



APPLICATION

Certificate Program in Christian Formation and Spiritual Direction of Southern California

2025–2027

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Email: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Married _____ Single _____ Ordained _____

General Educational Background (Highest level completed): _____

Current Job/Occupation: _____

Please attach the following to this application:

- A statement detailing educational background, work experience, Christian journey, involvement in church and Christian service, and interest in the program and in becoming a spiritual director—see questions on this form and answer fully and in detail. Kindly write on a computer- not handwritten.
- Two letters of recommendation [one pastoral and one personal]—see attached form
- A \$75 processing/application fee- non refundable

Send completed application to:

Rev. Dr. Care Crawford
2122 Midvale Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90025
carecrawford.cfdm@gmail.com

Upon receipt of application you will be contacted.

Note: Admission is open to individuals [lay or clergy] from any Christian denomination or group who has a bachelor's degree or its equivalent and/or has training or demonstrable knowledge of Scripture and theology. Life experience is highly valued as is awareness of a potential call to be a spiritual director. Admission to the program is granted by the Admissions Committee [composed of Faculty and Staff of the Certificate Program] following receipt of a completed application and an interview (phone or in person) with one or more members of the faculty team.

The expectation of participation in the Cohort is that you will be in **attendance for all classes** (barring illness or family crisis).

Dates: 2025

- January 21–24
- April 8–11
- August 19–22
- November 4–7
- (Retreat dates & Quiet Days to be announced and optional participation sponsored through CFDM)
- Year Two dates will be announced later.

Tuition:

Tuition for the two-year program is \$5,000. In the first year [\$3,000], tuition covers 14 days of instruction and practicum in a church setting, refreshments/snacks, continental breakfast and noon meals, faculty resources, one overnight in a retreat setting, administrative costs, reprints, and other materials. In the second year [\$2,000], tuition covers 6 days of instruction and supervision and one overnight in a retreat center with food and overnight lodging included, faculty resources, administrative costs, reprints and other materials, and supervision in monthly group meetings for ongoing evaluation and training. Not included are personal overnight accommodations for the first year for class meetings and other meals, if needed, fees for individual spiritual direction, and monthly personal quiet days. A \$500 non-refundable fee towards tuition is due at the time of admission to the program [to reserve a place—space is limited] and tuition for the Program is due in advance on a yearly, term, or quarterly basis, or by arrangement.

I understand and agree to the program costs as stipulated above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Questions in completing your personal statement as part of the application process

The following questions are designed to assist the faculty and staff to get to know you in terms of background, experience, a call to this ministry, and your expectations as they relate to this program.

1. How would you describe your understanding of spiritual direction?
2. Do you have, or have you ever had, a spiritual director. If so, for how long? What has been your experience and what has been most helpful to you in this relationship? (It will be expected that you be in direction during the training and that you have acquired a director as you begin. Call for suggestions of referral if need be.)
3. Have you ever had any spiritual formation or spiritual direction training? If so, please describe. (The expectation is that prior to the training you will begin spiritual direction yourself, if you have not already done so.)
4. Do you have any theological training (i.e. seminary, bible school, courses, workshops)? Please be specific.
5. How/where did you find out about this program in spiritual formation and direction?
6. What do you hope to receive from this program?
7. Besides the goal of becoming a spiritual director, what is going on internally within you that is leading you to seek out spiritual formation and direction training?

8. If you are married, describe your spouse's response to your desire to be in this program.

9. Describe your spiritual journey and your relationship with God at this time.

10. What do you see as your strengths? Weaknesses?

11. Describe any steps you have taken or experiences you explore (i.e. counseling, spiritual direction, journaling, group work, etc.) to pursue emotional health and growth.

12. We believe it is God's desire that individuals not only grow in experiential knowledge of God but also in experiential knowledge of self. Therefore, one main focus of this program will to take an in-depth and very honest look at yourself and your life – your relationship with God, your relationship with others, your giftings, strengths, weaknesses, woundings, addictions, etc.
What is your response within as you read the above statement about this program?

13. What else would you like us to know or would you like to share about yourself?

14. What questions do you have at this time?