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

**OCTOBER 2011
TO MAY 2013**



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Contemplatively
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Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides

now in its 21st 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.

For a very long time I have been searching for something that was missing in my life. I found it in SDSG. It has helped me in my personal journey and in journeying with others.

Marie S. Rodichok,
2008 SDSG Graduate

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 2012, 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 reflections, discussions, and small group experiences. Central to our process in both years are peer groups of 4-6 people who 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

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 for each 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 6, 2011**
through 3:00 p.m., Friday, **October 7, 2011**

MONTHLY SESSIONS (Thursdays)

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,

Nov. 3, Dec. 1, 2011

Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 1, Mar. 29, 2012

CLOSING RETREAT

10:00 a.m., Thursday, **May 3, 2012**
through 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, **May 4, 2012**

YEAR II

OPENING RETREAT

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, **October 4, 2011**
through 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, **October 5, 2011**

MONTHLY SESSIONS (Wednesdays)

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,

Nov. 2, Nov. 30, 2011

Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Feb. 29, Mar. 28, 2012

CLOSING RETREAT

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, **May 1, 2012**
through 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, **May 2, 2012**

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., has been on staff at Oasis Ministries since 1996, and serves as a lead teacher for the *Spiritual Direction* program and the *Contemplative Living* program. Nancy is a clinical psychologist, but focuses now on retreat leadership and spiritual direction. She is the author of *Decision-Making and Spiritual Discernment: the art of Finding Your Way*.

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".

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 through Oasis' *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.

Ruth Zeiders has a practice in spiritual direction, reiki, and TriYoga® in Bloomsburg, PA. She completed the *Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides* and *Deepening Year for Direction Ministries* programs of Oasis and has served as staff for SDSG since 2005. Ruth earned an MBA in finance and worked in administration at Western Maryland College, now McDaniel College. She is married to a Lutheran pastor. They share a love of hiking, gardening, contemplative prayer, and time with the families of their five children and eight grandchildren.

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: \$1,990

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 \$398 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, with no application fee]

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, 2011.*

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).

**TO APPLY OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM,
EMAIL SUBMISSION PREFERRED**

OASIS MINISTRIES FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
ATTN: Registrar, 419 Deerfield Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Ph: 717-737-8222; email: oasismin@oasismin.org

www.oasismin.org

Email responses to betsykeller@oasismin.org

Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides ◆ APPLICATION/INFORMATION FORM ◆

NAME _____ PHONE(S) HOME _____ () _____ () _____ WORK _____ () _____ () _____ CELL _____ 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 (check payable to "Oasis Ministries" OR VISA / MC/DISCOVER also welcomed)

*APPLICATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____ EXP. DATE ____/____/____ 3-digit SEC. CODE (on back of card)
VISA/MC/DISCOVER # _____

***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.)