

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & COMPANIONING PROGRAM

a TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY *in the* PATTERN
OF CHRIST *for the* SAKE *of* GOD'S SHALOM



Community of Christ

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A FORMATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SPIRITUAL SEEKERS, COMPANIONS, AND LEADERS

“Being spiritually formed is foundational to obtaining a clear and compelling vision of mission. A compelling sense of mission springs from the overflow of deep communion with the Spirit.”

STEPHEN M. VEAZEY





VISION AND CONTEXT

Hunger for the Holy, longing for relationship with God is a universal human quality. The longing for spiritual connection and “home” is deep and pervasive in our world. God yearns for our wholeness and calls us into relationship and response.

“God wants shalom (justice, reconciliation, wellbeing, wholeness, and peace) for all of creation.”

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God’s shalom is embodied in persons and communities through a deepening relationship with the Divine that reshapes our identity and calls us to compassionate action, healing, and peacemaking in the pattern of Christ. Holistic spiritual formation is centered in God and transforms every dimension of human personhood and community.

The need is great for people who sense the call to listen more deeply to themselves, others, God, and creation as the source of action and response in the world.

A photograph of three women in a community setting. On the left, a woman with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a magenta top, is gesturing with her hands. In the center, a woman with brown hair, wearing a teal jacket and a blue patterned scarf, is laughing joyfully. On the right, a woman with short blonde hair, wearing a grey hoodie with a blue patterned scarf, is looking towards the other two. The background shows a blurred indoor space with other people.

LIVE IN SACRED COMMUNITY

“When your willingness to live in sacred community as Christ’s new creation exceeds your natural fear of spiritual and relational transformation, you will become who you are called to be.”

DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS SECTION 164:9B



PROGRAM ELEMENTS AND OUTCOMES

Participants will gain knowledge and skills in the history, tradition, and practice of Christian spiritual formation through experiential and academic learning, worship, small group communities, Spiritual Direction, and spiritual practices.

YEAR 1: SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND TRANSFORMATION

Awaken to Divine Presence

- Deepen your relationship with God
- Explore prayer and spiritual practices
- Learn spiritual wisdom in the Christian tradition
- Engage in deep listening to God, self, and others
- Discern personal yearnings, questions, and calling
- Embody compassionate action and God's shalom

PROGRAM ELEMENTS & OUTCOMES



Those sensing a call to the ministry of spiritual companioning and leadership will be invited to discern ongoing participation and apply for Years 2 and 3.

YEARS 2 AND 3: SPIRITUAL COMPANIONING AND LEADERSHIP

Spiritual formation ministers completing the program will be trained in:

- Holy listening and spiritual companioning
- Discernment principles and processes
- Forms of prayer and meditation for diverse spiritual types
- Facilitating spiritual formation with individuals and groups in diverse settings
- Integrating spirituality and mission through receptive and active spiritual practices

A photograph of a person in a pink jacket standing in a misty forest. The ground is covered with fallen leaves and a circle of stones is visible. The word "WHO" is overlaid in a white box.

WHO

*All who are interested in exploring and deepening their spiritual journey are invited to apply! Those sensing a call to the ministry of spiritual companioning and leadership will be invited to discern ongoing participation and apply for Years 2 and 3.**

*YEARS 2 AND 3 WILL REQUIRE A SEPARATE APPLICATION AFTER A PERIOD OF DISCERNMENT.





WHEN

YEAR 1: SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND TRANSFORMATION

Year one includes 2 four-day on-site trainings and a weekend spiritual retreat. Willingness to complete assigned reading and assignments, meet with a Spiritual Director, and incorporate spiritual practices into daily living are integral to the program and required for application into Years 2 and 3.

GATHERING 1: OCTOBER 11-14, 2018, CALIFORNIA

CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT: MAY 3-5, 2019, COLORADO

GATHERING 2: OCTOBER 3-6, 2019, CALIFORNIA

YEARS 2 AND 3: SPIRITUAL COMPANIONING AND LEADERSHIP

Years 2 and 3 include 4 four-day on-site trainings and an individual 2-night silent retreat at a time and location of your choosing before the end of the program. Willingness to complete assigned reading and assignments, meet with a Spiritual Director, and incorporate spiritual practices into daily living are integral to the program and required to receive a certificate.

GATHERING 3: APRIL 16-19, 2020, COLORADO

GATHERING 4: OCTOBER 1-4, 2020, CALIFORNIA

GATHERING 5: APRIL 15-18, 2021, COLORADO

GATHERING 6: SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 3, 2021, CALIFORNIA

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Each of the 6 Gatherings will begin at 8:00 AM on Thursday morning and end at 9:00 PM on Sunday evening. Participants should arrive the afternoon or evening of Wednesday (dinner will be provided) and, catch flights or drive home on Monday morning. The May 2019 retreat will begin at dinner on Friday evening and end with lunch on Sunday.*



WHERE

Gatherings 1, 2, 4, and 6 will be held in the Fall at the Happy Valley Conference Center near Santa Cruz, California.

HAPPY VALLEY

The Contemplative Retreat and Gatherings 3 and 5 will be held in the Spring at The Franciscan Retreat Center near Colorado Springs, Colorado.

FRANCISCAN RETREAT CENTER

Click above to see more about the locations.



COST

ANNUAL TUITION: \$1200

\$300 deposit due June 1, 2018—will be applied to tuition for Gathering I, October 11-14, 2018

\$300 remaining tuition for Gathering I due on or before October 11, 2018.

\$600 (half of the annual tuition) is due at or before all remaining gatherings.

\$150 for May 2019 Contemplative Retreat is due at or before the retreat.

Costs for travel, books, individual retreat in year 3, and potential Spiritual Direction charges are not included in the annual tuition fees and represent additional expenses.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KATIE HARMON-MCLAUGHLIN

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A photograph of two men sitting on a wooden deck outdoors. The man on the left is wearing a dark blue shirt and jeans, and the man on the right is wearing a white shirt with orange accents and sunglasses. They are both playing acoustic guitars. A black guitar case is on the grass next to them. The background is a large green golf course under a clear sky. The word "REQUIREMENTS" is overlaid in a white box with a thin black border.

REQUIREMENTS

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

Those who complete the full three years will receive a certificate in Spiritual Companionship and Leadership. To receive the certificate, participants are required to:

- ENGAGE IN ONGOING DISCERNMENT OF CALL TO SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES
- PARTICIPATE IN ASSIGNED SMALL GROUP COMMUNITIES
- ENGAGE IN ONE-ON-ONE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION WITH A QUALIFIED DIRECTOR
- COMPLETE ASSIGNED READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS
- COMPLETE A FINAL PROJECT BASED ON APPLICATION OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION SKILLS IN A LOCAL CONTEXT
- COMPLETE ONE PERSONAL TWO NIGHT SILENT RETREAT (YEAR 3)



PROGRAM PRESENTERS INCLUDE

SPIRITUAL FORMATION TEAM

(serves as program directors, faculty, and small group facilitators)

- KATIE HARMON-MCLAUGHLIN
- DAVID BROCK
- DUSTIN DAVIS
- JANE GARDNER
- DONNA SPERRY
- KRIS JUDD
- CAROLYN BROCK
- CHARMAINE CHVALA-SMITH
- MARY JACKS
- LAURIE GORDON

ECUMENICAL FACULTY WILL BE NAMED IN 2018

Guest faculty for 2015-2017 included:

JANE VENNARD author of *Fully Awake, Truly Alive*

LORETTA ROSS author of *Letters from the Holy Ground*


DWIGHT JUDY author of *Embracing God*

SANDRA LOMMASSON founder and director of Bread of Life Center

STEPHEN M. VEAZEY Community of Christ President

ANTHONY CHVALA-SMITH Community of Christ Seminary

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Apply Online
Application Deadline: January 26, 2018
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