

## ***The Way of Ministry (TWM)***

## ***On Being a Spiritual Nurturer (SNP)***

### **Each program:**

- ◆ is grounded in the desire for all to be more faithful listeners and responders to the inward work of Christ
  - ◆ is open to Quakers and non-Quakers
- ◆ presents topics grounded in Christian spirituality and in Quakerism, including spiritual practices
  - ◆ comprises quarterly residencies held at a retreat center
- ◆ involves worship, prayer, readings, papers, exercises, presentations by core and guest teachers, discussions, and small groups
  - ◆ is accountable to the faith community and program through regular meetings with a care committee

### **The programs differ in the following:**

**Created for:** those who have already discerned a specific leading or call to gospel, traveling, or public ministry (i.e., religious service within and beyond their monthly and yearly meetings) and who would like support in addressing the individual and corporate challenges experienced in carrying out such ministries.

**The focus is on:** faithful exercise of gifts in ministry, as well as corporate awareness and responsiveness to movements of the Spirit.

**Applied learning:** involves reflection on current experiences in public, gospel, or traveling ministry, including accompanying others in ministry.

**The range of topics** includes accountability and accompaniment, skills in discernment, nuances and pitfalls in ministry, challenges of the prophetic tasks, the Lamb's War, ministry as a corporate concern.

**Small group learning through:** peer group processes that allow for deepening and strengthening faithfulness in carrying a ministry and following a leading.

**Program commitment:** is for one year, with four residencies located in Pennsylvania (as currently planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> class beginning fall 2010).

**Orientation:** for those (Quaker and non-Quaker) called to ministry in the manner of Friends.

**Admissions:** in addition to the application, a minute of travel or religious service or letter of support from the home faith community.

**Created for:** those who are in one or more of the following conditions: 1) called to nurture their faith communities; 2) in transition and are sensing a nudge by God to service; 3) desiring a more grounded contemplative life; 4) seeking a deeper spiritual root to their witness in the world.

**The focus is on:** deepening prayer life, listening in the everyday, and individual spiritual formation within community.

**Applied learning:** involves reflection on life as a member of a faith community and the equipping for ministry in that community.

**The range of topics** includes church history and Christology, various forms of prayer, use of the Bible, adult spiritual formation, and venues of spiritual formation.

**Small group learning through:** facilitated *koinonia* (fellowship) groups where being "church" for one other is sought, i.e., a community of caring, the body of Christ.

**Program commitment:** is for two years, with 8 residencies located in North Carolina (as scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> class beginning fall 2009).

**Orientation:** open to all who seek to nurture and to be nurtured by their home faith community.

**Admissions:** in addition to the application, the testing of a leading to enter program with a clearness committee.

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*the School of the Spirit*

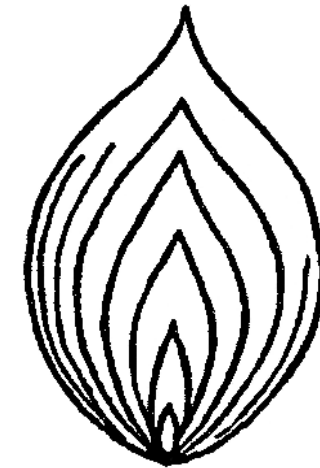
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Comparison of Programs

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