

Internship Update

Greetings to all of the Spiritual Life Center Community from the Internship Class of 2018!

It seems like only yesterday we began a new internship program! It was, in reality, September of 2016! Time has flown and the journey embarked upon by Interns, Partners and Team will culminate with the graduation of the Class of 2018 on April 28.



The Team is happy to update the SLC Community on our progress. We have 13 interns who are deeply engaged in the program. Currently they are seeing directees, participating in individual and peer supervision, praying the Experience Cycle, and are headed for an overnight silent retreat at Genesis Spiritual Life Center this weekend. In addition they prepare for and participate in weekly classes.

We recently began our fourth and final semester of the program. This last semester focuses on special topics in spiritual direction and includes sessions on Becoming an Elder, Dreams, BioSpiritual Focusing, Grief and Loss, Sexual Abuse, Mental Health, Health and Aging, The Enneagram, and LGBTQ and Spiritual Direction. There will be many guest presenters joining in the presentation of these sessions.

On January 24 we held an open class on “Working with Dreams in Spiritual Direction”. All certified directors in our community were invited. A number of such guests attended, and they were very positive about the experience. The gathering allowed the interns to meet and work with seasoned directors. We are grateful to Anne Farnum, Andree Grafstein, and Judy Pluta for leading the class. We will hold another open class, this time on the Enneagram, on March 14, 6 pm-9 pm. Instructions on how to register will come to you in another email.

The Internship Community thanks all of you for your continued prayerful support of those engaged in this program, including Interns, Partners, Team Leaders, Supervisors and Guest Presenters. It takes a gifted, generous and talented community to offer a training program of this depth and scope.

Blessings to all,

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Internship Team