



Sustainable Faith

Sustainable Faith Affiliates:
An Online Listing of Seasoned spiritual directors
devoted to the formation of Christian leaders

Description

Sustainable Faith Affiliates is a network of seasoned spiritual directors who can serve as a pastoral care resource to pastors, missionaries and other Christian leaders. These directors have discerned a specific call to be a resource to leaders and are working to create a spiritually healthy culture among leaders and their communities. They have compassion for the demands and pressures pastors and leaders face, along with the training and experience to support them in the pursuit of spiritual health and vitality.

Sustainable Faith Affiliates is a listing of spiritual directors who:

- *Meet our stated requirements and ethical guidelines*
- *Complete a significant screening and acceptance process*
- *Share our theological and professional values.*

Affiliate members provide biographical information and are contacted directly for scheduling and payment arrangements. Affiliate Directors have agreed to provide direction on a sliding scale of \$45-\$75 per hour. Each director has a recommended fee within that range. We strongly urge you to pay the recommended fee; however, our directors are open to negotiation based on financial need.

Affiliate Requirements

1. Completed a two-year certificate (or comparable) training program in spiritual direction.
2. Log at least 120 individual spiritual direction **sessions** after graduating from a training program. Log doesn't have to be date/time of session but include pertinent info without identifying the directee. We are looking for a good bandwidth of experience including variety in directees, some leaders, some longevity, For example:

Male, 30s, associate pastor, meeting since January 2017, 30 sessions.

Female, 50, student, one-time at a conference.

3. Agree with Sustainable Faith doctrinal statement and Spiritual Directors International's (SDI) code of ethics for practicing spiritual direction.
<http://www.sdiworld.org/sites/default/files/publications/Guidelines%20Revised%202014-proof1-2.pdf>
4. Complete an application process which includes a written questionnaire about training, ministry experience, own spiritual practices, etc., provision of references, and an interview with a Sustainable Faith leader.
5. Consent to a background check.
6. Regularly see a spiritual director, preferably on a monthly basis.*
7. At least quarterly, participate in supervision, either individual or group.
8. Provide proof of liability insurance as a practicing spiritual director.
9. Sign the indemnity agreement. (See bottom of application)
10. Pay an annual fee which includes one supervision session with a SF supervisor.

**It is acceptable to adopt a rhythm of two months of spiritual direction; one of supervision.*

Application Process

1. Applicants complete a written application, which includes questions about their training, ministry experience, spiritual practices, and sense of call to join Sustainable Faith Affiliates.
2. Applicants provide all of the references from below and Sustainable Faith will choose two to contact based on the applicant interview:

- a. *Spiritual Direction Supervisor: A trained supervisor or member of his/her peer supervision group.*
 - b. *Spiritual Director. Must be a director he/she has visited in the past two years for 10 sessions or more.*
 - c. *Teacher from the spiritual direction training program he/she attended.*
 - d. *Ministry Overseer or Co-Leader.*
 - e. *Pastor of current church he/she is attending or, if less than three years, pastor of former church.*
3. *References will be sent a recommendation form that includes questions about strengths and growth areas as a spiritual director, ministry experience, spiritual maturity, and social skills.*
 4. *Applications will be reviewed by at least two members of a Sustainable Faith review committee. One committee member will contact the applicant for phone interview. The application will then be presented to the full committee with a recommendation.*

Joining Sustainable Faith Affiliates

1. *Pay the annual fee of \$125 to join Sustainable Faith Affiliates. The annual renewal fee is \$125 and includes one session with a Sustainable Faith supervisor*
2. *Submit proof of insurance coverage. If you need to obtain insurance, follow these steps:*
 - a. *Join SDI Spiritual Directors International <http://www.sdiworld.org/membership> OR Evangelical Spiritual Directors Association <https://www.graftedlife.org/spiritual-direction/esda>. These are professional associations that the liability insurance company likes you to join.*
 - b. *Obtain personal liability insurance. <http://www.americanprofessional.com/profession-page/spiritual-director/>*
3. *Finalize the process of joining our network by completing one supervision session with a Sustainable Faith supervisor. This is not part of the screening process but will familiarize the applicant with Sustainable Faith's approach to supervision and allow the supervisor to experience the style of spiritual direction offered by the applicant. This process includes completion of Contemplative Reflection and Dialogue forms based on a recent spiritual direction session.*
4. *Provide Sustainable Faith with a bio, photo (optional) and contact information adequate for posting on the Sustainable Faith website. <http://www.sustainablefaith.com/sf-affiliate-data>*