

out of the silence

LET THE VOICES BE HEARD

I will listen to what you are saying, O God—a voice that speaks of peace. Love and faithfulness have met. Justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness will sprout from the earth and justice will lean down from heaven. Justice marches before you, O God, and peace will prepare the way for your steps.

—From Psalm 85

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NORTH TEXAS ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION JAN 30 - FEB 4, 2022

WELCOMING YOU

and

REGINA LAROCHE

RAY BUCKLEY



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Regina M. Laroche is founder/owner of *Diaspora Gardens and Diaspora Arts* which are dedicated to nourishing and healing bodies, earth, spirit, and communities. As a micro-farmer, artist, retreat and workshop guide, she practices small scale connectional farming on an island at the edge of Lake Superior. Her offerings are creative explorations of healing and repair informed by encounters with the garden, land, and life-giving resilience of communities of color. As storyteller and dancer Regina attempts to explore, express, and live the connections between land, food, community, cultures, art, and spirit. When the ideas seem too big, she returns to the simplicity of hands and seed in earth, of sharing food with neighbors, of dancing the wonder and heartbreak of it all. Regina's story, dance, and creative guidance are shaped by farming, family, and community. Her life and art are influenced by her mother's rural South Carolina upbringing, her father's Haitian Afro-Caribbean culture, training in spiritual direction, the creative dance and story work of *InterPlay*, and a theatre degree from St. Catherine University. Regina has worked with a wide range of ages locally and globally.



Ray Buckley is the interim Director for the Center for Native Spirituality and Christian Study. He has served The United Methodist Church as a staff member of The United Methodist Publishing House, Director of the Native People Communication Office (UMCom) for nine years, and Director of Connectional Ministries and Native Discipleship for the Alaska Missionary Conference. Ray is author and illustrator of five story-books, two missional studies on Native peoples for leaders of children and youth, a Lenten study for adults, *Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back*, examines suffering and forgiveness. His stories, poetry, and art have appeared in numerous journals, periodicals, and books around the world and his sculptures and art are in permanent collections of museums in several countries. He teaches, preaches, and lectures around the globe. Along with Buffy St. Marie and Albert White Hat, he was a featured presenter at the *Threshold Arts Series* in Iowa; a guest lecturer at the Pontifical Biblical Institute of the Vatican. Of Lakota/Tlingit/Scots descent, Ray makes his home in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley of Alaska, where he is a traditional basket maker and wood carver.



- Spacious accommodations with spectacular views on scenic grounds for rest and renewal.
- Calming waters and strolling pathways to peace, perspective, and presence.
- Healthy snacks and hearty meals from dinner Sunday, Jan 30, thru lunch Friday, Feb 4.
- Single & **limited** double occupancy rooms. **CDC protocols will be followed in assigning double occupancies.** Limited number of single rooms. **Register early.**
- Ground transportation provided from DFW or DAL.

North Texas Retreat Team welcomes you.

We invite your inquiries.

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RECOMMENDED READING

for those who desire to read before coming to the Academy:

- *PRAYER: Spiritual Practices for Building a Life of Faith*, Ray Buckley, Abingdon, 2019
- TBA
- The Gospels

REGISTER ONLINE

5dayNorthTexas.com

- Early Bird Rates end 11-1-21
- Standard Rates end 12-1-21
- Late Registration ends 1-19-22
- All refunds end 1-19-22 less non-refundable \$150 Deposit
- Final payment due 1-19-22

NORTH TEXAS FIVE DAY ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION 2022

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