

'One Step Too Far Away – One Breath Too Near'

An online Advent retreat for lay people and for clergy
Organised by the Commission on Ministry



**Saturday 20th
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9.30 am -1pm**

Held online by Zoom – free of charge

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Speaker: Rev Ruth Patterson is a Presbyterian minister, and for the last 29 years has been Director of Restoration Ministries, a non-denominational, Christian organisation committed to peace and reconciliation. In 1976 she was the first woman to be ordained in Ireland. She was the recipient of the Alumna of the Year 2000 award (Edinburgh University / Royal Bank of Scotland), in 2001 an honorary doctorate from the Presbyterian Theology Faculty of Ireland, and in 2003 was awarded an OBE for her efforts in reconciliation. She has authored five books and numerous articles stemming from her commitment to unity and peace. She is one of four church representatives to L'Arche International and holds the post of Ecumenical Canon in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. She is on the Board of Oneings, a bi-annual publication of the Centre for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico.