

While the retreat is primarily for members of Westminster, you may invite others outside of our church to attend! We welcome all those who wish to participate!

About two weeks prior to departure, you will receive confirmation of your registration with directions, housing, and other last minute logistical details.

We will arrange carpools from the church based on your responses on the registration form. There is plenty of parking at the Woodlands.



Want more information?

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*CHURCH AND STATE:*

*RELIGIOUS LIFE IN*

*Colonial  
Williamsburg*

*2009 Singles Retreat*

*October 2 ~ 4, 2009*

*Williamsburg, Virginia*



*Sponsored by Flying Solo Singles  
Ministry*

*Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*A retreat for single people of all ages and backgrounds*

## *Annual fall Singles Retreat Colonial Williamsburg*

Step back in time to 18<sup>th</sup> century Williamsburg! Join us for a weekend of exploring what it was like to live in Colonial Williamsburg. This was a time when everyone was expected to attend church on Sundays and, in particular, to attend services of the state-sponsored Anglican church which was supported by taxes that all citizens were obliged to pay. Guided visits to such historic sites as the Presbyterian Meeting House and beautiful Bruton Parish will enhance our understanding of the issues of church and state in the colonies.

We will learn about religious requirements imposed upon colonial citizens as well as issues of religious tolerance and dissent during the colonial and revolutionary era. This led to the idea of the separation of church and state and eventually to the founding of a new nation.

With the colonies being settled by immigrants from a variety of countries, Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists found themselves unwilling to follow the rules imposed by the Church of England in Virginia. They struggled for religious freedom challenging the centralized church establishment. We will learn how Patrick Henry was influenced by an evangelical Presbyterian minister to petition for religious freedom and how Jefferson's Statute for Religious Freedom introduced the idea of the separation of church and state and paved the way for the First Amendment.



Bruton Parish

## Schedule

**Friday evening:** Friday dinner will be on your own. Those arriving around the same time may wish to choose a local restaurant to have dinner together. Later in the evening, you are invited to the group suite for snacks and fellowship with other retreat participants.

**Saturday morning:** Our main program, led by an historical interpreter from Colonial Williamsburg, will be a guided visit to some of the historic sites related to religious life during the colonial era.

**Saturday afternoon:** Free time to explore Williamsburg and the surrounding area as you wish. Your Colonial Williamsburg pass will allow you to enter all of the museums and buildings in the historic area. Downtown Williamsburg is within walking distance of the Woodlands Hotel.

**Saturday evening:** We will come together for a group dinner of traditional colonial fare at the King's Arms Tavern with costumed servers. The set group menu includes the following:

*King's Arms Tavern Peanut Soupe  
Pan Fried Boneless Breast of Chicken put forth on  
Salty Ham topped with Mrs. Oobe's Savory Sauce  
Cook's Potatoes and Vegetables  
Tavern Bread  
Choice of Rice Pudding or Williamsburg Pecan Pie  
Coffee, tea or fountain beverage  
(other beverages at extra cost)*

**Sunday morning:** Our retreat will end with worship together. After church, those who wish may enjoy a traditional Southern brunch together at the Old Chickahominy House in Williamsburg (at your own expense).

## Lodging and Registration Information

**Lodging:** Colonial Williamsburg's Woodlands Hotel next to the Visitor Center. The Woodlands is a short walk to the historic district. There is also a complimentary shuttle bus which runs from the Visitor Center next door to various locations in the historic district.

Please indicate on your registration form if you have a **roommate preference**. Otherwise, we will set you up with another participant to share a room.

We will have a suite near the other guest rooms to be used as an informal **"hospitality center"** with a refrigerator and TV. Please bring your favorite beverage, snack or game to share with the group for Happy Hour, late night munchies or just to hang out together!

**Cost:** \$175 based on double room occupancy  
\$295 for a single

Fee includes room for two nights, two breakfasts, Saturday night group dinner at the tavern and entrance to historic Colonial Williamsburg.

Make checks out to Westminster Presbyterian Church with a note for Singles Retreat. Some scholarships and partial scholarships are available.

Return your completed form to the church, **Attention: Flying Solo Ministry** along with your payment.

**Registration is due no later than Tuesday, August 18, 2009.** Registration after that date may require a higher rate.