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TO MAY 2018



A Certificate Program in  
Spiritual Deepening  
and  
Contemplative Leadership



Ministries for Spiritual Development



*Contemplative Leadership* invites participants who are eager to explore and ready to deepen both aspects of its title name: **contemplation** and **leadership**. This program seeks participants who are keen to be: *Deepening in Practice—Growing in Leadership*.

Understanding that the contemplative way is to infuse life with an awareness of God, this program is for persons seeking to enhance this awareness through classical disciplines and other creative practices while also learning how to lead others into the contemplative life 'back home'. These emphases of personal spiritual formation, transforming as a contemplative leader and hands-on group leadership training will permeate the program. There will be presentations on a variety of practices, reflection on contemplation and leadership, along with much experiential learning. This will be coupled with opportunities in a peer group to learn the means of developing methods, enhancing skills, building confidence, and receiving feedback for leading contemplative programs in one's own community.

*Contemplative Leadership was a crucial part of my spiritual journey and key to my soul-care.*  
-Cathy, a Christian Educator

### PROGRAM INTENT

The intent of *Contemplative Leadership* is three-fold:

- ☞ **deepening contemplative living** (personal transformation)
- ☞ **growing contemplative leaders** (leadership formation/transformation)
- ☞ **equipping teachers of contemplation** (leading groups in contemplation)

### IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?

- ☑ Do you long to be more attentive to God and deepen your spiritual life?
- ☑ Do you desire to lead from a contemplative orientation and infuse contemplation into your spiritual community?
- ☑ Do you want to expand your knowledge and experience in spiritual practices and disciplines?
- ☑ Do you desire to lead meaningful contemplative experiences for others?
- ☑ Are you a graduate of our *Contemplative Living Program* or a similar program in contemplative practice and are now feeling drawn to focus more fully on leading others more deeply into contemplation?  
**Sensing a 'yes?'**

For more information see [www.oasismin.org](http://www.oasismin.org)

This program is ideal for both pastors and others seeking to deepen contemplation in ministry and life. Most participants will have previously found some contemplative practices transformative in their personal life and desire to grow in creating and equipping contemplative groups in their communities and desire the contemplative to shape and infuse their leadership.

### THEMES

*Contemplative Leadership* embraces both Practice and Presence through:

1. Stillness & Silence
2. Movement
3. Inward Attentiveness
4. Daily Attentiveness
5. Compassionate Living
6. Listening & Speaking
7. Creativity & Playfulness
8. Ritual and Rhythms



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*Drawing from the Depths of Spirit  
Contemplatively*

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## GATHERINGS INCLUDE:

Engagement with the themes through

- ☞ Presentations by leadership
- ☞ Contemplative practices
- ☞ Dialogue among participants
- ☞ Readings and reflection
- ☞ Space for personal retreat & solitude
- ☞ Peer Group experiences
- ☞ Prayer & Worship experiences

## PROGRAM LOCATIONS

### Opening & Closing Retreats

#### Crossroads Camp And Retreat Center

29 Pleasant Grove Road  
Port Murray, NJ 07865  
Phone: (908)832-7264

### Monthly Gatherings

in between retreats to be held at

The House Next Door at Prince of Peace  
Lutheran Church  
173 Princeton-Hightstown Road  
Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

## DATES

### OPENING (2-night) RETREAT at Crossroads

10:00a.m. Wednesday, **October 18, 2017**  
through 2:00 p.m., Friday, **October 20, 2017**

### MONTHLY SESSIONS at Princeton Junction

**10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Thursdays**  
Nov. 9, Dec. 14, 2017  
Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, 2018

### CLOSING RETREAT at Crossroads

10:00 a.m., Thursday, **May 10, 2018**  
through 2:00 p.m., Friday, **May 11, 2018**

*Participating in the Contemplative Leadership Program  
was a special experience. It reinforced my path and  
spurred me on.*

*-Jane Rohrbach*

## LEADERSHIP

**Dale Selover** serves as a parish pastor, spiritual director and retreat leader in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Dale is a graduate of Gettysburg College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Through Oasis Ministries, Dale has completed Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides and Contemplative Living.

**Andrew Barton** is currently Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square, NJ. In recent years he has also served as pastoral mentor and spiritual guide to seminary students and clergy. Andrew completed the Oasis programs *Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides* and *Contemplative Living*. He has also completed the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation certificate programs, *Leading Contemplative Prayer Groups and Retreats* led by Tilden Edwards, Gerald May and Rosemary Dougherty.

**Glenn Mitchell**- (Adjunct Leader) M.Div., is Director of Oasis Ministries and a teacher with Oasis since 1996. Glenn was trained in spiritual guidance by the Shalem Institute and Oasis Ministries. He is a lead teacher in *Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides* and offers leadership in other Oasis training programs and single day events. More complete bios online at [www.oasismin.org](http://www.oasismin.org)

## PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO:

- ☞ Engage in a regular prayer practice which nourishes awareness of the sacred.
- ☞ Be open to expanding beyond already familiar spiritual practices.
- ☞ Complete the assigned readings and write two brief papers.
- ☞ Bring an openness and collegiality to peer group experience.
- ☞ As feedback and evaluation is part of the growth process, come open to both giving and receiving feedback.
- ☞ Plan and lead a contemplative group, retreat, or series of quiet days in your home community (minimum 6-8 contact hours) or another project which integrates the contemplative into your place of leadership. Share your experience in a presentation at the closing retreat.

## TUITION: \$1950 FOR THE YEAR

### Plus an Application Fee of \$200

(non-refundable)

If application received by May 31: **discount \$50 from application fee**

If application received after August 31: **add \$50 to application fee**

Tuition may be paid in full at any time. However, suggested payment plan is \$200 due upon acceptance into the program plus monthly payments of \$250 each.

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

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).

## TO APPLY

To apply for the 2017-2018 Contemplative Leadership program, please

- let us know of your interest by visiting [www.oasismin.org](http://www.oasismin.org)
- Email [oasis@oasismin.org](mailto:oasis@oasismin.org) with your contact information and your responses to the five segments of the application form on this brochure.
- Let the office know how you wish to pay for your application fee.

(You may choose to complete the application form included in this brochure by hand and mail it along with your application fee to Oasis Ministries, 419 Deerfield Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011)

**Thank you!**

## Contemplative Leadership ♦ APPLICATION FORM ♦

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(S) HOME \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

\*APPLICATION FEE ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (check payable to "Oasis Ministries" OR VISA /MC/DISCOVER also welcomed) VISA/MC/DISCOVER # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 3-digit CODE (on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What draws you to participate in this program at this time in your life?
2. Share any spiritual practices that are currently giving you life. Also name any specific practices you enjoy sharing with others.
3. Do you have previous experience in any spiritual formation programs? (none is necessary, but helpful for leaders to know)
4. Describe your current context of leadership and spiritual community/s.
5. Include the name, email, and phone number of a person who will support you during this program (for example, spiritual director, pastor, friend, colleague), and ask her/him to write a brief statement about how the Contemplative Leadership program is a good fit for you. (We encourage you to give them a copy of this brochure.)