

# Registration Form

A Reasoned Hope . . .

November 6-8, 2020

Limited Capacity. Please register early.

Name

Street Address

City, State ZIP

Evening Telephone

Day Telephone

Cell phone

Email Address

Dietary or Other Special Needs

**Registration Fee: \$395**

*Partial scholarships available before October 1st*

*Send email explaining the need to*

*info@NewWaysMinistry.org*

Registration fee includes overnight accommodations and all meals from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch.

**Cancellation Policy:** Prior to October 1st, all but \$25 is refundable.

Make checks payable to "New Ways Ministry" and send with registration form to:

New Ways Ministry  
4012 29th Street  
Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

**Register online at**  
[www.NewWaysMinistry.org/rhinebeck](http://www.NewWaysMinistry.org/rhinebeck)

# Travel Tips

## By Train or Bus:

**Amtrak trains** stop at Rhinecliff, NY.  
**Shortline buses** stop in Rhinebeck, NY.  
Taxis are available at the train station, a short ride away.

## By Car:

1. New York State Thruway (I-87) north or south to Exit 19, Kingston
2. Bear right after toll onto Route 28 west
3. Bear right onto first ramp after traffic light onto Route 209 north
4. Route 209 north becomes Route 199 east, continue to Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge
5. Proceed to second traffic light after bridge, turn right onto Route 9G south
6. Turn right at the next traffic light onto Route 9 south
7. Proceed through Rhinebeck, pass Beekman Arms and take the first right onto Mill Road
8. Linwood Spiritual Center is 3.3 miles on the right

When you arrive at the retreat center, please park your car in the 2nd parking lot and come to the main office.

**Retreat Center Phone Number:**  
845-876-4178



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# A Reasoned Hope...

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**Retreat for LGBTQ People, Family,  
Friends, and Pastoral Ministers**

Friday to Sunday  
**November 6-8, 2020**

**Linwood Spiritual Center**

52 Linwood Road  
Rhinebeck, New York 12572

**Sponsored by New Ways Ministry**

## Retreat Leader

James Alison is a Catholic theologian, priest and author who has studied, lived and worked in Mexico, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile and the United States as well as his native England.



He is the author of several books which examine theological ideas, and which take LGBTQ issues seriously. His books include *Faith beyond resentment: fragments catholic and gay*, *On being liked*, and *Undergoing God*. Most of his more

recent writings can be found on [www.jamesalison.co.uk](http://www.jamesalison.co.uk).

Having lived with the Dominican Order between 1981 and 1995, James works as an itinerant preacher, lecturer and retreat giver. He is currently a Fellow of Imitatio ([www.imitatio.org](http://www.imitatio.org)), a network designed to study the consequences of philosopher René Girard's insights into human behavior and culture.

Over the years James has firmly but gently faced down Church authority on matters gay and lived to tell the tale, including receiving a phone call from Pope Francis in which the pontiff affirmed James' priesthood.

## Schedule

### Friday, November 6, 2020

- 3:00 pm Arrival and check-in to room
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Unbinding the Hidden Puritanism of the U.S. Catholic Conscience Q & A
- 8:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 9:00 pm Social

### Saturday, November 7, 2020

- 7:00-9:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- 9:30 am Basic Christianity & LGBTQ Issues Q & A
- 11:00 am Quiet time
- 11:30 am Small group discussion
- 12:15 pm Large group discussion
- 12:45 pm Break
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Quiet time
- 3:00 pm Reclaiming a Truly Catholic Reading of Scripture Q & A
- 4:30 pm Quiet time
- 5:00 pm Small group discussion
- 5:45 pm Break
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer
- 7:30 pm Film and discussion
- 9:00 pm Social

### Sunday, November 8, 2020

- 7:00-9:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am Natural Law Is Our Friend Q & A
- 10:30 am Break
- 11:00 am Eucharist
- 12:15 am Wrap-up and Evaluation
- 1:00 pm Lunch

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## Retreat Description

The retreat will focus on helping LGBTQ believers, their friends, and allies recover a sense of hope. In addition to time for prayer, silence, discussion, and participation in the Sacraments, Fr. James will share a vision of highly positive happenings in the global



Church and discuss how growing into truthfulness as LGBTQ people and allies is intimately connected to basic Christianity.

Fr. James will also explain how Biblical texts and a theology of

natural law have been used to dehumanize LGBTQ folks and to bind their consciences. This flawed methodology will be replaced with an enriched account of Scripture and natural law theory to furnish us reason for hope. All of the presentations will include plenty of time for participation, feedback, and sharing.

The retreat will also include prayer services, small group discussions, a relevant film, and Mass.