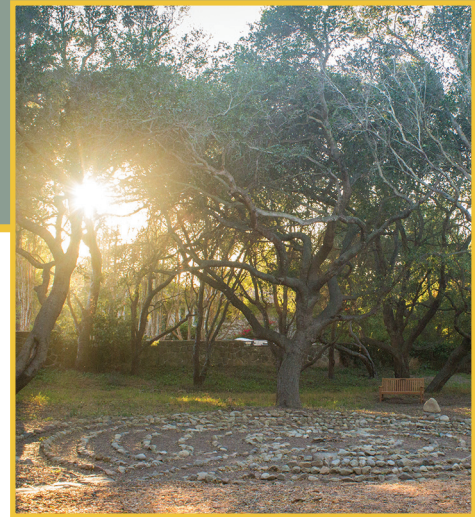


La Casa de María

and its Center for Spiritual Renewal



OUR MISSION

La Casa de Maria is a hidden jewel in Santa Barbara – an inter-spiritual retreat center that has been serving nonprofit organizations and individuals for almost 60 years. This is an inclusive place of peace and renewal, welcoming all. We offer three services: private retreats for individuals and couples, conference facilities other nonprofits can utilize, and La-Casa presented programs on a wide variety of topics. La Casa’s mission is to be a sanctuary of peace for individuals and groups as they renew purpose, strengthen community and increase their effectiveness in the world.

Serving an average of 200 organizations annually, La Casa is a vital resource for the nonprofit community and a catalyst for positive personal change and renewal for about 12,000 people each year. Our goal is to provide for the well-being of our constituents, enhancing their quality of life and empowering them to create personal and organizational positive change. Ongoing La Casa-presented programs include yoga, Mindfulness Meditation, Centering Prayer, recovery seminars, and programs for Latinas, many of which are offered free of charge. In addition to hosting other nonprofit groups and presenting our own programs, we also offer private retreats for individuals and couples at our Center for Spiritual Renewal.

We recently completed our \$7.5 million *Campaign To Preserve and Renew*, and now offer suitable, up-to-date sleeping rooms, audio-visual upgrades, accessibility considerations and improved lighting. Groups who have used the remodeled spaces have been delighted by these improvements. Gardens honoring different faith traditions have also been installed on our grounds, providing beautiful new spaces for reflection and meditation.

We offer a unique sanctuary where hundreds of life-changing experiences have taken place. A comment we hear often: “I feel like I am coming home when I enter these grounds.”

