

**ON BEING A  
SPIRITUAL NURTURER  
2009-2011**

**APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM ON BEING A SPIRITUAL NURTURER, 2009-2011**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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- A.** Write a summary (3-6 pages) of your call to and experience with spiritual nurture ministry. In your summary, reflect upon how your calling to spiritual nurture and to its study rises out of your: personal faith, faith community, life experience, education, and training.
- B.** Respond succinctly but fully in writing to the following discernment questions. These questions are meant for your own discernment as well as to assist us in the admission process.
1. Describe your response to and level of comfort with the Christian grounding of Quakerism and with Christ-centered language. Describe your ability to listen and recognize spiritual openings and committed journeys in whatever form they may appear.
  2. What personal needs demand a major part of your attention at this time? (e.g., recent loss, emotional issues, financial or family pressures, professional demands, opportunities for service in your meeting/church and beyond)
  3. Describe how you will make the time available in your life to commit to all that this program calls for? (daily prayer, attendance at all the residencies, reading up to 100 pages per month, preparing four integrative projects, and monthly meetings with a Care Committee)
  4. Have you persons in mind who might serve on your Care Committee? What challenges, if any, do you anticipate in forming and having a Care Committee?
  5. How are you going to pay for this program?
  6. For your safety and health, are there any limitations that might affect your participation in this program?
  7. Have other questions arisen in your discernment process to enter into this program?

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Please ask two people to write to us regarding: (1) your readiness and aptitude for this program; (2) your emotional and spiritual maturity; (3) your preparation to enter this program; and (4) your new areas of growth as well as your demonstrated gifts. One of these people should be a member of your home meeting or church. Request your references to send us their recommendations within one week of the mailing of your application. Recommendations by e-mail to *sosministry@mindspring.com* are acceptable.

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2. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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Application fee: \$35

Please make checks payable to *Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, earmarked for the School of the Spirit Ministry*.  
Mail this cover sheet, your responses to questions A and B, and your application fee by **May 25, 2009** to:

School of the Spirit Ministry, c/o 1306 Hillsborough Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
*Late applications may be considered at the discretion of the Ministry*