

# Spiritual Direction Certification Program

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary  
at Lenoir-Rhyne University



Trinity Labyrinth at LTSS

**Holy Listening** – We believe holy listening is at the core of spiritual direction. It's listening to one another, and most attentively to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. *The real and most genuine spiritual director is always the Holy Spirit.*

**Everyone is Welcome to Apply** – Our primary purpose is to train people who feel called to be such spiritual friends, spiritual companions; however, those who are interested in deepening their own spiritual practices are also welcome.

**Within the Christian Tradition** – Ours is an experience in spiritual direction grounded in Trinitarian faith. However, we recognize that there is deep spiritual wisdom that can be found in other faith traditions. We will draw on those traditions and will integrate them from a Christian perspective.

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## What

- ~ four intensives, always from Wednesday noon until Saturday noon
- ~ small cohorts, each with its own mentor

## Between the intensives

- ~ read key books and short reaction papers
- ~ participate in a closed Facebook group with your cohort and mentor
- ~ find and meet regularly with a spiritual director
- ~ find a willing person to be their spiritual directee

## When

- ~ new intensive groups begin in January of each year
- ~ **application deadline is December 22**
- ~ intensives are held in January and June over a two year period
- ~ the next cycle of intensives is January 17-20, 2018; June 13-16, 2018; January 16-19, 2019; June 12-15, 2019

## Costs

- ~ total cost for the program is \$3,000 (price includes tuition and food)
- ~ participants find their own lodging (limited on-campus housing is available for \$25 a night)

## Interested? We'd love to hear from you:

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## Application available at:

<http://www.lr.edu/ltss/afl> (under the "Certification Programs" tab)

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