

# Zephyr Point



Newsletter

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## JONI & FRIENDS FAMILY RETREAT

[Joni & Friends](#), founded by Joni Eareckson Tada in 1979, is a remarkable organization dedicated to providing support and encouragement to families affected by disability. After a diving accident left Joni paralyzed at the age of 17, she turned her personal tragedy into a mission of hope and advocacy for others facing similar challenges. For the second year in a row, Zephyr Point Conference Center joyfully welcomes one of these transformative Family Retreats. Zephyr Point's lakeside conference grounds provides a serene and accessible environment where families can relax, connect, and find respite from the daily challenges of disability.



The retreat offers a variety of activities, from adaptive sports and arts and crafts to inspirational worship sessions and support groups. Volunteers and staff work tirelessly to ensure that every family feels welcome and supported, creating an atmosphere of love, understanding, and celebration.

The partnership between Joni and Friends and Zephyr Point is a testament to the power of community and compassion. For many families, this retreat is more than just a vacation—it's a lifeline. It's a place where they can build lasting friendships, gain valuable resources, and most importantly, experience the joy of being understood and accepted just as they are. Zephyr Point is honored to be a part of this incredible journey, making a meaningful difference in the lives of these extraordinary families.

## PASTOR'S RENEWAL RETREAT

The Pastor's Renewal Retreat is one of Zephyr Points specialty curated programs that occurs during Lake Tahoe's beautiful fall season. This is an opportunity for clergy and other ministry leaders to rest and recharge along the beautiful shores of Lake Tahoe. Not only does this retreat offer some pastoral rest and rejuvenation, it also provides opportunities for inspiring collaboration with colleagues, rich and varied workshops, and to reconnect with nature.



All ministry leaders, lay and ordained alike, are invited to participate with the hope of finding spiritual nourishment throughout the event.

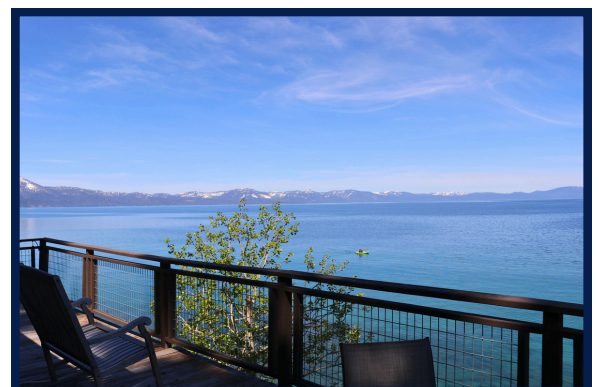
The Pastor's Renewal Retreat takes place October 7-9 and is co-sponsored by Zephyr Point and the North Central California Presbytery. Ministry leaders in NCCP will be eligible for a discounted rate, but all are welcomed to join for this restorative and empowering event. For more information and to register click the link below.

### PASTOR'S STUDY CABIN

Zephyr Point offers a special lakefront cabin for Pastors as a place of rest and renewal. Accommodating up to 4 people, Cabin 12 sits directly on the shores of Lake Tahoe with full views from the living area and large wrap around deck overlooking the lake. Spring, summer, and fall, the Pastors cabin offers a lower level enclosed study with lake views.



Pastors are encouraged to take advantage of this special cabin located off the beaten path and offered at a discounted rate. There is no better place to unplug and recharge than Zephyr Point!



# ZEPHYR POINT HISTORY

It was at the 1937 Presbyterian Synod meeting that Mrs. Dobbins took notice of the precarious descent via the old wooden staircase from the landing above. On her husband's birthday, she was moved to donate \$1,000 toward the eventual installation of the beautiful rock staircase which came to be called "Robin's Flight" after Mrs. Robin Dobbins, affectionately known by family and friends as Mother Robin.

The flight began as a waterfall, complete with fish. Flowers were more fitting, however, and a lovely attraction was born. The latest update to Robin's Flight includes a new and more sturdy metal handrail as well as low voltage lighting that illuminates the staircase at night.

## ROBIN'S FLIGHT



## NAVARRO FAMILY CELEBRATES 10 YEARS AT ZEPHYR POINT



"Every summer we anticipate with excitement our upcoming week at ZPC. This year was extra special, our 10th year! We bought T-Shirts to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the center and to mark our decade. We are so grateful for spending a week not only in a beautiful setting, but to be surrounded by such kind and friendly people, from the incredible staff to the other guests we greet walking around the campus. We've been nourished and replenished in this extraordinary place and can't wait to come back next year!" ~ The Navarro Family.

With 100 years of history at Zephyr Point, hearing from guests about their experience at Zephyr Point, whether they go back decades or only recently discovered Zephyr Point, is very special.