Taking an inner journey toward rejoining soul and role requires authentic relationships, a rare but real form of community that I call a “circle of trust.”

-Parker J. Palmer, A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward An Undivided Life

Sustaining the Courage to Lead:
A Courage & Renewal® Retreat

The Courage to Lead® program focuses on:
- Renewing a sense of vocation
- Providing an opportunity to reconnect to our profession, by identifying and honoring our gifts and strengths
- Creating a context for careful listening and deep connection that honors diversity in person and profession
- Creating a safe and trustworthy space for dialogue with other dedicated professionals

Since 1997 the Center for Courage & Renewal, through its national network of over two hundred facilitators, has created a unique retreat-based approach to renewing personal identify, professional integrity, and vocational vitality for people in the helping professions.

When?
Friday, September 19, 2014 at 4:30pm until Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 1:00pm

Where?
St. Anthony's Retreat Center, 3351 Kalihi Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i
http://saintanthonyretreat.org A beautiful and serene setting with lush, outdoor walkways and a meditation grotto nestled deep within Kalihi Valley.

Who?
Teachers, principals, and other educators; clergy and lay leaders and others serving spiritual communities, members of the healing professions; community and nonprofit leaders and all others who desire to sustain their “courage to serve.” This retreat is designed for both experienced Circle of Trust® participants as well as those who may be attending for the first time.

What to expect
Skilled facilitators help create a safe, quiet, and disciplined space – a circle of trust – in which the noise within us and around us can subside. We will explore the intersection of our personal and professional lives, making use of stories from our own journeys, and insights from poets, story tellers, and various wisdom traditions. Our retreats will take place at beautiful St. Anthony's Retreat Center with limited attendance for small groups, which allow for the intimacy needed to create the Circle of Trust® experience.

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Website: couragerenewal.org

This program is based on the Circle of Trust® approach developed by the Center for Courage & Renewal and Parker J. Palmer.
Facilitators:

Joanne Cooper, PhD, has been a Courage and Renewal facilitator since 2007, leading retreats for educators, clergy, and non-profit leaders in Hawai‘i. She is a professor emeritus from the Department of Educational Administration in the College of Education at UH Mānoa, where she was awarded both a teaching and a graduate mentoring award from the university. She has taught learners of all ages and has been teaching for over 30 years, with experience in the public schools, in community colleges and at the University of Hawai‘i, where she taught from 1990 until her retirement in 2011. She is excited about working with Rikki and Jeff to continue to grow Courage work in Hawai‘i.

Jeff Creswell has been facilitating Circles of Trust® retreats since 2000 for clergy and congregational leaders, educators and cross-professional groups. He was a classroom teacher in Portland, Oregon for 32 years, and is an educational consultant sharing the Scottish Storyline method with educators. He is a member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral where he sings in the choir. He and his wife, Caryl enjoy spending time with their blended family of eight children and three grandchildren. Jeff’s first wife grew up on Oahu and he has been coming to both Oahu and the Big Island with his family for over thirty years.

Rikki Mitsunaga participated in her first Courage to Teach® retreat in 2006 and is part of the 2013 Courage & Renewal® facilitator cohort. Born and raised in Hawai‘i, she also lived in England and South Korea for 10 years, and traveled widely throughout Asia, Canada, and Europe while working within higher education for over 25 years. She earned her MPA from the University of Oklahoma and a MEd from UH Mānoa, where she is currently pursuing a PhD in Educational Administration.

“I have learned how important it is to listen, really listen to what they [students] have to say. They all have joys, fears, sorrows that they need to share... Not every day is perfect, but I’m hearing more respectful words and I’m seeing children offering support or being helpful or kind to other students.”

-- Teacher

“Wonderfully surprising! I came tired, feeling the responsibilities of work weighing me down... I left feeling relaxed, rested and clear in my beginning steps to move forward.”

K-12 teacher

“. . . refreshing, inspiring, a great opportunity to reconnect and discover more about myself.”

UH Professor

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For more program information, contact Joanne Cooper, 808-292-0543 or jcooper@hawaii.edu

COST: $700 per person includes the program, all materials, double occupancy room and board. A limited number of single rooms may be available for a surcharge of $30. Full payment is expected one month prior to the retreat, unless other arrangements have been made. A nonrefundable $100 deposit is required at registration to reserve your spot. Limited funds are available for partial scholarships based on demonstrated financial need.

REGISTRATION: Register online at http://www.cvent.com/d/j4qs49/4W. Space is limited. Please register early. Deadline is Friday, August 22, 2014. For registration and financial aid information, contact Anais Delamour at Anais@couragerenewal.org

Cancellation policy: All cancellations are subject to a $100 administration fee, and must be made in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the program date to receive any refund.

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