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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

**CQ** exists as an inclusive venue for genuine seekers engaged in an ecumenical exploration, study and practice of Christian spirituality.

We seek to carry out this mission via the ongoing avenues of open forum, dialogue, conversation, consultation, resource development and sharing, research and training in the field of Christian spirituality and formation.

### **VISION:**

We envision to fulfill our existence through the following endeavors:

- Spiritual Formation/Spiritual Direction collaborative partnerships and networking
- Spiritual Formation workshops, seminars, courses, conferences, retreats
- School of Spiritual Direction (Hybrid: Online/Residency Training Program)

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH:**

We subscribe to the historic Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL DISTINCTIVES:**

- Centered in Christ
- Broadly ecumenical and inclusive
- Decidedly centrist in its thrust
- Diversified in target and approach
- International in scope (global reach)
- Both classical and contemporary in perspective (Ancient-Future)
- Balanced emphasis of academic and praxis
- Primarily inspired and informed by the spiritual teachings of Henri Nouwen

## **OUR COMMITMENT GOALS:**

As seekers, we continually aim to:

- *move* toward the Center
- *claim* our Center
- *identify* with the Center
- *stick* to the Center
- *live* in the Center
- *draw* from the Center
- *minister* out of our Center

## **AFFILIATE PARTNERS:**

**CQ** seeks to work collaboratively with the following spiritual formation/direction entities:

1. Spiritual Formation Alliance
2. Christos Center for Spiritual Formation
3. Academy for Spiritual Formation
4. Kavanna House
5. Transformational Listening Center
6. Renovare Institute
7. Restoration Ministries
8. Imago Christi
9. WellSpring
10. Potter's Inn

\* This confidential list represents some of the initial names of organizations/institutions with which we are seeking to establish partnership.

## **CQ PRIMARY THRUST:**

**School of Spiritual Direction (SSD)** – inaugural cohort to be launched in the fall of 2014

### **SSD Distinctive Features:**

One-Year Focused Program

Cohort Model (Hybrid: Online/Residency Combined)

Facilitated by Experienced Practitioners in the Field

Ecumenically Broad

Decidedly Contemplative in Focus

Communal in Emphasis (Group Spiritual Direction Component/Mentor-Guided)

Highly Experiential and Praxis-Driven

### **Online/Residency Instructors/Guest Speakers (Partial Projected List):**

1. Wendy Wright, PhD
2. Fr. Steve Coffey, OSB
3. Jeannette Bakke, PhD
4. Dwight Judy, PhD
5. Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ
6. Evan Howard, PhD
7. Gary Sattler, PhD
8. Norvene Vest, PhD
9. Tom Schwanda, PhD
10. Dan Miller, PhD
11. Wil Hernandez, PhD
12. Joseph Driskill, PhD
13. Jan Johnson, DMin
14. Joann Nesser, DMin
15. Larry Warner, ThM
16. Alan Fadling, MDiv
17. Lisa Myers, MA
18. Terry Hershey
19. Juanita Rasmus
20. Mindy Caliguire