

QUEEN'S HOUSE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION MINISTRY

February 1, 2019

Spiritual directors affiliated with Queen's House have discerned a call to this ministry and completed appropriate formation training. Our experiences and backgrounds are varied and as our brochure indicates "we are available to meet with individuals desiring a companion in growing awareness of God's presence and action in their lives." We have an understanding of Queen's House mission flowing from the charism of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. We offer our listening presence and our welcome to seekers as collaborative to the ministry of this retreat centre. Our Mission Statement is:

At the service of the church and one with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate whose mission is that of Jesus Christ sent to announce good news to the poor, freedom to captives and new vision to the blind (*Luke 4*), Queen's House is primarily committed to the renewal of the people of God with special regard for the alienated and suffering. A place of hospitality, beauty and quiet, Queen's House welcomes all people in their unique life experiences. They come to pray and worship, to seek healing and human dignity, to grow in knowledge of self, the world and God. With risk and daring, Queen's House responds to these needs through creative programs and collaborative ministry. Embracing its own need for conversion, Queen's House looks to the day when all may love tenderly, act justly and walk in truth with one another and with God. (*Micah 6*)

Liability insurance is the responsibility of each spiritual director. Sources in Canada:

1. Mark Holman 1-800-567-1279 ext. 1224 mark.holman@holmanins.com
<http://www.holmanins.com>
2. Canadian Association of Spiritual Care (must be an Associate Member)
Tony Sedfawi, Executive Director tony@spiritualcare.ca

As professional persons we are bound by law to report any harm, abuse or need of protection with respect to children. The same standard does not apply to adults unless the individual has granted prior written permission. This includes expression of self-harm.

We report such information to one of the following agencies:

- Saskatchewan Social Services (306) 933-6077
- Saskatoon Police Services (306) 975-8244
- Mobile Crisis Line (306) 933-6200
- RCMP (Saskatoon District for rural areas)..... (306) 975-5173

Suggested offerings for an hour of spiritual direction range from \$25-\$75. Some individuals pay less. For those who cannot make any offering, it may be appropriate to suggest some volunteer service of their choice. No offering is expected for an initial interview.

Space for Spiritual Direction may be provided according to availability. Contact Pauline, our Bookings Coordinator to arrange: 306-242-1925 bookings@queenshouse.org

A Partnership in Faith - Support and Expectation

Spiritual Direction is understood as an important and foundational aspect of Oblate Ministry as it is expressed in the Retreat House setting. In this setting, Queen's House offers coordination and support to the work of Spiritual Direction in partnership with other entities and interests. These include the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, our Ecumenical Community, individual spiritual directors and our faith community at large. Ours is a very privileged position.

Queen's House is committed to providing the following support to our community through a network of spiritual directors. To this end, we will provide a 'home' for the coordination of Spiritual Direction that includes the following practical assistance:

- Website information about spiritual direction.
- Website exposure for affiliated spiritual directors.
- Brochure development and production for display and circulation.
- Provision of Queen's House space for Spiritual Direction at no charge if available.

Queen's House also requires that affiliated spiritual directors understand and accept that there are expectations associated with this ministry that include but are not limited to the following:

- Has discerned a call to this ministry, has received appropriate training and has a commitment to ongoing personal formation as a spiritual director.
- Follows a Code of Ethics such as is offered by SDI (Spiritual Directors International) or ESDA (Evangelical Christian Spiritual Direction).
- Is familiar with a Covenant of Care such as that of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon or other such directives.
- Assumes responsibility for personal spiritual direction, supervision and liability insurance.
- Familiar with Oblate mission, charism and retreat ministry.
- Awareness of the spirit of the fee scale that has been established to ensure that financial limitations should not be a barrier to spiritual direction. This may include pro bono contribution.