

This year, we are offering online registration [here](#) or you may fill out the form below:

**First United Church of Oak Park
Registration Form:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

- This is my 1st time at this retreat
- I would like a buddy*
- I need a ride to Siena Center
- I can offer a ride to Siena Center
- I can be a buddy*
- I can make soup for Friday night

*(Buddies show newcomers the “ropes,” help them feel welcome)

Registration Fee: \$180.00

Retreat Scholarship Donation: \$ _____

**Send check made out to First United
Church of Oak Park for total amount
to:**

Priscilla Sibley

418 N. Lombard, Oak Park IL 60302

psibley@comcast.net

Registration deadline is January 21, 2018

FAQs

All women 18 and older from the participating churches are invited to attend this retreat.

Registration is on a first come-first served basis. Maximum number of participants is 60. We keep a waiting list to fill any last minute vacancies or cancellations.

Scholarships and carpooling are readily available.

The retreat schedule includes time for personal relaxation and contemplation or socializing. Small group and craft activities create opportunities to get to know each other.

The facilities at the Siena Center retreat include comfortable private rooms for sleeping or relaxing. Each room includes a private bathroom. Bed and bath linens are provided.

Most rooms are singles; rooms with two twin beds or one queen are available on a first come- first served basis for those wishing to share.

The Siena Center is handicapped accessible.

All meals from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch are included in the registration.

For more retreat information—contact Mary Anne Loafman at 708-383-9048 or mmloafman@comcast.net

For scholarship information—contact Britt Cox at 708-386-5215 (ext. 25) or bcox@firstunitedoakpark.com

RESISTANCE AND HOPE Lessons from Scripture for Today



**34TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S
RETREAT
FOR
THE WOMEN OF
FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF
OAK PARK
AND
LINCOLN PARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*February 2–4, 2018
Siena Center
Racine Wisconsin*



C. J. HAWKING

Rev. C.J. Hawking's life was transformed by the Gospel of Resistance and Hope and she is eager to share her insights and perhaps expand our perspectives during our retreat. In ministry for 33 years, for the past 10 years, Hawking has been the Executive Director of Arise Chicago, a faith-based organization that addresses workplace injustices. During her 20 -year history in faith-labor organizing, she has organized faith communities for union janitor campaigns in Florida, Ohio, and Indiana. She is the Harry F. Ward Pastor for Social Justice at Euclid Ave. United Methodist Church in Oak Park. Hawking co-authored, *“Staley: The Fight for the New Labor Movement”* which won three “Book of the Year” awards. She is also an adjunct instructor at University of Illinois and Indiana University in labor and social movements. She holds a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

As we look at our country and our world, we see so much that is unjust and needs to be changed. How do we resist that injustice and work for that change? How do we claim and maintain the hope needed to energize that work? How does the Bible speak to these questions? And how do we take care of ourselves in the process?

These are some of the questions we will consider during our time together. It may seem as if our world is in more turmoil than ever, but a close look at the Bible will reveal that stories of struggle and resistance have always been around.

We hope you can join us and our sisters from Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church. The annual retreat weekend is rich with opportunities for feeding our spirit and building relationships. Together we find the strength and fellowship that support our spiritual journey.



34th Annual Women's Retreat

“Resistance and Hope: Lessons from Scripture for Today”

Friday, February 2, 2018,
6:30PM

To

Sunday, February 4, 2018,
1:00PM



The Siena Center overlooks Lake Michigan and offers space for reflection, inspiration, restoration or simple silence. Beyond our time considering the retreat theme, there is also plenty of time for fun, relaxation, reconnecting with old friends and making new connections.