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## ***Lenten Lunches 2017***

***Justice: Bringing the Rule of Benedict to bear on today's time***

Thursdays, 11:45 am-1:30 pm • \$25/lunch

The recent women's marches around the world have raised the cry to attend to the rights of women, people of color, workers, immigrants and refugees, the earth and more. The signs of the times call us to be vigilant and take action when the rights of others are endangered. The *Rule of Benedict*, based on Scripture, provides wisdom to guide us. Benedict calls living in right relationship "the leaven of divine justice." Our Lenten lunch series will explore the values of listening, stability, humility, hospitality and obedience that point us to right relationships as we consider what action we might take to work for justice. All are welcome.

Schedule:

11:30 am register • 11:45 am midday prayer • 12:00 pm lunch • 12:45 pm presentation • 1:30 pm depart

### **March 9, 2017 • Wisdom's Call to Justice – Rosy Kandathil, OSB**

We begin our series by considering the biblical roots of a call to justice that can guide our lives. In Scripture, justice means right relationships. Our first step in building right relationships is listening and attentiveness to ancient wisdom, to people, to the place where we are that opens us to hear the call to justice.

### **March 16, 2017 •**

#### **Reverence for the Earth – Marcos Antonio Colon – PhD. Candidate at UW Madison**

Benedict teaches us reverence for all things and stability that leads to working for the good of the local place where we live. Native peoples understood that we are part of creation. What we do to the earth, we do to ourselves. Benedict teaches us reverence for all things and stability that leads to working for the good of the local place where we put down roots. Marcos will share portions of a documentary he is creating about deforestation in the Amazon.

### **March 23, 2017 • The Diversity of Oneness – Claudia Greco and Lynne Smith, OSB**

Being rooted in a place connects us to the whole where all have access to what they need. The North American Benedictine prioresses note: "Moderation, discretion, balance and mutual regard are the hallmarks of the Benedictine way." Benedict sets out a way of life in community that is humane, moderate and simple. Humility leads to right relationships with the people around us.

### **March 30, 2017 • The Unboundaried Heart - Claudia Greco and Lynne Smith, OSB**

Joan Chittister writes that "Benedictine spirituality says that to become whole ourselves we must learn to let the other in..." Hospitality calls us to risk vulnerability and move from fear to love.

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## Holy Wisdom Monastery

April 6, 2017 •

### Obedience as a Response to Wisdom's Call - Claudia Greco and Lynne Smith, OSB

How do our values lead us to action? What are the actions we are moved to take to work for justice where we live?

### Cost

\$25 for each lunch you attend; \$125 for the 5 week series. Choose one or more lunches you would like to attend. Scholarships are available. Consider paying an additional amount, if you wish to make a donation. You may pay by check and credit card through the mail, or by PayPal and credit card through our website.

### Registration

**Registration is due one week before the lunch you wish to attend.** Lunches are non-refundable, but transferable. Register online at [www.holywisdommonastery.org/lenten-lunches-registration/](http://www.holywisdommonastery.org/lenten-lunches-registration/) or complete the registration form below and return it to:

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Contact Sister Lynne Smith at [lwsmith@benedictinewomen.org](mailto:lwsmith@benedictinewomen.org) or 608-831-9305 if you have questions. Consider deepening your experience by staying overnight in the Retreat and Guest House before or after the lunch. Contact Monica Jefcoat at 608-836-1631, x158 to reserve your room.

## Lenten Lunches 2017

*Complete and return this registration form along with check, payable to Benedictine Women of Madison, or credit information by the registration deadline. We do not sell or share our mailing list.*

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Check all the 2017 Lenten Lunches you will attend:

March 9    March 16    March 23    March 30    April 6

Dietary restrictions:  None    Vegetarian    Vegan    Gluten-free    Dairy-free

List any medical food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying by check; amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25/lunch)

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Spiritual background (*optional*) \_\_\_\_\_