

Please indicate if you are interested in
 joining the
**Ministry Reflection
 Group**
 which will meet

the 3rd Thursday of each month Sept-May

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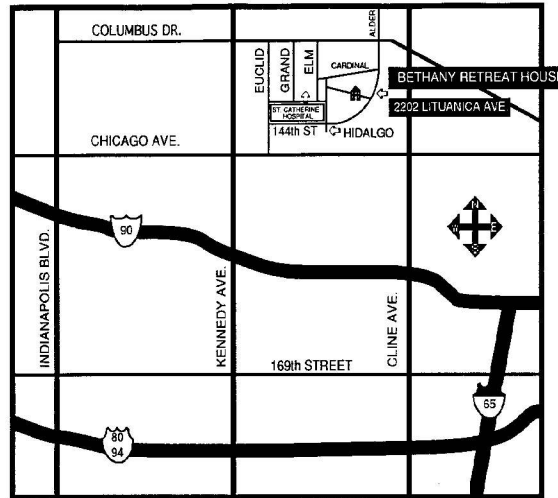
night_(____)_____

cell_(____)_____

— \$15 Registration fee enclosed Registration
 fee is applicable to first session fee.

*Additional groups may be formed if interest
 warrants

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From I-80/94 & I-90 in Indiana

Take Cline Ave. north
 Take Columbus Drive exit. Turn Left
 Left at 2nd light (Alder St.)
 Right at 2nd stop sign (Lituania Ave.)

From Chicago

Take Skyway to Indiana Toll Road
 Take Toll Road exit #10, Gary airport/Cline
 North on Cline Ave.
 Follow signs thru stop light to Columbus Dr.
 Turn right onto Columbus
 Left at next light (Alder St.)
 Right at 2nd stop sign (Lituania Ave.)

From Chicago Avenue

North onto Euclid
 Right onto 144th Street
 Left onto Hidalgo (1 block past hospital)
 Right onto Lituania

From Indianapolis Blvd.

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The Ministry Reflection Group

at
 Bethany Retreat House

An opportunity to . . .

- gather with others engaged in ministry
- reflect together on personal experiences of ministry
- recognize God's presence interwoven in your ministry
- engage in ongoing formation as a professional in ministry
- find renewed life and energy in your ministry

Purpose of Group

This reflection group is designed for people in positions of ministry among God's people, including those who work with the aged, youth, in prisons, in health care, social work, religious education, pastoral settings, chaplain, counselor, and other roles. The inspiration to offer this group grows out of the lived reality of many people in ministry who find themselves moving rapidly from one experience to the next without taking the time to reflect on and savor those experiences, to look at the deeper issues and invitations presented by them, and to notice and embrace God's presence interwoven in those experiences.

Description

The group is limited to participants. The process includes elements of theological reflection and peer supervision and is designed to help individuals become more conscious of and intentional about the issues and invitations present in the lived experience of ministry. While two members provide the focus for the group reflection by sharing an incident or issue from their ministries, each person in the group finds resonance and/or contrast in their own experience and grows more intentional about their ministry through the ensuing conversation.

Regular and consistent participation in the group is important for the integrity of the group and for building trust.

Detail

Date: on the third Thursday of each month*
September through May

Time: 4:00-6:00pm

Cost: \$30 per session

Facilitator: Sister Joyce Diltz, PHJC

*Other times may be possible if interest warrants

Facilitator

Sister Joyce Diltz, PHJC, director of Bethany Retreat House, believes deeply in the power of reflection to help us recognize both God's movements in our human experience and our resistance to God. She finds reflection an essential tool for keeping ministry honest and grounded in God.

Past Participants Reflect. . .

"As a participant in the Ministry Reflection Group I came to more deeply appreciate the many ways God works in each of our lives. The time together each month was a valuable tool. As I listened to others share their ministry "stories," I was amazed at the common threads that are part of the fabric of 'my story.'"

Karen

"Ministry in the church is gift but also challenge. This group provided a safe place to be vulnerable as a minister, a place to process challenging situations and grow in my ministry. It provided a place to embrace my limitations but not be overcome by them. Overall a wonderful opportunity to grow and learn from others."

Bob

Bethany Retreat House

Christians know Bethany as the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, a place of hospitality where Martha served Jesus with care and devotion. Away from the demands of public life, Bethany was a place of intimacy where he and his friends could share their faith, their dreams. In Bethany Mary enjoyed sitting at Jesus' feet and was, as woman, called a disciple. In Bethany Jesus raised Lazarus to new life. To Bethany Jesus went for comfort and friendship before his passion.

Like its namesake, Bethany Retreat House is a place apart for intimacy with Jesus. It offers hospitality and nurture, wholesome food for one's body-person, beauty to nourish one's spirit, and encouragement of and careful listening to one's inner self. Bethany is a place of new life where wounded parts of ourselves are cared for and where discipleship is nurtured and affirmed.

The foundress of the sisters of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ lived her life guided by and in communion with the Holy Spirit whom she called "the voice within." Blessed Mary Catherine Kasper's attentiveness to this inner voice led her to build a "little house" as a place of prayer and Christian service. In the Poor Handmaid tradition of simple, caring presence, Bethany Retreat House is a "little house" in the city where people find quiet space and help in learning to recognize and respond to the "voice within."

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