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Dear Friends of the Center,

Our 2009-2010 Annual Appeal coincides with important thresholds we are crossing. We will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Spiritual Direction Internship Program and will move toward the 10th Anniversary of becoming a unique, self-contained, not-for-profit organization. These thresholds celebrate both invitation and promise. We are grateful for the vision and courage of our leaders who recognized a growing human hunger and thirst for God. We rejoice that the potential for faithful community...once only a dream... has become so tangible. We celebrate the promise of a faithful God enlivened in the countless volunteers, staff and board members and associate spiritual directors.

We cherish the privilege of being called to serve at a unique time in history. When the deep complexities of faith tradition, political affiliation and world views can divide us, the Spiritual Life Center offers an alternative way of being. When we enter into the core of our religion and spirituality, we can discover the sacred unity that is at the heart of human longing. We hold fast to the promise to be a community of people who cooperate with God to invite and nurture, equip and sustain and heal and transform through the ministry of spiritual direction.

For us to continue fulfilling that promise, we need your help during our Annual Appeal. Our Giving Circles continue this year. Once again, we invite you to make tangible your commitment to the Center by joining one of our Circles (described on the enclosed). Each of these Circles offers a level of giving that will benefit the work of the Spiritual Life Center in the coming year and help us cross thresholds into the future. Each Circle also offers you a small expression of our thankfulness, enabling you to share in some of the Center's activities. We hope you will reflect on how you can participate in our Giving Circles. Donor forms and envelopes are enclosed.

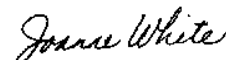
Each of you has been a vital part of the Spiritual Life Center. The financial, spiritual and volunteer support you have given in the past has brought us to this place and time. We are grateful for your faithful generosity and rely on your joining a Giving Circle that best expresses your ability to empower us to continue fulfilling our mission.

Together, may we enlarge our mission to be a community born of faith, gathered in love and led by the Spirit as we seek oneness with the mystery that is God. The people of our time, our faith communities, service organizations as well as our families and friends are counting on our ever-growing witness and commitment.

Peace and Blessings to you and yours,



Cathleen Murtha, DW
Pastoral Discernment Leader



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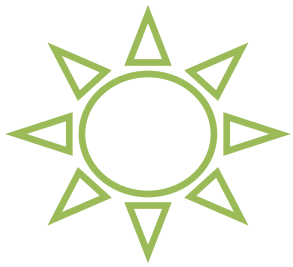
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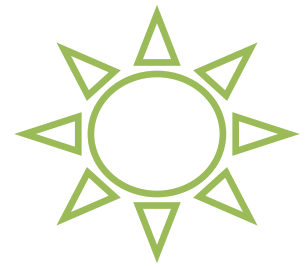
Giving Circles



Please see other side for more information on the Giving Circles



Giving Circles



Covenant Circle: Estate Planning

The Covenant Circle recognizes those who have included the Spiritual Life Center in their estate planning. It honors those who make an estate gift, e.g. including the Center in their will or another form of planned giving such as benefits from life insurance. Covenant Circle members are recognized in the Annual Report and are honored guests at the Living Spirit Awards Event. They also receive a framed print of a colorful Mandala created by Rev. Rose Petronella, one of our staff members.

Founders' Circle: \$10,000 Accumulated Lifetime Giving

The Founders' Circle is based on accumulated lifetime giving. A total lifetime gift of \$10,000 or more ensures membership in this Circle. Founders' Circle members are recognized in our publications and are honored guests at the Living Spirit Awards Event. They will receive a gift certificate for participation in two multi-day programs at the Center.

Living Spirit Circle: \$5,000 and up

Living Spirit Circle members help fund scholarships for programs such as the Spiritual Direction Internship and Pathways to Spirituality. This enables us to include qualified people who can not afford the entire tuition. Living Spirit Circle members are honored guests at the Living Spirit Awards Event and are recognized in the Annual Report. They receive a gift certificate for a multi-day program at the Center.

1982 Circle: \$1,000 - \$4,999

1982 Circle members enhance the Center's ability to support the In-Service Days for spiritual directors and pastoral care workers. They are listed in our Annual Report and receive a gift certificate for the spring or fall In-Service day.

Directors' Circle: \$500 - \$999

Directors' Circle members help fund outreach programs to individuals and organizations interested in promoting and furthering the growth and expansion of the Spiritual Life Center. They are listed in the Annual Report and receive a gift certificate for an all day program at the Center.

Pathways Circle: \$100 - \$499

Pathways Circle members make possible special programs at the Center that support and nurture the spiritual growth of individuals. Pathways Circle members are listed in our Annual Appeal and receive a gift certificate for one of our half-day programs.

Friends' Circle: \$50 - \$99

Friends' Circle members enable the on-going operations of the Center. They are listed in our Annual Report and receive a copy of a booklet on prayer and spiritual growth.

I believe in the work of the Spiritual Life Center and would like to support its ministry.

Giving Circles:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Covenant Circle | Estate Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Founders' Circle | \$10,000 Accumulated Lifetime Giving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living Spirits Circle | \$5,000 and up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1982 Circle | \$1,000 to \$4,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Directors' Circle | \$500 to \$999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways Circle | \$100 to \$499 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends' Circle | \$50 to \$99 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | \$_____ |

Name to be listed in the Annual Report:

OR

Please list me as an anonymous donor.

Memorial Gift

My gift is in honor of:

Name _____

Living Deceased

Additional Giving Opportunities

I will arrange to have my company match my gift.

I will give through the United Way of the Capital Area

I will make a gift of stocks, revenue through an IRA, etc.

I/we would like more information about planned giving to the Spiritual Life Center

Thank you for your generous gift.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Please make checks payable to the Spiritual Life Center. All contributions are tax deductible.

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