

ADVANCED Training in Missional Spiritual Direction

In a world which emphasizes jobs, money, and accumulation, many persons are also finding that they are seeking something more, something of soul, of spirit.

Missional Spiritual Direction Training teaches people to walk alongside and listen to those hidden nudges of God within the heart and soul journey of another.

In a world in which the church is locked within its walls, anxious about losing members and money, there is a growing awareness that ministry needs to look more like following Jesus.

Missional Spiritual Direction Training equips people to pay attention to the inner movement of the Spirit and the shifting tectonic plates within the church so to discern missional nudgings and to discover the face of God in people outside church walls.

In response to a changing spiritual landscape, Gateways to God Advanced is a one-year program in Missional Spiritual Direction within community/organizational contexts or training in Missional Spiritual Direction supervision.



ADVANCED GATEWAYS APPLICATION QUESTIONS

(apply online at www.rollingridge.org or send via email to Beth Garnaas-Holmes at GatewaystoGod@rollingridge.org)

1. Contact information: Name, Address, Phone number, Email.
2. Where and when did you receive and complete your spiritual direction training?
3. How would you describe the identity and character of the spiritual direction training program you completed?
4. What is it that you savored about the spiritual direction training program you engaged?
5. Describe your experience of offering spiritual direction, include length of time, context, and approximate number of directees
6. Please indicate whether you are applying for Track I or II (Please note: Track II requires a minimum of 3-5 years of experience of offering spiritual direction.)

If you are applying for Track I:

7. Please describe the faith journey that has led to your interest in a ministry of advanced training in missional spiritual direction.
8. Describe the context(s) in which you are drawn to listen to others outside of formal spiritual direction

If you are applying for Track II:

7. Have you had experience of being supervised over the course of offering spiritual direction? If yes, describe the nature of your supervision experience. If no, what issues/longings would you like to address with a supervisor?
8. Describe in detail what you hope to learn in supervisor training, including which particular skills you'd like to gain.

Recommendations

Please have letters of recommendations sent to

Beth Garnaas-Holmes at GatewaystoGod@rollingridge.org

For Laity: Please supply a recommendation letter from (1) your pastor/religious leader and (2) someone who knows of your readiness, maturity, and interest in spiritual direction.

For Clergy/Religious: Please supply two recommendations from those who know of your readiness, maturity, and interest in spiritual direction. One recommendation should be from someone in a church you have served.

**GATEWAYS to
GOD
Advanced**

Advanced Training
in Missional Spiritual Direction

With Faculty Presenter
Dr. Heidi Miller

IN THREE SESSIONS
FEBRUARY 2019-OCTOBER, 2019

Rolling Ridge
Retreat and Conference Center

Advanced Missional Spiritual Direction Training

is a one year program with two tracks, each with specific course offerings and practicum. Track I focuses on a spiritual guidance approach within community and/or organizational contexts. Track II focuses on the training in supervision of spiritual directors. You are invited to choose one of the following tracks in which to focus:

Track I: Missional Spiritual Direction in the Neighborhood of the World

- Spiritual Guidance Presence within the Neighborhood of the World
- Spaces for Spirit within the Neighborhood of the World
- Developing a Missional Spiritual Direction Discernment Model in Context

Track II: Training in Supervision of Spiritual Directors

- Companioning Emerging Spiritual Directors I
- Companioning Emerging Spiritual Directors II
- Developing a Missional Spiritual Direction Discernment Model in the Context of Supervision

What to expect:

- A contemplative model of spiritual guidance in action
- Daily worship and experience of Christian spiritual practices
- Time for personal reflection, solitude and study
- Participation in a learning community of peers, lay and clergy
- Group instruction
- Reading and home-based experiential learning in preparation for each retreat
- Written work reflecting your learning and growth as a spiritual director in context
- Participants are expected to be in spiritual direction



Tuition:

\$1,950 (paid in full) or \$1,000 paid in two installments (Tuition covers training, single accommodations, and meals. Books, travel, and incidentals are not included in the tuition.)

For Commuters:

\$1,460 (paid in full) or \$750 paid in two installments (Tuition covers training and 3 meals per day. Books, travel, and other incidentals are not included in the tuition.)

\$100 non-refundable application fee is due with your application. Participants are responsible for full tuition of the one year program.

Limited scholarships available. Contact Beth Garnaas-Holmes, Gateways Director, for details. United Methodist clergy under appointment are eligible for MEF grants. CEU's available.

Requirements:

People applying for Track I and II need to have completed a spiritual direction training program. Applicants for Track II also need to have provided spiritual direction for 3-5 years. All applicants should have an active, growing spiritual life; a deep love for all of God's people; ability to embrace diversity; strength in deep, purposeful listening; and the personal time needed for reflection and 3 training retreats.

Retreat schedule

(Full participation at all sessions is expected)

- Tuesday, February 26 to Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019
- Friday, May 24 to Monday, May 27, 2019
- Friday, October 4 to Sunday, October 6, 2019

How to apply

Please respond to the questions on the back of this brochure and pay the non-refundable \$100 application fee. The application questions are designed to help you in your own discernment and sense of readiness for advanced training. Please submit your application and non-refundable application fee online at www.rollingridge.org OR email your application to Beth Garnaas-Holmes at: GatewaystoGod@rollingridge.org and mail application fee to:

Rolling Ridge Retreat & Conference Center
Attn: Danny Smith/Gateways to God
660 Great Pond Road, North Andover, MA 01845
(checks payable to **Rolling Ridge**)

Please send recommendations and direct any questions to Beth Garnaas-Holmes at GatewaystoGod@rollingridge.org.

Applications are due by November 1, 2018. Space is limited to 15 for Track I and 4 for Track II. The next offering of Advanced Gateways training is scheduled for 2020.

Gateways Advanced Staff

OUR INSTRUCTOR

Through her teaching and ministry, **Dr. Heidi Miller** focuses on bridge-building between academia and the church, the church and the world. A graduate of Goshen College, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, and The Catholic University of America, she served as Assistant Professor of Christian Worship at Perkins School of Theology until 2017 when she became the Director of Neighborhood Seminary at Duke Divinity School. She is licensed minister of the Virginia Mennonite Conference and has served as spiritual director and supervisor for 20 years.



OUR SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Deadra Ashton, Andrea Bliss-Lehrman, and Gayle Kerr

GATEWAYS DIRECTOR: Rev. Beth Garnaas-Holmes