

Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides

September 2018 - May 2020

A Two Year Training Program
in Contemplative Prayer and
Spiritual Guidance

Photo by Zack Maser

Now in its 28th season, SDSG 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 contemplation in community, the intimacy of small group interaction, and the gift of close supervision in the practicum portion of the program.

Is SDSG Right for You?

- Do you like being a listener to others--receiving from others their stories, their longings, their dreams and experiences?
- Do you find that others often seek you out to share their spiritual queries?
- Do you long for a spiritual home--a place where you are finds a safe and supportive community? A place where you can continue to learn and grow?
- Do you love to ponder or ask life's big questions?
- Do you long for an inner quiet amidst the busyness and overflow of daily life?

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.

Distance Learning Options

Our "Hybrid Track" model creates a local option for community and learning while maintaining access to the teaching and the content of the program. A cohort with its own spiritual director leader can be formed when there are four or more interested participants in a common geographic area. The hybrid cohort joins the full SDSG learning community for the opening and closing retreats and for one meeting day in the winter. The remaining five monthly meetings take place locally for the cohort. The local meetings are planned with accommodation to the member's schedules. The teaching content of the SDSG sessions the hybrid participants are not present for is provided online. For distance learning options for those not able to join a cohort please contact us.



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What Can You Expect?

Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides (SDSG) includes 20 meeting days spread over the two years. These meetings include a rhythm of teaching sessions, prayer experiences, community building, individual reflection, 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 their practice of spiritual direction. Each peer group is facilitated by a trained spiritual director. Participants are asked to have a spiritual director while in the program and, by December 2018, begin meeting with two individuals as a spiritual guide in training.

In the first year participants are immersed in the Christian contemplative tradition through readings, presentations, and prayer experiences while simultaneously learning the art of spiritual direction.

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 expanded peer group time to strengthen the practice of spiritual direction.

SDSG I and II Leaders



Glenn Mitchell, M.Div., Glenn Mitchell (SDSG DYDM CL), 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.



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.

Dates for SDSG Year I

Opening Retreat

10:00 am Tuesday - 3:00 pm Wednesday
9/25/18 - 9/26/18

Closing Retreat

10:00 am Monday - 3:00 pm Tuesday
5/13/19 - 5/14/19

Monthly Meetings

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

10/31/18

12/5/18

1/9/19

2/6/19

3/6/19

4/3/19

Tuition

TUITION: \$2,695 per year, plus an Application Fee of \$200* for the first year (non-refundable, not part of tuition).

The balance of tuition may be paid in full at any time.

*Please Note: If you are a seminary student, the application fee is waived.

→ If the application is received by May 31, 2018, \$100 will be deducted from tuition fee.

→ If the application is received after August 31, 2018, \$75 will be added to tuition fee.

Payments by check or credit card (MasterCard, Visa, and Discover) are welcome. If paying via installments we anticipate the first payment to be \$350 (plus \$75 if application was received after August 31, 2018, minus \$100 if application was received prior to May 31, 2018). The first payment is 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 already 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 cancelled due to weather an online meeting may be possible and any missed content will be made available to participants. There are no refunds for snow days or for sessions a participant needs to miss.

Location of Retreats and
Monthly Meetings for Classic Track:
St. Francis Center for Renewal
395 Bridle Path Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
610-867-8890

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 the SDSG 2018-2020 program, please visit:

www.oasismin.org/apply-SDSG

Or print and complete the last page in this brochure and mail to the Oasis Ministries office at:


Ministries for Spiritual Development
419 Deerfield Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

For questions or more information, please contact the Oasis Ministries office:

Phone: 717-737-8222

Email: oasismin@oasismin.org

Or visit our website at www.oasismin.org/SDSG



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Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides Application

2018 - 2020 Program

Name

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First Name	Last Name	Email

Address

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Street Address	Street Address Line 2		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
City	State	Zip Code	Country

Phone Numbers

(<input type="text"/>) - <input type="text"/>	(<input type="text"/>) - <input type="text"/>
Home Phone	Cell Phone

Applying for:

- SDSG I
- SDSG II

Religious Affiliation

I have a spiritual director (name below)

I desire a suggestion for a spiritual director

- Yes
- No

What prompts your interest in this program?

What vocational/spiritual experiences lie behind this prompting?

What specifically do you hope to gain from this program?

What readings and personal experiences have influenced your understanding of spiritual guidance?

Include the name, email, address, and phone number of two persons who will support you during this program. Please ask each supporter as a "reference" to write a brief statement about how he/she thinks this program is right for you. Please have him/her send it to Oasis Ministries, 419 Deerfield Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011, or email it to: oasismin@oasismin.org.

Reference #1

Reference #2

The SDSG Application fee is \$200 (non-refundable, not part of tuition). Please make a check out to Oasis Ministries to include with your completed application and mail both to:

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Camp Hill, PA 17011

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