

# Living into a New Story

THE NATURAL SCIENCES AND CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY  
2026 RETREAT WITH RON RUDE & SHARON REINBOTT



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## A DESERT SOJOURN RETREAT AT SPIRIT IN THE DESERT

*A Spirited Assessment of the Christian Story in the Light of Earth-based Wisdom and Today's Sciences.*

**Retreat Benefits:** Experience a jump in need-to-know scientific knowledge; Discover new eyes and a new worldview; Current and rewritten hymns/songs grounded in ecology-theology themes; A Worship/preaching/teaching resource for the Season of Lent; Insights into the central role of worship and preaching; A non-Pollyanna capacity to boldly embrace both hope and lament; Wisdom for sustainable living and effective advocacy.

**Retreat Highlights:** An accessible and deeper appreciation for what the natural sciences can teach us about Christian theology; Time for journaling, worship, prayer, music, experiences; Good food, serene surroundings, stimulating discussions, healing relaxation; Time outdoors on the land.

Join us as we explore a reimagined Christian story together!

### GOALS AND HOPES

- to provide meaningful experiences together that will affirm our being cheered on by the whole Universe and by God
- to discover new realizations that our modest lives are part of a much larger story
- to inspire continued deep questioning and learning
- to stimulate a renewed sense of vocation

*Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center, located in a beautiful and peaceful Arizona desert setting, hosts programs and retreats for participants of all faiths and traditions to experience reconciliation, renewal, healing, and transformation.*



### WHEN

**Friday - Monday,  
January 16 - 19, 2026**

### WHERE

**Spirit in the Desert  
Retreat Center**

7415 E Elbow Bend Road,  
Carefree AZ 85377

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

#### Price per person:

1 person, private room : \$650 ea  
2 people, 2 in a room : \$550 ea  
3 people, 3 in a room : \$475 ea  
Commuter price : \$325 ea

Price includes: 4 days programming, 3 nights lodging & 8 meals (3 breakfast, 2 lunch, 3 dinner)

### REGISTER ONLINE OR

**Call (480) 488-5218**



Retreat facilitators are Ron Rude and Sharon Reinbott. **Ron Rude** is a retired ELCA campus pastor and author of *Amending the Christian Story: The Natural Sciences as a Window into Grounded Faith and Sustainable Living*, whose ministry passion for an ecology-theology-grounded-Christian faith continues to ripen through interactive retreat experiences, and through teaching, writing, and service. **Sharon Reinbott** is a hymnist and lay theologian who received her M.A. in Culture and Spirituality from the Sophia Center at Holy Names University.

