



Spiritual Direction is the art of walking beside others as they listen for the voice of God in their lives. It employs both God-given gifts and carefully cultivated skills. You are invited to join a growing community of persons in Mississippi and beyond who devote themselves to this sacred practice.

Journey Partners provides a rich Christian context for taking your own faith journey to a deeper level, while studying classic and contemporary spiritual writings and developing your capacity to accompany others. Specific attention is also given to spiritual guidance within congregations.

This program, a partnership between the **Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi** and the **Center for Ministry***, is open to laity and clergy of all denominations. If you sense that God is calling you toward the ministry of spiritual direction, we welcome your application. You will find full information inside this brochure.

*The Center for Ministry is a collaborative venture of Millsaps College and the Mississippi Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church devoted to developing Christian leaders through lifelong learning.

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About Our Instructors:

Calendar

February 26-March 1, 2018

July 9-12, 2018

November 12-15, 2018

February 25-28, 2019

July 8-11, 2019

November 4-7, 2019

Location: Duncan Gray
Episcopal Retreat Center
<http://graycenter.dioms.org>

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Retreat Themes

1. Introduction to Spiritual Guidance
2. Spiritual Direction & the Soul's Journey
3. Spiritual Direction & the Dark Night of the Soul
4. Spiritual Discernment & Contemplative Retreat
5. Spiritual Formation in the Congregation
6. Spiritual Direction in the World

Tuition

\$600 per retreat, \$1800 per year
A limited number of scholarships are available.

*Full participation = 4 Continuing Education Units per year.
Completion of all JP work qualifies for 2 courses toward
United Methodist requirements for Certification in Spiritual
Formation (gbhem.org) upon registration with Garrett-
Evangelical Theological Seminary & submission of required
academic papers (garrett.edu).*

Dwight Judy is Professor Emeritus of Spiritual Formation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He assisted in developing the nationally recognized United Methodist Professional Certification in Spiritual Formation. A graduate of Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology, Dwight received his PhD from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto, CA. He is a retired Elder in the UMC & has served as a parish pastor and a retreat center director. He has accompanied people as a spiritual director for more than 20 years. Dwight is the author of six books including: *Embracing God: Praying with Teresa of Avila*, *Discerning Life Transitions* and *A Quiet Pentecost*. He and his wife Ruth are the parents of two adult sons.

Jane Vennard is John Wesley Iliff Senior Adjunct Instructor in spirituality at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. She holds degrees from Wellesley College, Stanford University, & San Francisco Theological Seminary. Called to a special ministry of teaching & spiritual direction, she is ordained in the United Church of Christ. An active spiritual Director, Jane is a long-time member of Spiritual Directors International. She has also taught at the Pacific School of Religion, Columbia Seminary, & Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. A regular presenter with the Upper Room Academy for Spiritual Formation, she teaches in ecumenical settings & leads retreats internationally. Her eight books include *Be Still: Designing & Leading Contemplative Retreats*, *A Praying Congregation: The Art of Teaching Spiritual Practice*, and *Fully Awake & Truly Alive: Spiritual Practices to Nurture Your Soul*. She lives in Denver with her husband Jim Laurie.

What to Expect...

- Time for personal reflection & solitude, including a silent mini-retreat (Retreat 4)
- Daily worship & experiencing a variety of Christian spiritual practices (e.g., holy listening, praying the scriptures, & Sabbath rest)
- Participation in a learning community with peers
- Group instruction & small group work at each retreat
- Reading in preparation for each retreat
- Written work reflecting your growth in offering direction (ministry logs, verbatim, & reflection papers)

Note: Participants are expected to receive spiritual direction regularly throughout the program. Referrals are available through the Center for Ministry.

Application available on-line at www.centerforministry.com