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APPLICATION FORM FOR PRESENTER FORMATION FOR CENTERING PRAYER

Applicant: Please return this Form to: Rev Stephen Hoffman, 3121 Heatherwood Ln, Sarasota, FL 34235 stephen_palmetto@earthlink.net 941-773-7008

Dear Applicant,

We are happy that you are applying for Presenter Formation for Centering Prayer. This will be held on Friday, 17 August 2018 beginning at 11:00 am concluding on Sunday 19 August, 2018 no later than 3:30 pm. This three day Formation Training will be held at Holy Name Monastery, St Leo, FL 33574 (Benedictine Sisters of Florida www.benedictinesistersoffl.org).

Contemplative Outreach Commissioned Presenters are invited to pass on the method of Centering Prayer in Introductory Workshops in a manner which has been approved by Fr. Thomas Keating and administered through Contemplative Outreach. The Prerequisites and the Formation Process seek to comply with provided guidelines. Please complete the application as carefully and completely as possible to help us with our planning process in order that you may have a grace-filled formation experience. We ask that you be committed to participate fully in the complete weekend so that the effectiveness of the process can be honored.

If you have any questions about the prerequisites or process please feel free to contact me.

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

PREREQUISITES: (please initial each blank and complete as appropriate)

_____ I have participated in a Contemplative Outreach sponsored Centering Prayer Introductory Program. (If this was not possible, please attach a separate sheet to explain your introduction to Centering Prayer.)

_____ I have been faithful to a daily practice of Centering Prayer for at least three years.

_____ I am recommended by a current member of the CORE Team of Contemplative Outreach Tampa Bay, another Commissioned Presenter, or the Leader of the local Centering Prayer Group in which I regularly participate.

Name of Person recommending me: _____

_____ I have attended a five to ten day Centering Prayer Retreat, or I will attend during the Presenter-in-Training period. If this has not been possible, the participant may substitute four silent weekend Centering Prayer Retreats.

Full Commissioning is dependent on the completion of the retreat requirement.

Location of Retreat: _____ Date attended: _____

(use separate sheet if necessary)

_____ I have read and studied Open Mind, Open Heart, Invitation to Love, and Intimacy with God by Fr Thomas Keating.

_____ I have the commitment of an active Commissioned Presenter who will mentor my Presenter-in-Training process.

Name of Mentor: _____

Tel # _____ Email: _____

-OR-

_____ I request assistance in identifying a Commissioned Presenter who will agree to serve as my Mentor.

Costs: The total cost for the three-day Formation Retreat including accommodation in a private room, all meals, and all materials to support the Training is \$180. See separate sheet on financial assistance.

Deposit: We request that a check payable to COTB (Contemplative Outreach of Tampa Bay) in the amount of \$20 be sent with this signed application.

I agree to enter fully into this formation process and to give myself to this formation process for my deepening relationship, seeking to be an encouragement to others, and to humbly acknowledge that the good we may accomplish and the fruit we may experience is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Name _____ Date _____

(printed)

Signature: _____



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Financial Assistance for Presenter’s Formation Training

- Because Formation Training for Presenters of the Introductory Workshop is a priority of the Core Team, financial assistance is being offered as requested and needed. This is being done in cooperation with the Scholarship Fund of Contemplative Outreach.
- The Total Cost of the weekend training is \$180. Every effort has been made to keep this cost as reasonable as possible.
- A Participant, if it is feasible, may decide to make a donation to Contemplative Outreach Tampa Bay for this total amount.
- For Participants who are currently active in a local prayer group of Contemplative Outreach Tampa Bay, they are invited to request financial assistance in the following manner:
 - Submit Completed Application Form along with Deposit Check for \$20 payable to COTB.
 - Sign request for financial request below.
 - In this case the costs will be satisfied as follows: \$20 from Deposit, \$80 from Contemplative Outreach Tampa Bay, and \$80 from Scholarship Fund of Contemplative Outreach.
- For Participants who are active members of other Chapters of Contemplative Outreach (other than Tampa Bay) and who wish to request financial assistance, information on how to apply to the Scholarship Fund of Contemplative Outreach will be provided by us once your completed application and deposit are received..

Check the option you choose:

_____ I would like to make a donation to COTB to cover the cost of this Training. Note: Please send **Balance due of \$160 by 17 July 2018.**

_____ I am a member of a prayer group that is a part of COTB and I would like to request financial assistance.

_____ I am a member of a prayer group that is not a part of COTB, and I would like to have information on how my local chapter can apply for financial scholarship from Contemplative Outreach. In this case, **Total Amount is Due by 17 July 2018.**

Name: _____

Name of Prayer Group: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(19 January 2018)

Return completed form and questions to: Rev Stephen Hoffman, 3121 Heatherwood Lane, Sarasota, FL 34235, Stephen_palmetto@earthlink.net, 941-773-7008



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Phase Two – Presenter-in-Training

- Upon completion of Phase One, which is the Formation Training retreat, each participant will be given an Approval Form to be completed by the Mentor once Phase Two has been completed.
- Each Participant will then be responsible, with assistance as needed from his/her Mentor, for organizing an opportunity for an Introductory Workshop in their locality.
- During this Workshop, the Participant will then present each of the Four Conferences while being observed by their Mentor. The Mentor will offer appropriate feedback.
- In addition to an Introductory Workshop other options to present may include: present to Centering Prayer Groups as a refresher, present at Days of Prayer, present to a group of facilitators, present at other spiritual enrichment opportunities. The Four Conferences do not have to be presented all at the same time.
- Once the Presenter has given the four Conferences and been approved by his/her Mentor, the Mentor will complete the Approval Form for Presenter-in-Training.
- The Presenter-in-Training should then take responsibility for making a copy of the Completed Form for their personal records and then send the form to Contemplative Outreach at the address on the Form.
- A Commissioning Letter will then be sent to the newly Commissioned Presenter. The local Trainers should be kept informed as progress is made and as the process is completed so the Community can be kept informed and have the opportunity to celebrate.

We realize that Mentors may not always be readily available in the Tampa Bay Chapter, so based on our personal availability we are willing to be helpful in this role as our schedules allow until additional Commissioned Presenters become available.

Rev Stephen and Dr Christine Hoffman

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