platform. We welcome gifts of support from individuals and ministries not joining in the retreat.

### All

Contact Melissa Guthrie at [Melissa@colorsofhope.net](mailto:Melissa@colorsofhope.net) to coordinate your support, event registration, and lodging as soon as possible. Sponsors and exhibitors are invited to contribute to the swag bag. Let's talk!

### The Book

[\*Colors of Hope: A Devotional Journal from LGBTQ+ Christians\*](#) is the first of its kind devotional published with Chalice Press. The book draws upon the iconic Pride flag and raises a call to embody our beliefs. Featuring contributions from Tyler Heston (he/him), Alysha Laperche (they/them), Sandhya Jha (she/they), Nadia Tavera (she/they), Andrew Deeb (he/him), William DeShay C. Jackson (they/them), Melissa Guthrie (she/her), Renair Amin (she/they), Brendan Y. Boone (he/him), Allen V. Harris (he/him), and Marian Edmonds-Allen (she/they).

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