



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 in which to take your own faith journey to a deeper level, to study classic and contemporary spiritual writings, and to develop 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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Calendar

- March 19-22, 2012**
- July 16-19, 2012**
- November 12-15, 2012**
- March 18-21, 2013**
- July 15-18, 2013**
- November 4-7, 2013**

Location: Duncan M. Gray Episcopal
Retreat Center

<http://graycenter.dioms.org/>

For more information,
contact Jane Watts

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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 Formation in the Congregation
5. Spiritual Discernment & Contemplative Retreat
6. Integration & Healing in Spiritual Direction

Tuition

\$500 per retreat, \$1500 per year

A limited number of scholarships are available.

*Full participation = 4 Continuing Education Units per year
Completion of all JP work qualifies for 6 hours toward
United Methodist requirements for Certification in
Spiritual Formation upon registration with Garrett-
Evangelical Theological Seminary (www.gbhem.org)*

About Our Instructor:

Wendy Miller

A noted teacher and practitioner of spiritual direction, Rev. Wendy Miller is the author of *Invitation to Presence* and *Jesus, Our Spiritual Director*. She is Professor Emerita of Spiritual Formation at Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Virginia, having taught there for fourteen years prior to her retirement in 2010. In addition to her seminary degree from Associated Mennonite Seminary, Wendy holds Masters degrees from Eastern Mennonite Seminary and General Theological Seminary. She guides several training programs in spiritual direction around the U.S. and in Canada and serves as adjunct faculty at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

A native of England, Wendy and her husband Ed are the parents of five children and delight in their eleven grandchildren. Her hobbies include landscaping, flower gardening, and writing.

What to Expect...

- Time for personal reflection & solitude, including a silent mini-retreat (Retreat 5)
- 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)
- Participants are expected to receive spiritual direction regularly throughout the program. Referrals are available through the Center for Ministry.

Application available on-line at
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