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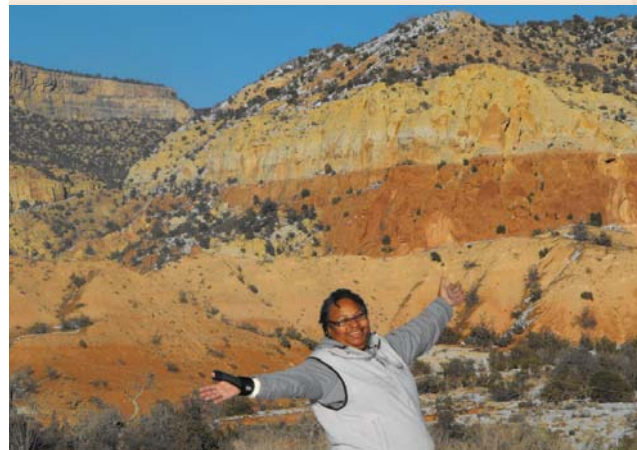
*Romans 12:2 NRSV*

### **What is Ghost Ranch's connection to the Presbyterian Church (USA)?**

We are a national conference center of the Presbyterian Church, an integral partner in the church's ministry since the Abiquiu site was given to the Presbyterian Church in 1955. The Ranch continues to aspire to be a vital leader in the church's ministry – training, preparing and enriching its leaders, hosting its events and welcoming congregations. Ghost Ranch is a transformational space that reflects our Christian commitments. We welcome people of all faiths and nationalities and strive to find ways to bridge the divisions that so often separate people from one another.

### **How do I find out more?**

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Call Rev. Kim Rodrique, Faith Community & Campus Relations at 505.982.8539, 217  
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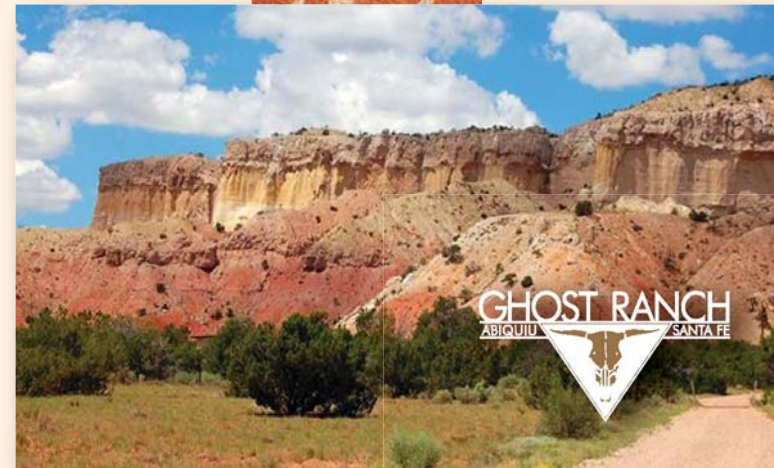
For years I've heard about Ghost Ranch, now I know.

The view from Kitchen Mesa, time with the likes of J. Philip Newell, rafting on the Chama, and a chance to sleep beneath the desert stars, all helped to thin the veil for me. I see differently now and am both less and more as a result.

*Joel Blunk, Associate Pastor, State College Presbyterian Church, State College, PA*



## *Transformation begins at* **GHOST RANCH**



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“I learned the truth behind the adage “never say never,” as I was appropriately challenged in my week at Ghost Ranch to consider a leadership position in my church that I had previously waved off. Maybe it was due to the rich expanse of leisurely down-time...sipping cool beverages in Adirondack chairs, in the company of good friends and spontaneous fellowship, surrounded by the unique beauty of desert mesas. Mystery in all of its glory does indeed seem to ooze and flow from every crack, crevice, hiking path, classroom and vista at Ghost Ranch! It is perhaps in this mystery that the Holy Spirit gets a little more breathing room to help one to pay attention to one's attitude, journey and spiritual vocation; air-time that is so often hard to find in the business of our daily lives.”

*Betsy Thomassen, Elder  
Arlington, VA*



# Transformation begins



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Do not let yourself be shaped by what everyone else does, but rather let yourselves be transformed by a whole new way of thinking, so that you can discern what conforms to God's will, namely what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

*Paul Achtemeier's translation of the same words*

Transformation has become a kind of “buzzword” these days, both in the church and in larger society. It means many different things to different people. For someone seeking to follow Jesus, it means seeing the world through new eyes, eyes that see like Christ sees, and then letting yourself be changed by this new vision of the world and the people in it. This kind of transformation has the possibility of changing the world.

We invite you to make a visit to Ghost Ranch part of your own journey of transformation.

## How can a visit to Ghost Ranch be transformative to an individual?

Coming to Ghost Ranch is stepping away from your ordinary routine and into a place like no other. Whether you come to the remote Abiquiu site, where the colors and shapes of the mountains and mesas are truly inspiring, or the more urban Santa Fe site, where the hospitality and history permeate everything that happens, you'll find yourself with space to breathe deeply and to listen to “that still, small voice” in which God so often speaks. In the course of your stay, you'll have ample opportunity for reflection and conversation.

## How can a visit to Ghost Ranch be transformative to a congregation, or another group of seekers?

Imagine a whole week without the need to attend to church business, but with people who first came together to seek to be faithful together! You'll remember why you became community in the first place, which will help you to reach the people back home who long for worship that is inspiring and relationships that are deep and authentic. There are daily opportunities for prayer, serious conversation, deepening relationships and lots of fun.

## What about the classes Ghost Ranch offers?

You'll find a wide range of course offerings at Ghost Ranch – everything from “Discovering Emerging Christianity” to Art Welding to Interim Pastor Training to Outdoor Adventures to Senior High Youth Week. Some are explicitly oriented toward the life of faith; others are more geared toward exploring the outdoors or learning a new art form. All classes are offered in a spirit of reverence and each offers its own way to see the world through new eyes. In Abiquiu, each week in the summer includes a variety of course offerings, opening up conversations around meals into many different topics.

We also welcome guests to Casa del Sol, a small spirituality and retreat center located on the Abiquiu campus.