

Why Should I Become a Member?

You are a partner in a service organization whose purpose is to provide a unique ministry "...an extension of congregational life". Your real benefit is knowing that you are a partner in a ministry that provides the opportunity for people to "come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" - Jesus (Mark 6:31). Sharing God's love through service by providing an environment to experience Jesus Christ is what Lakewood Retreat is all about.

The Board does determine, from time to time, certain privileges members do enjoy. Attending the annual SMCA weekend event on a donation basis is a time for fellowship and keeping up with what's happening in Lakewood's ministry.

**Come and see
what God is doing at Lakewood.**



You may find an application for membership on-line at www.LakewoodRetreat.org or call our office to have one mailed to you. Checks may be made payable to Lakewood Retreat. We value your partnership in this ministry.



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Southern Mennonite Camp Association's Story

The SMCA began February 3, 1965, with the signing of the Articles of Incorporation. Since that time the reality of the vision for Lakewood Retreat has blessed the lives of hundreds.

There were 14 members by the end of the first year. That number has grown to include membership from Mennonites and friends in Florida and from other states.



Lakewood Retreat has developed into the retreat and

conference center it currently is by the efforts of its membership to maintain, expand, and promote the facility.

What Does Membership Mean?

- * A commitment to the development and ministry of Lakewood Retreat.
- * Financial assistance for capital expenditures and debt retirement.
- * Sharing of time and skills.
- * Sharing the good story of the ministry with others; recruiting new members, staff personnel, and campers.
- * Supporting and utilizing the facilities.
- * A sense of responsibility for its success.
- * Providing moral and prayer support.

How Do I Become A Member?

Membership is open to persons who are members of the Mennonite Church, or other congregations, and are in agreement with the Associations standards and objectives. Individuals and families are encouraged to be involved in this effective and meaningful ministry. Membership applications are approved by the Board of Directors.

Membership is available in three categories:

Life requires an initial fee of \$500.

Annual requires a fee of \$50.

Family requires a fee of \$200. (5 yr. term)

All memberships share the same benefits, commitments and responsibilities.

Lakewood's Purpose

The purpose of Lakewood Retreat is no less than that of the Mennonite Church: The belief that the Church is the expression and life of Jesus Christ to the world. We are here to enable all people to find purpose and fulfillment in Jesus Christ and to provide opportunities for all to experience training in leadership development, Christian discipleship, inspiration, and worship to the end that they may better serve God in the Church and the world.

Further, Lakewood Retreat would seek to nurture body, mind, and spirit. Use by interfaith, nonprofit, educational and other similar groups will be welcome, so long as the intended use would not be contrary to this stated purpose and mission.

The natural surroundings are so vital for the Lord to minister to the need of personal refreshing. If Jesus saw and felt the importance to "come away, and rest a while" (Mark 6:31) in His day, how much stronger the call in our hectic schedules to do the same. You are encouraged to participate, so that others, too, can be blessed by His presence and life.

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