



## Lake Tahoe Fellowship Retreat Northern California Japanese Christian Church Fellowship (NCJCCF) Sunday, July 19- Friday, July 24, 2020

January 18, 2020

Happy New Year from the Lake Tahoe Fellowship (LTF) Board!

Come join us at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Lake Tahoe Fellowship Retreat at the beautiful lakeside Zephyr Point for fellowship and spiritual growth. Last year, we had 37 conference attendees and we anticipate more this year! We have much information to share.

The dates of the retreat are Sunday, July 19 through Friday, July 24, 2020.

The LTF Board has met since the conclusion of the 2019 retreat. We have compiled thoughtful suggestions from last year's evaluations and believe these will be reflected in the 2020 retreat. The fees will include meals and gratuity for kitchen staff for the entire conference, comfortable rooms, snacks, most workshops, other amenities, great fun and fellowship.

There are ways to cut costs if you wish: Volunteer, run a workshop, share your faith journey and/or ensure your registration forms are postmarked by 3/6/20! Our volunteers are truly indispensable! We appreciate their willingness to share their expertise, creativity and invaluable service! You may take one discount, in addition to the early bird discount.

Please consider being a "Faith Journey" speaker. Each individual has their own story and the conference participants always have their faith renewed after hearing these journeys. If you would like to share your journey please email Lori at [shoppinglori@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shoppinglori@sbcglobal.net) or include a note with your registration.

If you have a talent and would like to run a workshop, please do! We are looking especially for those geared to our male conferees and the survey reflected a huge interest in cooking, crafts, card making and hands on activities.

The Board also approved a \$50 late registration fee (forms and check postmarked after 3/27/20). Please get your paperwork in on time; this assists us with planning and making our commitments to Zephyr Point.

Cancellation refunds will be prorated depending on when the cancellation is made. No refunds will be given after 7/6/20.

Our keynote speaker this year will be Pastor Brad Kramer. His topic is, "Lessons Learned From The Miracles of Jesus."

Brad Kramer has served Pastor of the Japanese Church of Christ in Salt Lake City for 9 of "the most rewarding years of my life." Prior to coming JCC, Brad was the Utah Director for Search Ministries,

an apologetic organization specializing in “marketplace ministry.” That type of ministry is still a part of Brad’s focus as he also directs his own non-profit entitled, “Equip Utah.”

While it took Brad 8 years and 6 colleges to obtain his first degree, Brad settled in and eventually earned an M.Ed. as well as an M.Div. In addition to preaching and studying theology, Brad has a deep love for music, in particular Classic Rock and Jazz and will occasionally break his guitar out for leading worship. Other hobbies include skiing and golf.

Brad has been married to his best friend Keri for 29 years. They have 3 children: Bradly, Madison and Nichole and have mixed feelings about the upcoming empty nest experience.

At each retreat, we designate one evening to install new Officers and have a Memorial Service to remember our loved ones that have passed away in the past year. If you would like to light a candle in their memory, list your loved ones in the designated area on the registration form.

Please consider taking the bus transportation with United Coach Tours as parking spaces are very limited. The cost of the bus is approximately \$3,000 Round Trip from San Jose to Zephyr Point with stops to and from Berkeley United Methodist Church and Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church. Cost per person is \$125 from the bay area and \$100 from Sacramento. Maximum on the bus is 48 riders. Any shortfall in riders will cause the excess cost to be funded by the LTF fund (reserves).

Invite a friend or relative to experience this awesome time of fellowship!

Looking forward to seeing you!

In Christ,

LTF Board members:

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