

**Application for Listening with the Spirit:  
Spiritual Direction Formation Program 2015-2017**

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Please make two copies of anything you send to us.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Religious Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**Spiritual Direction/Companioning**

Have you been in a spiritual direction/companioning relationship in the past?    Yes    No  
Are you presently in a spiritual direction or companioning relationship?    Yes    No

*\*How would you describe this relationship?*

*\*What was your motivation for beginning spiritual direction?*

**Further Reflections**

1) What attracts you to the possibility of being a spiritual director or companion?

2) The focus of our program is "Listening with the Spirit"? What does this mean to you in your lived experience?

3) Describe your educational experiences in areas of personal and spiritual development. This would include but not be limited to spiritual classes, workshops, seminars, degrees related to religion, faith development and spirituality.

- 4) Have you taken the Myers-Briggs personality inventory and if so what is your Myers-Briggs type?
- 5) Have you studied the Enneagram and if so what is your Enneagram number?  
*If you have not, a Saturday session of Introduction to the Enneagram will be offered in October 3, 2015.*

### **Spiritual Autobiography** (Please make 2 copies on separate)

In 4-6 pages double-spaced, do a brief spiritual autobiographical sketch. Include these elements in a descriptive and heartfelt way:

- Significant spiritual experiences that have made an impact on your growth during childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, and middle and older years and what you learned from the experience.
  - Your image of and relationship with God and your prayer style.
  - Your experience of spiritual direction/companioning and its significance in your life.
- Whatever else you feel is relevant.**

### **FACTUAL INFORMATION**

#### ***Spiritual Direction Companioning***

***If no:*** Please call us for a list of local spiritual directors or look on spiritual directors International (SDI) "Seek and Find Guide". Being in a spiritual direction relationship with a trained spiritual director is a requirement of this program.)

**We recommend a minimum of once a month for at least 6 months.**

**Fees:** Program cost has been \$3,400 to include both years; at this time, we do not expect this to change. We ask for \$100 deposit after your interview and before the program begins in fall, 2015. The deposit is non-refundable and applies to your program cost.

Once accepted and you send in your intent to join us with the \$100 deposit, you will be sent a payment plan form to complete. A reading list will be given.

Submit all information, plus a \$50 non-refundable application fee to: The Priory Spirituality Center  
Address:  
The Priory Spirituality Center (LWS)  
500 College Street NE  
Lacey, WA 98516-5339

Application materials may be submitted as soon as completed and interviews will be scheduled in the spring 2015, usually February-April. The LWS program requires a minimum of 12 participants and a maximum of 16 participants. If you have questions about the application form/process or the program please contact Sister Lucy Wynkoop at (360) 438-2595 or [lucywynkoop@gmail.com](mailto:lucywynkoop@gmail.com).

### **Retreat Requirement**

Before beginning this program you need to have made at least one experience of a silence weekend retreat somewhere. As a contemplative program, we value cultivating silence into our lives. The Priory Spirituality Center is offering the following silent retreats:

Feb. 20-22, 2015: The Wilderness Speaks: Lenten Journey"

Mar. 20-22, 2015: Silent Centering Prayer Retreat

**You may choose to make a silent retreat on your own whenever there is space at The Priory Spirituality Center if you have not made a silent retreat.**

## **References for Listening with the Spirit (Spiritual Direction Formation Program)**

Please ask 2 people, from 2 separate categories below, to send references directly to us (see separate forms). These might be:

- 1) a person with whom you work or with whom you have worked
- 2) a friend who knows you well
- 3) your spiritual director,
- 4) current or former teacher

### **Letter of Reference for *Listening with the Spirit***

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am applying for Listening with the Spirit (a formation program to be a spiritual director) at the Priory Spirituality Center. Would you kindly write me a letter of recommendation taking into account the criteria below.

Describe the applicant's strengths, limitations, ability to listen, and their level of commitment to follow through on the goals they have set for themselves and specifically comment on their readiness to follow through on a two year formation commitment.

Please submit the reference letter to the program facilitators for LWS formation program inviting them to send two copies to:

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