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DISCERNING A CALL TO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP *CANCELED*

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DATE

Wed., Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m.-Sat., Nov. 11, 1:30 p.m., 2017

OVERVIEW

Have others approached you to talk about spiritual concerns, asking you to help them discover, understand, and respond to the presence and action of the Divine in their personal, relational, or professional lives? Have you felt a desire to grow deeper in your own spiritual journey in community as you discern if and how the Spirit may be inviting you to the ministry of spiritual direction and/or spiritual leadership? In this workshop we will explore:

1. aspects of the what, who, when, where, how, and whys of spiritual direction and leadership;
2. practices in the art of contemplative noticing, listening, discerning, and responding to the Spirit's leading in your own and others' journeys; and
3. how spiritual direction and leadership knowledge and skills can deepen your relationship with God, others, self, and creation as well as enhance your current profession or ministry. Participants are encouraged to stay overnight at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center in order to deepen community, prayer, and the practices of discernment and spiritual direction.

REGISTRATION / LODGING / CES

This event is canceled. Thank you for your interest.

REQUIRED READING

Please do your best to read these books before your arrival. If you wish to be in the **Spiritual Formation Certificate program**, you should prepare a one-page reflection paper for each selected book; these will be collected the first evening of class. If you do not plan to seek the certificate but are taking the class for personal enrichment, the reflection papers are not required but we strongly encourage you to read the texts to get as much as possible from the class time. Books can be purchased via the **Seminary's Virtual Bookstore** under the Continuing Education tab.

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