

NOW IN ITS 19TH YEAR!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FOR SPIRITUAL GUIDES



A Two-year Training Program in
Contemplative Prayer
and
Spiritual Guidance

SEPTEMBER 2009
TO MAY 2011



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Drawing From the Well of Christ
Contemplatively
Actively



*Spiritual Direction
for Spiritual Guides*, now in its
19th season, is a two-year training
program in contemplative prayer and
spiritual direction. During the two years,
participants will experience and learn to
practice the disciplines of contemplative
prayer and the art of contemplative
spiritual direction. Through both years,
participants will discover the richness of
contemplative community, the intimacy
of small group interaction, and the
depths of contemplative prayer.

INTENT OF PROGRAM

*The format for each year consists of two
retreats (an opening two-day retreat in
October, and a closing two-day retreat in
May) and six monthly day-long sessions in
between.*

*The intent of the first year of SDSG is to provide
experiences of contemplative prayer and
training in the art of being a spiritual director.
Participants are asked to have a spiritual
director and, by January 2009, to serve as a
spiritual guide for two individuals.
A reflection paper is also required.*

*The intent of the second year of SDSG is to
provide opportunities to continue practicing
the disciplines of contemplative prayer,
drawing on a unique spiritual tradition each
month, as well as further training in spiritual
direction. Each person is asked to have a
spiritual director and to serve as a spiritual
guide for two individuals. Two reflection
papers are also required.*

*SDSG has helped me rediscover the moment—
here and now—and celebrate in it. Being well
schooled in delayed gratification, I am
relearning to enjoy life as it happens.*

Vernne Greiner,
Physician and Spiritual Director

FOCUS OF PROGRAM

*The focus in the first year is twofold:
grounding participants in the Christian
contemplative tradition, through readings
(both classical and contemporary), class
presentations on a variety of topics and
prayer experiences, along with assisting
participants in being a guide for others on
their spiritual journey. Meeting days
include a rhythm of teaching sessions,
prayer experiences, community building,
individual reflection, discussion, and small
group experience. Central to our process in
both years, peer groups of 4-6 people spend
time each month in spiritual support of one
another and in reflecting together on the
practice of spiritual direction in which the
participants are engaged. Each peer group
is facilitated by a trained spiritual director.*

*In the second year, the rhythm of meeting
days is very similar to the first year;
however, the content of the second year
includes prayer experiences and sessions
devoted to key issues of spiritual direction,
further readings in spirituality, psychology,
and Christian mysticism, and two-hour
peer group sessions (4-6 people) for
spiritual support and deepening the
practice of spiritual direction.*

*SDSG sparked a fire I didn't know I was
ready to light.*

Fern Gaffey,
Spiritual Director



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creating community through Love.

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FOR WHOM

SDSG is especially suited to those who are seeking to deepen their practice of prayer and learn about being a spiritual companion to others. Lay persons and clergy are welcome. Year II is for persons with Year I or equivalent.

Class Size and Credits:

Class size is limited to 30. Continuing Education Credit available per year.

The SDSG program of Oasis Ministries provides a great opening and deepening for any called to a deeper spiritual life and the possibility that you are called to be a spiritual companion for others.

~ Keith Braucher,
Pastor, Counselor and Spiritual Director

DATES

YEAR I

OPENING RETREAT

10:00 a.m., Thursday, **October 1, 2009**
through 3:00 p.m., Friday, **October 2, 2009**

MONTHLY SESSIONS (Thursdays)

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 2009
Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 8, 2010

CLOSING RETREAT

10:00 a.m., Thursday, **May 6,**
through 3:00 p.m., Friday, **May 7, 2010**

YEAR II

OPENING RETREAT

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, **September 29, 2009**
through 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, **September 30**

MONTHLY SESSIONS (Wednesdays)

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
Nov. 4, Dec. 2, 2009
Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, 2010

CLOSING RETREAT

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, **May 4, 2010**
through 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, **May 5, 2010**

LOCATION

Kenbrook (45 minutes east of Harrisburg, PA)
190 Pine Meadow Rd. Lebanon, PA 17046
Phone: 717-865-4547 — www.kenbrook.org

TUITION

TUITION PER YEAR: \$1,950

Plus Application Fee of \$200 (non-refundable after September 1*) sent with registration form (attached).

*If application fee received by May 30:
discount \$50 from application fee*
*If application fee received after August 30:
add \$50 to application fee*

The balance of first year's tuition is to be paid in five equal installments of \$390 due within two weeks of your acceptance into the program and on class meeting days in October, December, February, and April. [Second year's tuition schedule will be the same, except, since you are already in the program, the first payment of \$390 is due in June 2009.]

Participants are asked to pay for and attend all sessions. Payments by MasterCard/Visa/Discover are welcome.

**The Application Fee less \$50 is refundable if withdrawing prior to September 1, 2009.*

SCHOLARSHIPS

Some scholarship help is available. Scholarship is granted based upon scholarship receipts and requests. Contact us after seeking assistance from other local sources of funding (like your church or denomination).

CONTACT US AT:
OASIS MINISTRIES FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
ATTN: Registrar
419 Deerfield Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011
Ph: 717-737-8222; email: oasismin@oasismin.org
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**TO APPLY OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM.**

LEADERSHIP

Glenn Mitchell, M.Div., is Director of Training and Program for Oasis Ministries and a lead teacher in SDSG. Glenn has a practice of spiritual direction and retreat leadership in State College, Pa. He is a Shalem graduate and has particular interest in the intersection of spirituality and the arts.

Nancy L. Bieber, M.A., M.S. a lead teacher for SDSG, was a psychologist for 25 years but now has a practice as spiritual director and retreat leader in Lancaster, PA. A Quaker and a graduate of Shalem Institute, Nancy regularly leads retreats for Pendle Hill, the Quaker Study Center, and teaches classes on prayer at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Bonita Rose Collins-Hobbs, M. Div., is pastor of Mt. Zion Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, located in Darby Twp., Sharon Hill, PA. She is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, a spiritual director, an ordained elder with the CME Church since 1988, and founder of "Uniqueness with Faith Ministries".

Ruth Zeiders, MBA, CRM, Ruth Zeiders left a career in finance to follow her calling as a certified spiritual director and reiki master. Ruth is a graduate of *Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides* and the *Deepening Year for Direction Ministries* programs of Oasis. She has a ministry in Bloomsburg, PA, serving as spiritual director and retreat leader, and offering reiki treatments and training.

Jo Ann Kunz, M.A., serves as a Senior Pastor at a non-denominational Christian church located in Lititz, PA. She teaches spiritual formation/spiritual direction at both Eastern University and Evangelical Theological Seminary. Jo Ann has been part of the faculty of Oasis Ministries since 2001.

Melissa Stock received her training at Oasis through *Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides*. She also completed three years of Spiritual Formation and two of Ignatian Spiritual Direction Training at the Kairos School of Spiritual Formation. Melissa is active in retreat leadership, spiritual direction, and Taize worship.

 **Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides** ◆ APPLICATION/INFORMATION FORM ◆

NAME _____ PHONE(S) HOME _____ () _____ WORK _____ () _____ FAX _____ EMAIL: _____ () _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 Applying for SDSG* Requesting more information on SDSG & other Oasis programs Desire a phone call to talk about program
Year I Year II Please add me to your mailing list
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION _____ I HAVE A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR (NAME) _____
DESIRE A SUGGESTION FOR A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR _____
*APPLICATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____ (check payable to "Oasis Ministries" OR VISA / MC/DISCOVER also welcomed)
VISA/MC/DISCOVER # _____ EXP. DATE ____/____ 3-digit SEC. CODE (on back of card) _____

***To apply to SDSG, Complete this application & please attach a short statement (approximately one page, single-spaced) answering:**

1. What prompts your interest in this program?
2. What vocational/spiritual experiences lie behind this prompting?
3. What specifically do you hope to gain from the program?
4. What readings and personal experiences have influenced your understanding of spiritual guidance?
5. Include the names, addresses, and phone numbers of two persons whom you ask to be supportive to you through this process. Please ask each supporter, as a "reference," to write and send to the Oasis office a brief statement sharing how he/she thinks this program is right for you. (You may give them a copy of this brochure.)