



Ministry in Story

July 30 – August 2, 2009
West Bend, Wisconsin

Experience the power of story to animate your professional life and ministry, unleash the creative spirits of those you serve, and foster human flourishing

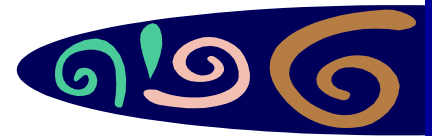
*Immerse yourself
in the world of
sacred storytelling
to enliven
your ministry
and nourish
your spirituality*

Ministry in Story presents:

- The role of story and storytelling in Judeo-Christian tradition
- Skills on how to select, learn, and tell sacred stories
- Processes to incorporate stories and storytelling into pastoral, educational, healing, and justice ministries
- Ways to celebrate and ritualize through story, symbol, song, and dance
- Retreat sessions to explore your own sacred story

Ministry in Story gathers a circle of storytellers and *story-listeners* to:

Enter the weave of symbol, sacrament, and story
Play in the streams of priestly and prophetic storytelling
Create community with other poets and prophets, tellers of tales and holy fools
Share: food, laughter, fun and stories!



Midge Miles is creator and midwife of **Ministry in Story**. An educator, author, and storyteller, Midge has been conducting **Ministry in Story** across North America since 1990. Her infectious enthusiasm for the power of story inspires adult learners to cultivate this ancient art form for ministry and life!

A mesmerizing storyteller, Midge uniquely combines processes for spiritual growth and performance art with the lighthearted presence of the Holy Fool. Her story-based retreats and keynote presentations have enriched audiences in educational, business, and health care settings.



Once Upon a Time ...

Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Once Upon Some Vittles ...

Thursday dinner and Sunday brunch are included with registration. Friday lunch is

pot-luck. Saturday lunch is ordered-in from a West Bend restaurant.

Once Upon a Sixpence ...

Program tuition is \$275

Once Upon a Sacred Place ...

The program is conducted at Shalom House (www.aquietplacetobe.com), a beautiful retreat center built in the style of Frank Lloyd Wright. It is located on 12 acres in the Kettle Moraine Forest outside West Bend, Wisconsin.

Once Upon a Good Night's Sleep ...

A limited amount of rooms are available at Shalom House (rooms include breakfast). Room rates are \$70/night single and \$40/night shared (maximum 2 per room), on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a room, phone Shalom House at 414/870-7263. Information on area hotels/motels and restaurants will be sent with confirmation of registration.

Once Upon Some Past Participants ...

I came expecting to learn storytelling technique. While I learned that, I discovered it as only one of several important threads: building community, modeling leadership, appreciating myth and metaphor – all woven by a master storyteller and teacher.

– Catholic Pastor, Massachusetts

Midge has an amazing way of drawing her audience into her stories. She delights and entertains, inspires ... and challenges! The Catholic parishes in town collaborate twice each year to offer women's mornings of reflection, and when Midge's name is on the program, it is sure to be a success!

– Director of Christian Formation, Wisconsin

Our various prayer and rituals have especially shown me the sacrament of all creation. It has been a total learning experience: visual, kinesthetic, and auditory.

– Director of Migrant Farm Worker Ministry, Florida



Midge Miles has helped me see story in a new way, connect my story with the story of faith, and develop new ways to use story in my ministry. Whenever I go to an event that Midge Miles leads, I know that I will be enlightened, rejuvenated, and challenged.

– Pastor, United Church of Christ, Wisconsin

_____ Clock Hours Available

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Registration Form

(Further information and directions will be sent after receipt of registration)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Tuition: \$275: _____ Full Payment Enclosed

_____ \$50 Nonrefundable Deposit Enclosed (full payment due July 16, 2009)

Make check payable to: Midge Miles and send to 614 Westridge Drive, West Bend, WI 53095