



Covenant Communities of Spiritual Directors

... sharing a common journey

Covenant of the Community

This covenant offers guidance for accountability and ethical practice in the ministry of spiritual direction.

It is intended to guide:

individuals who are spiritual directors
communities of spiritual directors, and
those who shepherd these communities

Please attend to the section of the Covenant that relates to your practice as a spiritual director.

"We clasp the hands of those who go before us, and the hands of those who come after us; we enter the little circle of each other's arms."

Wendell Berry, *Healing*.

As an individual I covenant to attend to the Rule and Rhythm of Life and Prayer through:

- Regular practices of prayer that foster my love for God, my love for my neighbor and my love for myself
- Meeting regularly with a spiritual director
- Attending two or more events or courses annually for tending my soul and on-going learning
- Being in supervision either individually or in a peer group

As a Community of Spiritual Directors we covenant to:

- Provide local or regional gatherings for soul tending and continued learning, either by designing events or partnering with other groups
- Maintain frequent communication for mutual support and nurture

As Shepherds guiding communities of Spiritual Directors we covenant to:

- Nourish our common life and ministry through ongoing conversation and collaboration
- Guide our shared ministry by providing online access to continued learning resources and opportunities to connect with peer communities and other spiritual directors

If you are interested in participating in a community, as a member at large or sense a call to gather others in community, you may email me at contact@rosslynnfoundation.org