
**EMMAUS SOCIETY OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS
APPLICATION**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

DATE OF APPLICATION:

ARE YOU APPLYING AS (check one)

Emmaus Graduate Class of

Friend of Emmaus Formation Centre

Student in SD Training (must be currently registered in a course)

Other:

ARE YOU CURRENTLY SERVING AS A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR? Yes No
FOR HOW LONG?

ARE YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVING SUPERVISION? Yes No

ESSD MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Each member of ESSD shall:

- Confess personal faith in Jesus Christ
- Prescribe to the Emmaus Statement of Faith
https://emmausformation.ca/about#statement_of_faith
- Agree to adhere to Emmaus Ethical Guidelines
<https://emmausformation.online/imd>
- Belong to a worshipping church community
- Participate in at least one continuing education opportunity for Spiritual Directors per year (retreats, seminars, etc)
- If practicing Spiritual Direction, participate in regular supervision
** see Appendix for more information on this requirement

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

All members of the ESSD shall be entitled to:

- Be included in the ESSD Webpage with picture and bio
- Opportunities for peer group or individual supervision
- Discounted rates for educational events
- Referrals for Spiritual Direction
- Subsidy for Spiritual Direction with pastors
- On-line resources
- Advocacy for Spiritual Direction
- Bi-annual newsletters
- Insurance recommendations and referrals

FEES AND PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Annual membership runs from November 1st to October 31st each year

Emmaus Graduate:	\$30
New Emmaus Graduate:	FREE for 1 st year
Friend of Emmaus:	\$40
Student in SD Training:	\$20

Fees may be paid by e-transfer to payment@emmausformation.ca (please include your name and “ESSD payment” in the message section); or by cheque mailed to: Emmaus Formation Centre, 1422 Miraya Crt Mississauga, ON L5C 2T5

By signing this application I agree that, if accepted, my name shall be listed on the Emmaus Formation Centre website as an Emmaus Society of Spiritual Directors member and that I shall receive periodic emails advertising educational events or providing updates on the ESSD.

Signed _____

Date _____

Approved _____

Date _____

Please send completed application to: ann@emmausformation.ca

You will receive confirmation of receipt within 5 days

APPENDIX A

Statement re Supervision Rationale

What is Spiritual Direction Supervision, and why is it essential for every practicing spiritual director?

Currently there is no sanctioned organization to regulate/supervise spiritual directors in Canada. Because spiritual directors are self-regulating and responsible for their own soul care as well as attending to that of their directees it is ethically incumbent upon spiritual directors that we be in regular supervision individually and/or in peer groups. We are human agents of God's grace, love, peace, discernment, movements, invitations, and gifts the Holy Spirit brings in our relationship with God and our directees. Because we are intentionally on the giving side of the spiritual direction relationship, we need the attention of God and trusted others to provide

- support in attending to our interior reactions so as to be self-reflective, self-aware, more present, led by the Spirit, and discerning while offering spiritual direction
- consultation regarding best practices, resources, or appropriate spiritual guidance
- accountability for our ethical and personal concerns (eg. boundaries, conflict of interest, relational impasses or conflicts, resistance, transference, etc.)
- receiving personal soul care and encouragement as a developing spiritual director

True, we receive some of this in courses, continuing education, spiritual friendships, and Christian community. Yet we all need safe listeners who help us focus on real issues behind our reactions and movements in spiritual direction sessions, and help us process them with God in community.

Through study and practical supervised experience, both individually and in peer groups, the Emmaus Formation Centre (EFC) seeks to train students in becoming effective spiritual directors. As they become members of the Emmaus Society of Spiritual Directors (ESSD), graduates are ethically required to continue engaging in supervision as they practice the calling of spiritual direction.

If you are not currently in supervision, EFC is supporting the development of both individual and peer group supervisory relationships, and will be providing referrals to qualified supervisors to support ESSD members. We also currently have an ongoing peer supervision group that usually meets the second Wednesday each month, 12-2PM. If you do not already have individual and/or peer supervision, or if you want to experience the process of such a group, we welcome you to be a guest in this group for your first 3 months of ESSD membership. Contact Ann McCallum at ann@emmausformation.ca to get the Zoom link as we continue to meet online. We are hoping to transition to in-person meetings as COVID regulations permit and we are able. As the group grows, we will birth new groups with an optimum size of 6 or less participants.

We welcome your visit to this group for a greater understanding of the process of spiritual direction supervision.

Rick Wukasch, Spiritual Director, Spiritual Direction Supervisor