



## What is *Ashram*?

The Christian Ashram is a unique "Spiritual Retreat" originated by the late Missionary Evangelist Stanley Jones in India in 1930. Dr. Jones adapted the Indian practice of taking seekers "Ah" (apart from), "Shram" (hard work) for a time of spiritual instruction and renewal.

The retreat includes the Evangelist (six talks), the Bible Teacher (three studies), the Prayer Vigil (around the clock), Share and Prayer groups each day, Commitment and Healing Services, as well as Rest, Recreation (forest walks) and Fellowship each afternoon. Silence is kept from 11 pm to 7:30 am Morning Devotions.

### What should I bring?

- A bible, notebook, and a seeking mind
- Soft bedding for the hard mattresses
- Towels and swim gear
- Flashlight and an alarm clock
- Sunday offering (receipts issued)

## Retreat Costs

**Weekend registration: (inc. 3 nights accomodation in double rooms, all meals and all sessions).**

Adults	\$175 Cdn
Youth (13-18 yrs )	\$150 Cdn
Children (4-12 yrs)	\$100 Cdn
Family (4 or more)	\$450 Cdn

Late registrations (after July 2nd) please add \$10 per person).

### Day Campers (without overnight accomodation)

Per day (inc. 2 meals)	\$45 Cdn
Per session (no meals)	\$20 Cdn

Please send registration and payment to:

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British Columbia

# Christian Ashram Retreat

**July 24th-27th, 2009**

**Summit Park, Abbotsford,  
35235 Straiton Rd,  
Abbotsford, BC**

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NAME: Dr/Rev/Mr/Mrs/Miss \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROV \_\_\_\_\_ P/C \_\_\_\_\_

Names & ages of children/youth \_\_\_\_\_

Special diet/ allergies or physical limitations \_\_\_\_\_

COSTS ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TEL: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please share my contact info with other participants  My photo may used for publicity

**Come and join us for a  
renewing spiritual  
retreat and a refreshing  
vacation.**

St. Simon's Church North Vancouver

# Main Schedule

Friday	6:30 pm 7:30 pm 8:30 pm 9:00 pm 11:00 pm	REGISTRATION PRAISE MUSIC DAVID RICH -- "CHRIST OUR HEALER" SNACK TIME SILENCE
Saturday	7:00 am 7:30 am 8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 12:30 pm 2:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 9:00 pm 11:00 pm	SILENT DEVOTIONS REFLECTION ON DEVOTION READING BREAKFAST PRAISE MUSIC ROD ELLIS -- STUDY ONE PRAYER GROUP (SNACKS AT 11.00) DAVID RICH -- SESSION TWO LUNCH MISSIONS TALK: STEVEN BERKENPAS DINNER CHURCH IN ACTION - MIKE DOBSON DAVID RICH -- SESSION THREE SNACK TIME SILENCE
Sunday	7:00 am 7:30 am 8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:45 am 12:15 pm 12:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:15 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm 11:00 pm	SILENT DEVOTIONS REFLECTIONS BREAKFAST PRAISE MUSIC ROD ELLIS -- STUDY TWO PRAYER GROUP CHURCH SERVICE, MUSIC HOLY COMMUNION ASHRAM PHOTOGRAPH OUTSIDE LUNCH TALENT SHOW DINNER PRAISE MUSIC DAVID RICH -- SESSION FOUR HEALING SERVICE SNACK TIME SILENCE
Monday	7:00 am 7:30 am 8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:30 am	SILENT DEVOTIONS REFLECTION ON DEVOTION READING BREAKFAST PRAISE MUSIC ROD ELLIS -- STUDY THREE CLEAN-UP ROOMS DAVID RICH -- SESSION FIVE OVERFLOWING HEART BRUNCH

24 HOUR VIGIL

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# Speakers

## Evangelist/Keynote Speaker



The Reverend David A. Rich was ordained to the episcopal church in 1976 in Washington and has since had a life-long ministry of prayer counselling with anointings in healing and prophesy. After serving in several congregations he founded *Christ Our Healer Ministries* (a full service Christian Counselling Center) in Buffalo, NY. David was accepted into the AMiA in 2003 and has since been

an active workshop leader and speaker on healing/marriage, parish reconciliation and prayer counselling. David is married to Laurie and together have 6 children.

## Bible teacher

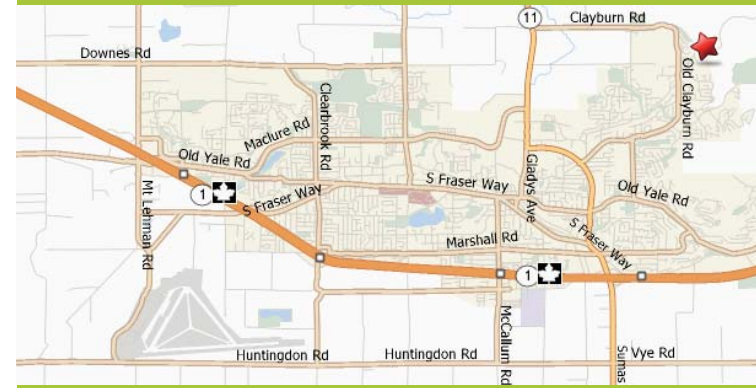


The Rev. Rod Ellis was born and raised in South Africa. He earned a degree from the University of Natal. He married Lynne in 1972. Following a call to ministry, they went to the U.K. to train at St. John's College in Nottingham. Since being ordained in 1977 in South Africa, he has pastored Anglican and non-denominational churches. Along the way he

acquired a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary (USA). Rod and Lynne immigrated to Victoria, Canada with their three children in 1993. They are now Canadian citizens and all involved in ministry. Rod has served as Rector of Church of our Lord in Victoria for the past eleven years. Outside of ministry and family life his great love is sport, and he's still very active playing squash and swimming regularly each week

# Ministries

## Where is Pacific Summit Campus?



**Ashram Chair:** The Reverend Ed. Hird Priest of St. Simon's North Vancouver, Chaplain to ALPHA Canada and author of the prize-winning book, *Battle for the Soul of Canada*.



**The Worship Band:** St. Simon's Praise Team, will lead us in new and traditional songs of Praise.

**The Ashram Choir:** Frank Mi-erai leads this ministry to which all Ashram participants are welcome.



**Senior Youth:** Brad Madu is Youth pastor and former YWAM Missionary to Africa. Brad became a Christian through the Greater Vancouver Billy Graham Crusade in 1984. He has led youth at the Ashram for several years.



**Junior Youth and Pre-school:** Leaders bring God's love to children through distinctive activities.

**Camp Coordinator & Nurse:** Norma Carruthers is on hand throughout the camp.



"To pass from estrangement from God to be a son of God is the basic fact of conversion. That altered relationship with God gives you an altered relationship with yourself, with your brother man, with nature, and with the universe." (E. Stanley Jones).

