

## Oasis Year-Long Leaders Bios



**Glenn Mitchell** (SDSG DYDM CL) **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. Glenn has a practice of spiritual direction based in State College, Pennsylvania. Glenn has two adult children and is married to Theresa Shay. Glenn loves all things contemplative and in his spare time enjoys watching birds, restoring their 1800's log home and making things from wood.



**Jo Ann Kunz** (SDSG DYDM), **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, as well as being a certified Enneagram trainer. Jo Ann has been part of the faculty of Oasis Ministries since 2001. She serves as a retreat and workshop facilitator, maintains a private spiritual direction practice, and holds a special interest in dream work.



**Roy Shirley** (Men4Directions) is a licensed professional counselor and a spiritual director. He completed his spiritual direction training in 2016 through Oasis Ministries.

Roy is currently enrolled in The Living School for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, NM, where he is seeking to learn and help others deepen their engagement with God, their truest selves, and the world. He leads retreats and workshops related to understanding and embracing your unique story and for men's topics related to male spirituality and their life journey. Roy was a participant in Men4Directions for two years.



**Melanie Taormina** (SDSG)

Melanie is a graduate of Oasis Ministries' Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides program and has a spiritual direction practice in

Williamsport, Pa. She has led contemplative Bible studies and workshops and retreats on prayer and spirituality. She finds inspiration and expression in poetry, photography, and Taize prayer, and has discovered in the joys and demands of parenthood a crucible for the practice of presence. Melanie lives with her husband and young son in Williamsport, where she is active in her church and in the Lycoming College community.

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**Dale Selover** (CL), is a Child of God. While serving as a parish pastor, Dale became profoundly aware of her hunger for a deeper relationship with God. She

embarked on a journey of classes and conversation that led her to where she is today, serving as a spiritual director and retreat leader in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Sensing others' hunger for a relationship with God, Dale seeks to connect others to Jesus Christ, to one another, and to the church through her ministry. 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)



**Ruth Workman** (SDSG DYDM), EdM, MA, is a Certified Spiritual Director, Retreat Leader, and Certified Supervisor of

Spiritual Directors. She has offered Spiritual Direction since 1995. Ruth is a teacher in the Deepening Year in Direction Ministries and a peer group leader for Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides years 1 and 2 through Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Formation. She is an Adjunct Professor at Princeton Theological Seminary where she teaches Spiritual Direction and offers individual and group Spiritual Direction to students and faculty. Ruth leads Ignatian and contemplative retreats at The Sanctuary, her home in Stone Harbor, NJ.



**Andrew T. Barton** (CL), is currently Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square, NJ. Andrew's purpose is to wholly and fully love God

and to love others including himself. Andrew has been a pastor for 38 years. 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; and Group Spiritual Direction led by Rosemary Dougherty. Andrew and his wife Joyce have three married children and two grandchildren. They welcome guests for individual and group retreats at their retreat property and house, Green Pastures near Weatherly, PA .



**Melanie Reed** (SDSG) is a 2003 graduate of Oasis Ministries SDSG. She is an Oasis hybrid-group facilitator for folks in Northern Virginia as part of her

ministry called Wisdom Light Retreat Center. Her mission is to "empower one light at a time" through spiritual direction, meditation, and energetic bodywork. Her vision is to open a holistic wellness center in 2018.

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**Dick Herman** (SDSG) is a pastor, photographer, spiritual director, and Celtic traveler whose love of nature was nurtured while growing up in Central PA. He completed his formal spiritual direction training in 2011 through Oasis Ministries after previously completing a Certificate in Spiritual Formation at Columbia Theological Seminary. A graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M. Div.) and Fuller Theological Seminary (D. Min.), Dick has been in pastoral ministry for 39 years, serving 2 congregations in Pennsylvania before coming to the First Presbyterian church of Moorestown, NJ, in 2002 where he is presently an Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Spiritual Formation.



**Michael Allwein** (SDSG) is lead pastor at St. James Lutheran Church, Gettysburg, PA. Mike was ordained in 1980 and has served several congregations in south central Pennsylvania since then. Mike completed the *Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides* program with Oasis in 2003 and the *Contemplative Living* program in 2011.

**BJ Katen-Narvell** (SDSG) holds an AB in Religion from Princeton University, an MBA from the Wharton Graduate Division, University of Pennsylvania, an MA in Christian Spirituality from The General Seminary of the Episcopal Church and is a 2012 graduate of the SDSG program of Oasis Ministries. After twelve years in corporate marketing and brand management she retired to focus on family and nonprofit work. Most recently she was Coordinator of the Lilly Endowment Sabbath Renewal Program at Princeton Theological Seminary. She is married and has three grown daughters.



**Betty Wright- Riggins**, (SDSG) is an ordained American Baptist minister. She holds a BA, MA and MDiv. She is a spiritual director, retreat leader, church transitions and spiritual formation consultant. She is a certified Grief and Recovery Method Specialist. Betty has served her community as pastor, adjunct professor teaching courses in prayer, spiritual formation and grief and loss. She has been a principal, speech pathologist, and financial services consultant for pastors. Betty currently convenes a spiritual formation group in her home and is a member of the spiritual directors network serving students at Princeton Theological Seminary.