

Way of the Spirit: Contemplative Study in Community
Tentative Curriculum Overview

PROGRAM MODULE	Study Focus: Judeo-Christian, Quaker	Study Focus: Spiritual Discipline	Personal Spiritual Development Focus
M1 <i>Discernment</i> (3 days) January 2012	Discernment in Christian and Quaker heritage Quaker approach to scripture <i>Scripture:</i> call stories	Grand silence Models of spiritual discernment Psycho-spiritual development	Deepening one's spiritual practice/devotional life Increasing self-awareness in God Discerning guidance in service
M2 <i>Community</i> (4 days) April 2012	Christian monastic traditions Blessed Community <i>Scripture:</i> communities of Christ	<i>Cataphatic approaches:</i> Ignatian imaginative prayer Praying the Psalms Embodied prayer	Entering koinonia —gift and challenge Embracing “holy obedience” Articulating personal spiritual “rule”
M3 <i>Service</i> (4 days) September 2012	Models of Christian service: Barefoot holy fools, inner city Beguines, poustineks & Quaker traveling ministers <i>Scripture:</i> ideals of service	Intercessory prayer <i>Apophatic approaches:</i> Centering prayer Quaker listening Dark night journey	Forgiveness & reconciliation Living in the Cross
<i>YEAR TWO OPTION ~ to be offered as interest grows</i>			
M4 <i>Speaking</i> (4 days)	Prophetic witness Speaking in ministry: Quakers incl. Samuel Bownas <i>Scripture:</i> prophets	Spirit-led speaking Leadings, social justice, Quaker clearness committees	Speaking “in thy gift” Evaluating one's service/ministry, failings and inadequacy
M5 <i>Accompaniment</i> (4 days)	Early Christian leadership Quaker Spirit-led eldering <i>Scripture:</i> letters of Paul	Accompaniment in ministry or service Quaker Support/Anchor committees	Companioning others in service
M6 <i>Next Steps</i> (4 days)	Participants' self-study presentations <i>Scripture:</i> participant selections	Recording in Quaker ministry Commissioning	Individual growing edges in service or ministry

Notes:

1. Read content for each module across all three columns. Personal spiritual development or formation complement intellectual focus.
2. 3-day module begins Thursday evening at 4pm and end Sunday at 1pm after lunch; 4-day modules begin Wednesday at 4pm.
3. Year one includes 11 residential nights.