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"How we get there is where we arrive."
- Philip Booth, poet



~ MEN4DIRECTIONS ~ A YEAR TO GROW



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~ MEN4DIRECTIONS ~

MEN4DIRECTIONS is a renewable year-long program* of Oasis Ministries intended to help men grow in faith, self-awareness, and spiritual wholeness. The program includes small group community, quarterly retreats, and solo-time in the wilderness to engage with Spirit and Soul.

* In an effort to deepen community and foster long-term growth, participants are welcome and encouraged to continue on the M4D journey in subsequent years. While cyclical, the M4D model may also be thought of as an on-going spiral allowing us to descend to new heights together. Participants are given the option of reregistering at the start of each year.



Why Men?

We can all use help finding our way from time to time—men are no different. Men need the support of one another to be honest and real about life. Through small group discussions, monthly consultation with a "spiritual brother", and contemplative practice, men are encouraged to know themselves, listen to the still small voice within, and to honor their souls. The result could change lives and lead to a whole new world.

Why 4 Directions?

The directions refer to east, south, west, and north— compass points along our journeys. It's not a linear approach, but a circular path that honors the rhythms of life. The cycle of the day, too, is acknowledged: morning, noon, evening, and night; four seasons of each day, a life-time in the making.

A Year To Grow

4 Seasonal Gatherings

- ◆ Gathering 1 Looking SOUTH at vitality, the heat of the day, imagination
- ◆ Gathering 2 Looking WEST at our shadows, the dark side of our lives, mystery, soul
- ◆ Gathering 3 Looking NORTH at wisdom, the stillness of winter, competence, and strength.
- ◆ Gathering 4 Looking EAST toward new beginnings, the advent of life, the rising of the sun, birth and rebirth—a contemporary version of a vision quest will accompany this final gathering—a 24-hour fast and solo experience in the wilderness.

4 Commitments Make it Happen

- **Covenant** - a promise among brothers to study, pray, share, and grow together for one year.
- **Community** — quarterly retreats in the woods to listen, discuss, and discern with others. The time between retreats will be bolstered by one-to-one elder mentoring and peer support.
- **Contemplation** – a regular practice of silence and solitude
- **Compassion** — a regular practice of service to others

Express your interest in participating in



by contacting

Betsy Keller at Oasis

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Retreat Dates:

July 16-17, 2011
(2pm Saturday - 11am Sunday)

October 21-22, 2011
(6pm Friday - 3pm Saturday)

February 17-18, 2012
(6pm Friday - 3pm Saturday)

May 18-21, 2012
(6pm Friday - 11am Monday)



Location:

Krislund Camp & Conference Center (www.krislund.org)

89 Krislund Drive
PO Box 116
Madisonburg, PA 16852
814-422-8878

On 1902 acres of scenic mountain valley land, Krislund is located 7 miles south of exit #173 on Interstate 80 and 21 miles east of State College.

Gatherings will be held at Krislund's newly remodeled Upper Lodge.

Leadership:

Joel Blunk, Associate Pastor at State College Presbyterian Church (State College, PA) and graduate of Oasis *Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides* program.

Questions? contact Joel Blunk (814) 238-2422, State College, PA
onejtb@gmail.com

TUITION PER YEAR: \$750

Plus Application fee of \$100 (non-refundable after program begins) sent with registration form.

If application fee received by May 18:
discount \$50 from application fee

If application fee received after June 15:
add \$50 to application fee

The balance of tuition may be paid in full at any time, or may be paid in five equal installments of \$150 (first upon acceptance into program, then at by each gathering date in July, October, February, and May). *(Some scholarship assistance available. Call to inquire.)*

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

Withdrawing your application from the program
The Application fee -less \$50- is refundable if withdrawn prior to July 1, 2011.



MEN4DIRECTIONS ♦ APPLICATION/INFORMATION FORM ♦

NAME _____ PHONE(S) HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Applying for M4D* Requesting more information on M4D & other Oasis programs Desire a phone call to talk about program

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)

VISAMC/DISCOVER # _____ EXP. DATE ____ / ____ 3-digit SEC. CODE (on back of card) _____

***To apply to M4D, Complete this application & please attach a short statement** (approximately one page, single-spaced) **answering:**

1. What prompts your interest in this program?
2. What specifically do you hope to gain from the program?
3. What readings and personal experiences have influenced your understanding of spiritual guidance?
4. Include the names, addresses, and phone numbers of one, or more, persons whom you've asked to be supportive of you throughout 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.)

Please send this page and any additional, pertinent information to:
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