



# Mercy Global Presence Online Retreat: Global Contemplation

## *Bringing the Mercy International vision to life.*

In her original writing about the purpose of Mercy Global Presence, Elizabeth Davis said “Mercy Global Presence is rooted in the conviction that there is a rich diversity among us and in the special exploration we do there will be the power and promise of intercultural wisdom and energy” This Mercy Global retreat adopts the rhythms and phases of this process.

This retreat invites Sisters of Mercy and their Partners in Mission to join us in exploring what it means to be actively engaged in the protection of our common home and witness to the sacredness of all creation (Mercy International Mission Statement).

We will enter into this retreat against the backdrop of COVID-19 and the pain of the world at this time through our global contemplation. Honouring the fact that we are grounded and staying at home and the opportunities this brings for deeper contemplative experiences.

In particular, this retreat will explore the Mercy Global Presence themes so that we “engage the mercy world in global contemplation moving to shape the new words, new language, new spirituality and new theology” (Mercy International Mission Statement).

There will be time for solitude, time to be together on Zoom, and time for active participation in suggested ways to deepen our contemplation.

### Margie Abbott

Margie in her private practice Igniting Sparks, a ministry of McAuley Ministries, offers retreats, with eco-spirituality themes. Margie is particularly excited about this retreat as it offers time and space to go deeper with the exciting Mercy Global Presence offerings. Margie includes creative and contemplative ways to allow these themes to unfold.

### Sally Neaves

Sally works with ISMAPNG for Earth advocacy, spirituality and education. In 2019, she was trained by Al Gore to become a member of the Climate Reality Leadership Corp and now delivers numerous presentations to communities around Australia on the climate crisis and solutions.

### Dates

Three options are available. You may choose to attend one or all retreats as the content/processes will not be repeated:

- First retreat 18-19 May celebrating Laudato Si’ Week
- Second retreat 26 May half day retreat (morning only)
- Third retreat 4-5 June using different themes for the environmental sabbath and celebrating world environment day.

### Cost

Free of charge

### Registration

Please express your interest by emailing [sally.neaves@ismapng.org.au](mailto:sally.neaves@ismapng.org.au)



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