

Getting Here

From Interstate 70, take the 110TH Street exit (exit 410) south one mile away from the Speedway, and turn west just before fire station #2, stay right when the road Y's and continue on Kansas Avenue for 1/2 mile, go down the hill—and you are at Hollis.

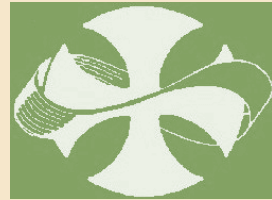
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Hollis Renewal Center



A place to be surprised by God



Hollis Mission Statement

“Hollis Renewal Center provides environment and experience for individuals and groups seeking spiritual growth and renewal, that their faith may be more deeply reflected in their daily lives.”



**A place to pause on
your journey**

Since its start, Hollis Renewal Center has provided “a time and place apart” for individuals, small groups and congregations to pause and reflect on their mission. It has embodied hospitality and given groups the time and space needed to be transformed from a collection of individuals into a community.

Hollis is no more than 40 minutes from any place within the Kansas City metro area with easy access from Interstate 70. It covers 153 wooded acres, in a valley and atop a hill, crisscrossed with trails and dotted with wildflowers and wildlife. Hollis offers both space for quiet reflection and places for community growth and revitalization.

The site has evolved to reflect the vision of its congregational partners some who are affiliated both with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Established as a legacy of Don and Leah Hollis, Hollis Renewal Center has grown to reflect the vision of countless individuals who have made it part of their faith journey. As contemplative needs have been identified, Hollis has responded to them. The Hollis Hideaway is a response to the need for personal retreat space. Current work is being done to complete a cottage and campus restrooms. In the not-too-distant future, Tawasee Place will respond to the need for youth-oriented retreat space. And after that, our dream is for the retreat on the hill to become a reality.



A Place

Sheltered Facilities

The Welcome Center has heated and air conditioned space for 12-15 people in a conference room equipped with wireless internet, kitchenette and half-bath. A deck just outside the door overlooks the wildflower garden and meadow.

The Lodge offers heated and air conditioned meeting space for 25-30 people. Enter through an enclosed porch fitted with picnic tables, wood stove, and a view of the meadow and woods that provides a warm atmosphere. Inside is a meeting room with fireplace, tables and chairs, fully-equipped catering kitchen, four restrooms and a shower. Cots are available for overnight guests.

The Hollis Hideaway offers overnight retreat space for individuals and groups of three to seven persons. It includes three bedrooms, a kitchen a bathroom, and shared living space. Each bedroom opens to the outdoors, allowing residents easy access to the beauty of nature.

The Meadow Cottage provides multipurpose retreat space suitable for a family or a small gathering. It will be equipped with a kitchen, fireplace, and bathroom. The attached campus restrooms will service the picnic and camping grounds with men's and women's facilities and

showers. This facility is currently under improvement. Please call for availability.



A Journey

Open Air Facilities

The Hollis Labyrinth, patterned after the 12TH century labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral, France is a walking meditation and spiritual tool of faith.

The Hillside Chapel includes benches, an alter and a cross high in the trees, a fine setting for any outdoor worship service.

The Picnic Shelter and Grounds is an ideal spot for outdoor gatherings. The shelter offers electricity, nearby water and large charcoal grill. The grounds offer movable picnic tables, fire ring, parking close by and alongside East Mission Creek.

Trails and Open Spaces offer unstructured opportunities to come face to face with God. Listen for the sound of bluebirds or relax and contemplate God's work in wooded seclusion or on grassy fields.



An Experience

Hollis Program

The Spirit Course is a low ropes course that challenges small groups to communicate, problem solve, trust and develop leadership.

The Labyrinth is an outdoor experience of silence and prayer. Hollis offers a staff-lead intentional experience.

Nature Experience—Take a guided nature trail or explore on your own.

Hollis Experiential Art Fair—A day event that invites local artists to share their craft with participants. Hands on experiences and performances are held throughout the afternoon the last Sunday in August.

Day Camp—Hollis hosts several weeks of Day Camp for youth grades K-5 each summer.

Clay Experience—A hand-building with clay experience that will help you discover your creative center.

Retreat Consultant/Spiritual Director—Hollis has facilitators ready to assist you in planning and leading your next retreat. Resources are also available. Program costs vary. Please call for details, or to have your questions answered.

An Opportunity

Volunteer Opportunities

We welcome your active support of Hollis through your volunteer efforts. Such opportunities are limited only by your time, energy and resources. Volunteer activities are available in administrative projects, site improvement, program planning or hospitality. Hollis has been the site of numerous Eagle Scout Projects, overseen by capable, experienced volunteers. Hollis hosts a weekly volunteer day every Thursday that starts at 9:00 AM and includes a healthy lunch.

Ready to Schedule an Event at Hollis?

Thousands of people use our retreat center every year. Reservations are essential, even if you're just joining us for a one-day, personal retreat on the trails.

Call us at (913) 441-0451 or email holliscenter@kc.rr.com to make reservations for your event. We'll provide information about donations for facility use. Meal catering is available if needed. For more information visit our website at:

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