



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, May 5, 2014

### GLORIA STEINEM, ALICE WALKER AND DR. CHUNG HYUN KYUNG IN O'KEEFFE COUNTRY

*Abiquiu, N.M.* — Ghost Ranch Education & Retreat Center is pleased to announce “Wisdom Sharing—A Deepening Retreat,” with Gloria Steinem, Alice Walker, and Dr. Chung Hyun Kyung, Monday, October 13 through Friday, October 17. These three esteemed and iconic women, who are friends, come together in O’Keeffe’s backyard to explore ways to support the growth and development of the feminine voice and balanced leadership. It all takes place within the sacred landscape of Ghost Ranch, made famous by Georgia O’Keeffe, who lived and painted there beginning in the 1930s. The retreat site encompasses 21,000 acres of towering rock walls, vivid colors, and vast skies.



Steinem, Walker, and Kyung will guide “Wisdom Sharing—A Deepening Retreat” participants in the breadth and depth of the gift of the feminine voice, and in leadership in the world today.

“We are thrilled to be able to bring these amazing international leaders to Ghost Ranch for ‘Wisdom Sharing—A Deepening Retreat,’” says Linda Seebantz, Director of Marketing & Communications at Ghost Ranch. “Steinem, Walker, and Kyung, agents of wisdom, leadership, and change, will promote themes around balanced leadership.”



Aaron Stern, Founder and Director of the Academy for the Love of Learning, will lead the conversation with Walker, Steinem, and Kyung: “Leading by Being: Exploring a New Vision of Leadership,” Saturday, October 11, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Lensic Performing Arts Center, in Santa Fe. The lecture is co-presented by the Ghost Ranch Education & Retreat Center and the Academy for the Love of Learning.

Gloria Steinem is a writer, lecturer, editor, and feminist activist. She travels in this and other countries as an organizer and lecturer, and is a frequent media spokeswoman on issues of equality. She is particularly interested in the shared origins of sex and race caste systems, gender roles and child abuse as roots of violence, nonviolent conflict resolution, the cultures of indigenous peoples, and organizing across boundaries for peace and justice. She is the founder of Ms. Magazine.



Alice Walker is an internationally celebrated author, poet, and activist whose books include seven novels, four collections of short stories, four children’s books, and volumes of essays and poetry. She’s the author of “The Color Purple,” the 1983 novel for which she won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. She was the first African-American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction—although, in her opinion, she was not the first African-American woman to deserve it. The award-winning novel was adapted for Steven Spielberg’s film in 1985, and then for the stage, opening at New York City’s Broadway Theatre in 2005. That production won a Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical in 2006.

Dr. Chung Hyun Kyung is a lay theologian of the Presbyterian Church of Korea. In 1999, she lived for a year in a Buddhist monastery in the Himalayas, studying meditation. She first came to international attention in 1991, when she made a now-famous speech—a feminist/Asian/Third World interpretation of the Holy Spirit—at the World Council of Churches in Canberra, Australia.

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**WHAT: “Leading by Being: Exploring a New Vision of Leadership,” a conversation with Gloria Steinem, Alice Walker, Dr. Chung Hyun Kyung, and Aaron Stern**

**WHEN: Saturday, October 11, 7–9 p.m.**

**WHERE: Lensic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco Street, Santa Fe, NM**

**TICKETS: \$35 per person. Lensic tickets go on sale in May. 505-988-1234**

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**WHAT: “Wisdom Sharing—A Deepening Retreat,” with Gloria Steinem, Alice Walker, and Dr. Chung Hyun Kyung**

**WHEN: Monday–Friday, October 13–16. Departure Morning of October 17.**

**INFO: Evelyn at 505.685.1001 or Angela at 505.685.1002.**

**REGISTER: 877-804-4678 x4152 or x4155, Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:45 p.m. MST.**

**Ghost Ranch Registrar, HC77 Box 11, Abiquiu, NM 87510; or by e-mail to: registrar@GhostRanch.org.**

**Cost: \$455–\$900. All-inclusive packages include tuition, lodging, and meals for four nights. Day passes are available for \$125. Scholarships are also available.**

**Shuttles will be available to and from Santa Fe on Sunday and Monday: \$25 per person.**

**Return shuttle to Santa Fe will be available on the Friday morning departing 10 a.m.: \$25 per person**

*Ghost Ranch is committed to spiritual development, peace, justice, honoring the environment, and exploring family through the celebration of art, culture, and nature. Ghost Ranch’s remote northern New Mexico location, 65 miles north of Santa Fe, offers opportunities for transformation and retreat. In 1955, Arthur and Phoebe Pack gave the magnificent gift of Ghost Ranch to the Presbyterian Church. Ever since, the mission of Ghost Ranch has been grounded in providing education programs, reference to nature, and hospitality to people of all faiths.*



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