



# **West Virginia Institute For Spirituality**

## **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION INTERNSHIP**

*For an application for the 2007-2008 or 2008-2009 Internship,  
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## **Mission of The West Virginia Institute For Spirituality**

To provide an ecumenical center for prayer and spirituality that is located in the city of Charleston, West Virginia. This ministry encourages and promotes spiritual life through silence, prayer, retreats and inter-faith dialogue.

## **What is the Internship?**

The internship is for persons who feel called to Spiritual Direction and retreat ministry. The West Virginia Institute For Spirituality is committed to the formation of competent spiritual directors. The On-Going Associate Program provides “hands-on” experiences of praying with the scriptures, a holistic approach to spirituality and the tools and skills to qualify them for the Ministry. The Internship provides the setting, curriculum and experiences in which to discern a call to the ministry of spiritual direction.

## **Components of the Internship:**

The Internship Program follows the guidelines of Spiritual Directors International by including the elements of Theory and Foundation and Foundation of Spiritual Direction, Psychological Foundations, Discernment, Practicum and Supervision. Practical training in directing the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius which includes the 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation and the Thirty Day Exercises is a part of the course of studies. The Institute provides opportunities for

- Individual Supervision
- Peer Group Supervision Presentations
- Workshops on Spiritual Direction Themes
- Reading/Discussion Sessions
- Opportunities to lead groups in prayer
- Two 3 Day Retreats given
- Two Discernment weekends
- An 8 Day Directed Retreat developed

## **Practicum:**

Offering:

1. Spiritual Direction and the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in individual sessions
2. Group Spiritual Direction and Directed Retreats
3. Small group work
4. Discernment skills
5. Verbatims

### **Registration**

Each participant of the Spiritual Direction Internship Program is expected to receive spiritual direction and participate in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation Retreat. For registration, write to the Executive Director of WVIS, Sr. Carole Riley, CDP, 1601 Virginia Street, East, Charleston, WV 25311 or email [wviscr@aol.com](mailto:wviscr@aol.com). Two letters of recommendation, resume and interview are required. International participants are welcome. Two internships are accepted per term. If accepted, packet will follow.

### **Tuition**

\$1000 per semester plus the cost of books and supplies.

### **Room and Board**

\$450 per month. The program offers accommodations at the Marie Therese Coderc house at West Virginia Institute For Spirituality with a community. At the conclusion of the internship the intern would be able to:

1. Give directed retreats;
2. Understand the skills needed to work as a team;
3. Have developed group and individual direction skills;
4. Experienced leading centering prayer groups;
5. Worked with the 12 step programs in a retreat setting.

### **Credit**

Marshall University, Huntington, WV grants three hours of graduate credit per semester to those who meet matriculation and course requirements. Those who wish credit must follow the procedures of Marshall University and pay any expenses required of the University. Contact Sr. Carole Riley at [wviscr@aol.com](mailto:wviscr@aol.com) for further information regarding the process of transferring credits outside West Virginia.

### **Contract for Intern at WVIS**

All interns are encouraged to use their specific gifts in the ministry at WVIS. They are expected to take a weekly Sabbath day, to be in spiritual direction, to take a monthly hermit day and to participate in any of the program offerings at WVIS. Please visit our website: [www.wvinstituteforspirituality.org](http://www.wvinstituteforspirituality.org) to see what is offered each month.

A ministry description will be provided for the Intern. Responsibilities include any light tasks connected to offering hospitality to retreatants and guests. Come and join us in the exciting and rewarding ministry of spiritual direction and participate in our mission!

Check our website for further information.

[www.wvinstituteforspirituality.org](http://www.wvinstituteforspirituality.org)

## **SCHEDULE 2007 – 2008**

### **Fall Semester I**

### **Theory of Spiritual Direction**

Friday, September 14, 2007	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 15, 2007	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, October 20, 2007	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 21, 2007	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, November 9, 2007	2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 10, 2007	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Winter Semester 2**

### **Dynamics of Group Spiritual Direction**

A program for Spiritual Direction Associates who desire to learn about the process and dynamics of Group Spiritual Direction.

Friday, January 11, 2008	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 12, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, February 8, 2008	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 9, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, April 11, 2008	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 12, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Spring Semester 3**

### **Advanced Peer Supervision**

Supervision takes place during the last two semesters for those desiring the skills of spiritual direction.

Friday, September 19, 2008	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 20, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, October 17, 2008	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, November 21, 2008	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 22, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## **SCHEDULE 2008 – 2009**

### **Fall Semester I**

### **Theory of Spiritual Direction**

Friday, September 12, 2008	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 13, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, October 17, 2008	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, November 14, 2008	2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 15, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Winter Semester 2**

### **Dynamics of Group Spiritual Direction**

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Friday, January 9, 2009	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 10, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, February 13, 2009	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 14, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, April 24, 2009	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 25, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Spring Semester 3**

### **Advanced Peer Supervision**

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Friday, September 18, 2009	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 19, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, October 16, 2009	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 17, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, November 20, 2009	2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 21, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## **FALL PRESENTERS...**

Annually in the Fall semester, internationally recognized authors and lecturers provide continuing education in the area of prayer and spirituality. Guest presenters have included;

**Wayne Muller**, *A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Wayne is the author of the national bestseller, Legacy of the Heart: The Spiritual Advantages of a Painful Childhood; How Then, Shall We Live?; and Sabbath – Restoring the Sacred Rhythm of Rest. (Fall 2004)*

**Diarmuid O'Murchu**, *a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order, and a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin Ireland, is a social psychologist whose entire working life has been in social ministry. In that capacity he has worked as a couple's counselor, in bereavement work, AIDS-HIV counseling and laterally with homeless people and refugees. As a workshop leader and group facilitator he has worked in Europe, USA, Canada, Australia, The Philippines, Thailand, India, Peru and in several African countries. His best known books include Quantum Theology (1996-revised in 2004), Reclaiming Spirituality (1998), Evolutionary Faith (2002), Catching Up with Jesus (2005) (Fall 2005)*

**Brother Don Bisson, FMS**, *is a spiritual director, trainer and supervisor of directors. He is widely respected as a commentator and workshop leader on the inter-relationship of spirituality and psychology. A Marist Brother based in New York, he has graduate degrees in liturgy, spirituality, and transpersonal psychology. His D. Min. was earned at the Pacific School of Religion in the area of Spiritual and Jungian Psychology. (Fall 2006)*

**The Rev. Margaret Guenther**, *A noted retreat leader and lecturer, she is the author of several books, including Holy Listening: The Art of Spiritual Direction, Toward Holy Ground: Spiritual Directions for the Second Half of Life, The Practice of Prayer and most recently, At Home in World: A Rule of Life for the Rest of Us. She holds the A.B. and M.A. from the University of Kansas, a Ph.D. from Radcliffe College and a M.Div. from General Theological Seminary. (Fall 2007)*

**Richard Rohr, OFM**, *is a Franciscan of the New Mexico Province. He was the founder of the New Jerusalem Community in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1971, and the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1986, where he presently serves as Founding Director. He is probably best known for his numerous audio and video tapes, and through the Center's publication, Radical Grace. He is a regular contributing editor/writer for Sojourners magazine and recently published a 7-part Lenten Series for the National Catholic Reporter. His best known books are Simplicity, The Wild Man's Journey, Quest for the Grail, Everything Belongs, Hope Against Darkness, The Enneagram, A Christian Perspective, and Job and the Mystery of Suffering. (Fall 2008)*

**Carla Mae Streeter, O.P., S.T.L., Th.D.,** *Regis College and University of Toronto, Professor of Systematic Theology, 1986-present. She is a professor of systematic theology at Aquinas Institute in St. Louis University. Her theological approach is to focus on operative theology, pushing for an explanation of how a particular belief operates in the life of a person and are consistent with the deepest traditions of the faith community. Carla is currently engaged in editing a text for the Foundations of Spirituality course; editing a book on Feminine Interfaith Conversations with Reform Jewish Rabbi, Susan Talve; contributing a reflection for the fall, 2005 gathering of Dominican Women Theologians in Chili; preparing the November 2005 course "Philosophical Worldviews", to introduce students to the various cosmological worldviews that underpin World Religions, and to introduce them to the second axial shift that is occurring in our own time. She recently taught The Marian Tradition and Contemporary Spirituality, Foundations of Spirituality, Special Issues in Theology, Theology of World Religions, Introduction to Theology and Theological Method and the Doctrine of God for cohorts of masters students in Oklahoma City and Kansas City.*