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TO MAY 2018

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FOR SPIRITUAL GUIDES



*Now with
Local Groups
see Hybrid Track*

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

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OASIS *Spiritual Direction
for Spiritual Guides,*

Now in its 27th season, is a two-year training program in contemplative spiritual direction. During the two years of learning the art of spiritual direction, participants will discover the richness of contemplative community, the intimacy of small group interaction, and the gift of close supervision in the practicum portion of the program.

PROGRAM FORMAT - OPTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Our “Classic Track” format is well refined to provide a learning environment offering participants an intimate community, strong teaching and quality supervision. We also recognize that for a variety of reasons related to schedules and distance, participating at this level can be challenging for some. Two years ago, we began an alternative track that addresses these challenges. We call it our “Hybrid Track” and it creates a local option for community and learning while maintaining access to the teaching and the content of the program. Wherever we have at least four interested participants in an area a cohort can be formed, a leader provided and five of the yearly meetings will take place locally. The hybrid cohorts join the full SDSG community for the opening and closing retreats and for one meeting day in the winter, thus reducing the number of trips to our training site to three a year while being present to half of the year’s total training days. Content of “missed” sessions is provided online.

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This program has taken me from reading about the practice of presence, to experiencing others’ presence, to simply being present. The shift has been profound and natural all at once.
-Lisa Lee (SDSG participant 2016)

FOCUS OF PROGRAM

The focus in the *first year* is twofold:

Grounding participants in the Christian contemplative tradition, through readings, presentations and prayer experiences, and training participants in becoming guides for others on their spiritual journey. Participants are asked to have a spiritual director while in the program and, by December 2017, begin meeting with two individuals as a spiritual guide in training.

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 Hybrid Track, five of these peer group meetings will take place locally.

In the *second year*, the rhythm and contemplative atmosphere of the meeting days continue while the content shifts and deepens with sessions focused on spiritual direction, specific spiritual traditions, various contexts for practicing spiritual direction, and with expanded peer group time for strengthening the practice of spiritual direction. In the Hybrid Track five of these peer group meetings will take place locally.

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. The program is open to lay persons and clergy.
Year II is for persons with Year I or equivalent.

Credits: Continuing Education Credit available for each year.

The program is about listening; to the Holy Spirit, to your heart, and to others in your life. There is no way to put a value on SDSG. It will expand your capacity in all areas of your life.
-Kenneth R. Worstall (SDSG graduate 2016)

LEADERSHIP

Glenn Mitchell, M.Div., is Director of Oasis Ministries and a lead teacher with Oasis since 1996. Glenn was trained in spiritual guidance by the Shalem Institute and Oasis 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/direction at Eastern University and Evangelical Theological Seminary, and is also a practicing spiritual director.

Melanie Taormina, M.F.A. is a graduate of Oasis Ministries' Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides program and has a spiritual direction practice in Williamsport, PA.

Full leader bios, and additional Peer Group Leader bios available online at www.oasismin.org

TRAINING SITE LOCATION

Kirkridge Retreat Center
(located in the beautiful Pocono Mountains)
2495 Fox Gap Road, Bangor, PA 18013
610-588-1793 * kirkridge.org

DATES

YEAR I—Classic Track

OPENING RETREAT
10:00 a.m., Thursday, **September 28, 2017**
through 3:00 p.m., Friday, **September 29, 2017**

MONTHLY SESSIONS (Thursdays)
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
Oct. 26, Dec. 7, 2017
Jan. 4, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 5, 2018

CLOSING RETREAT
10:00 a.m., Thursday, **May 10, 2018** through
3:00 p.m., Friday, **May 11, 2018**

YEAR I—Hybrid Track

OPENING RETREAT—dates above
Jan. or Feb. Meeting Day—to be decided—
dates as above
Five Monthly Meetings of 3—3.5 hours each;
days and times to be decided by group
CLOSING RETREAT—dates above

YEAR II—Classic Track

OPENING RETREAT
10:00 a.m., Tuesday, **September 26, 2017**
through 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, **September 27, 2017**

MONTHLY SESSIONS (Wednesdays)
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
Oct. 25, Dec. 6 2017
Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, 2018

CLOSING RETREAT
10:00 a.m., Tuesday, **May 8, 2018** through
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, **May 9, 2018**

YEAR II—Hybrid Track

OPENING RETREAT—dates above
Jan. or Feb. Meeting Day—to be decided—
dates as above
Five Monthly Meetings of 3—3.5 hours each;
days and times to be decided by group
CLOSING RETREAT—dates above

ANNUAL TUITION

TUITION: \$2,695* per year
*Plus an Application Fee of \$200 first year (non-refundable, not part of tuition).
If application fee received by May 31, discount \$100 from application fee.
If application fee received after August 31, add \$75 to application fee.*

*The balance of tuition may be paid in full at any time. Payments by MasterCard, Visa and Discover are welcome. If paying via installments we anticipate \$350 due upon acceptance into the program (by September) and payments of \$335 monthly October- April.

If withdrawing prior to September 1, a full refund of tuition paid will be returned, less \$50 to cover administrative time and processing.

Tuition is the same for Classic and Hybrid Tracks. Tuition remains the same regardless of the number of sessions attended. Oasis rarely cancels due to weather. If a regular program is canceled due to weather an effort will be made to get missed content to participants. No refunds for snow days or for session a participant needs to miss.

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).



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

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Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides ♦ APPLICATION/INFORMATION FORM ♦

NAME

PHONE(S) HOME

WORK

CELL

EMAIL:

ADDRESS

CITY/TOWN

STATE

ZIP

☐ Applying for SDSG*
Year I ☐ Year II ☐

☐ Requesting more information on SDSG & other Oasis programs
☐ Please add me to your mailing list

☐ I HAVE A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR (NAME) _____

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION _____

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.)