

Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides

Two - Year Training Program
September 2019 - May 2021

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Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides (SDSG), now in its 29th 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 contemplation in community, the intimacy of small group interaction, and the gift of close supervision in the practicum portion of the program.

Hybrid Track and Distance Options

*Working to make spiritual direction
training available where you are.*

Classic Meeting Location:

*St. Francis Center for Renewal
395 Bridle Path Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017*

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.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

WWW.OASISMIN.ORG

717-737-8222

What Can You Expect?

The 20 meeting days spread over the two years 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 2019, 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 DATES

Opening Retreat

10:00 am Saturday - 3:00 pm Sunday
9/28/19 - 9/29/19

Monthly Meetings

Thursdays, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

11/7/19 2/6/20

12/5/19 3/5/20

1/9/20 4/2/20

Closing Retreat

10:00 am Thursday - 3:00 pm Friday
5/14/20 - 5/15/20

SDSG LEADERS

Glenn Mitchell
Jo Ann Kunz
Melanie Taormina
and others

SDSG II DATES

Opening Retreat

10:00 am Monday - 3:00 pm Tuesday
9/30/19 - 10/1/19

Monthly Meetings

Wednesdays, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

11/6/19 2/5/20

12/4/19 3/4/20

1/8/20 4/1/20

Closing Retreat

10:00 am Tuesday - 3:00 pm Wednesday
5/12/20 - 5/13/20

Spiritual Training
Available Where You Are


On Site Learning Track

(Classic track meeting in Bethlehem for all gatherings)

- ➔ Attend Opening and Closing Retreats
- ➔ Participate in 6 monthly meetings on site in Bethlehem


Distance Learning Track

(Open to those more than 3 hours from Bethlehem)

- ➔ Attend Opening and Closing Retreats on site in Bethlehem
-  Connect live via Zoom to the 6 monthly on site meetings

Hybrid Learning Track

(3-6 participants in your area can form a hybrid group)

- ➔ Attend Opening and Closing Retreats on site in Bethlehem
- ➔ Participate in 6 monthly meetings in your area, on your schedule, with an Oasis leader who travels to you
-  Access to recordings and information of on site presentations

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ON SITE

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DISTANCE

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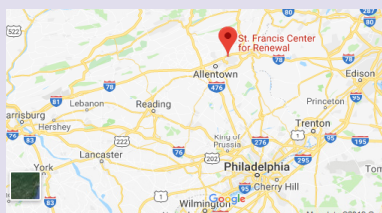
HYBRID

Structure for each model repeated second year

St. Francis Center for Renewal

395 Bridle Path Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
610-867-8890

- Opening and Closing Retreats - all tracks
- Monthly Meetings - Classic Track



**Hybrid Track locations to be determined after groups are established.*

Additional Information

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

**Please Note: If you are a Princeton Student, the application fee is waived.*

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

- If the application is received by May 31, 2019, the participant will receive a discount of \$100 from their tuition.
If the application is received after August 31, 2019, \$75 will be added to their 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 (minus \$100 if application was received prior to May 31, 2019 or plus \$75 if application was received after August 31, 2019). The first payment is due upon acceptance into the program (by September) followed by payments of \$335 monthly October- April.

SDSG I and II participants are asked to complete a Payment Agreement Form. This form is included in the Acceptance Letter received by SDSG I participants. For SDSG II participants, this form will be available to be completed online or printed and mailed to the office.

If withdrawing prior to September 1, 2019, a full refund of tuition already paid will be returned, less \$50 to cover administrative time and processing.

Tuition is the same for Classic, Distance Learning, 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. No refunds for snow days or for sessions 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 the SDSG 2019-2021 program, please complete the online application at www.oasismin.org/apply-SDSG.



For questions or more information, please contact the Oasis Ministries office:
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Or visit our website at www.oasismin.org/SDSG