

SAVE THE DATES: Friday and Saturday, February 23-24, 2018.

It is with great excitement that we invite you to join us for an engaging, two-day women's spiritual program: **WomanKind 2018**, in Richmond, Virginia.

In a period of fracture and discord, both local and guest speakers contribute to this year's poignant and timely theme, "Lift Up Your Hearts! The Transformative Power of Word and Table." Through deep and mutually respectful relationships, attendees will explore both the rituals and traditions of Holy Eucharist, Word and Table, and how connecting inclusively with each other and God equips us to live with faith, grace and compassion.

The 2018 program is on the verge of being released and we expect registration to open any day. Space is limited and seats fill up quickly. Reverend Meredith and Lindsey Harris, Membership Chair, have already committed to attending and will be registering for the event as soon as it opens. We hope you'll plan to join them! Program dates and times follow; come as you can to either or both days:

Friday, February 23, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday, February 24, 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Pricing and logistics are still TBD – but because space is limited, and to hopefully keep costs down, we need you to **tell us ASAP if you can commit to this event.** We hope to reserve rooms at a small retreat center outside the city, so please also indicate if you are willing to share a hotel room.

Send an email to <u>office@stjamespotomac.org</u> to reserve your spot for the WomanKind 2018 retreat with Reverend Meredith.

For more information, please visit www.womankindrichmond.com/womankind2018overview. We will continue to update you as program specifics are released and registration opens.

A note from Reverend Meredith:

"In 2016 I took seven women from my parish to the two-day WomanKind event in Richmond. It was inspiring to join so many women from around the country as we met together to hear key-note speakers, broke into small groups for inspiring reflections and conversation, and worshiped as one community. The effects on our women's group were so significant, I promised myself I would return in 2018. I look forward to sharing this incredible time of exploring our faith with my sisters at St. James'."