

OUR MISSION



Believing in the transforming power of God's love, we seek through the Spiritual Renewal Center to offer opportunities for growth in Christian spirituality. We do this, as a grassroots ministry, through education, evangelization, spiritual direction, ministries in response to special needs or interests of the community, and programs for personal formation and renewal.

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HORIZONS



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING

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HORIZONS PROGRAM

Since 1991, the Spiritual Renewal Center has offered a training course for men and women who are called to the ministry of spiritual direction. Over these years, our HORIZONS Program has prepared gifted directors from many Christian denominations to serve the People of God, and they are doing so not only in central New York, but in far flung regions of this country and others - where the Spirit of God has led them.



FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAM

This two-year certificate program is for people who are new to the ministry of spiritual direction. It is a practicum-based program-participants will have ample opportunity to reflect on their experience as beginning directors, both with the group and one-to-one with a personal mentor or supervisor. The in-person element of our Horizons training format continues to be one of the most valuable components. A certificate of training is awarded after the program. Registration is limited each year.

TRAINING INCLUDES

- **Individual Meetings** four times during the year with an experienced staff spiritual director for personal mentoring and supervision.
- **Peer Supervision** with your mentor and other program participants.
- **Teaching Sessions** once a month for basic thematic instruction on topics key to the practice of direction, and for case presentations.

Spiritual direction is an ancient ministry in the church. In spiritual direction, the director helps the directee to become more aware of God and more responsive to God's Presence. Sharing your listening presence with someone who is seeking direction is truly a moment of God's grace.

Participants will be supplied with a reading list for the program. Staff includes Marge Babcock, Rev. Dr. Nick Bufano, Ann Derr, Jim Krisher, Rev. Dr. Steve Moore, Kathy Papa, and Rev. John Rose.

Applicants must show evidence of substantial background in theology, scripture, and spirituality, and a minimum of one year's experience receiving spiritual direction.

The Horizons Program meets at the Spiritual Renewal Center once a month from October - June on the first Monday of each month. Tuition is \$750 per year.

**Contact Meg Castellini
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information and an application.**

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ABOUT US

The Spiritual Renewal Center has been serving in central New York since September of 1978, when founder Jim Krisher with a small group of supporters opened the first Center on East Genesee St. in Syracuse. The Center was incorporated as a non-profit religious organization in November of 1979 and a governing Board of Trustees was formed. The ministry has moved several times since we began this work.

With Catholic and Ignatian roots, over the decades we have grown into a diverse ecumenical ministry of spiritual formation which draws both believers and seekers. Those who participate in our offerings as well as those who minister here come from diverse backgrounds and denominations. The Center attracts people not only from our immediate area, but from distant places as well. With the continuing development of virtual media for some of the programs we offer, including spiritual direction, our ministry now extends around the United States and across the globe.

