



MICHIANA SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS NETWORK

Newsletter - August 2024

The Fall Program is on September 26!

Click link to register <https://forms.gle/PbiLkEk8iKepdbHu6>

A recap of the 2024 Spring Program



We were fortunate to have Debra Fehsenfeld, a Marriage and Family Therapist and Certified Spiritual Director, speak to us at our spring conference on April 18, 2024, at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center in Donaldson, Indiana.

Deb challenged us by asking us three questions:

1) What might be there that we are missing? 2) How might we begin to see again? and 3) Why does it matter? We looked at various art works and photos to see what is present and what could be missing.



Attendees noted that they appreciated the balance between visual and verbal presentation, invitation for group interaction that led to rich conversation and the speakers input overall. Other

feedback indicated an attention to networking opportunities throughout the program, in order for participants to connect with one another, especially during lunchtime.

An invitation to the 2024 Fall Program, *Practicing Prayer*

The MichianaSDN Fall program is scheduled for September 26 at the Lindenwood Conference Center in Donaldson, Indiana. Joanne Hayden, a MichianaSDN member, will lead and further engage us in exploring the practice of prayer.

Registration and payment are requested by September 10. To register online, use the link above. You can also call/text 574-316-0278, email michianasdn@gmail.com or print the form included in this newsletter and send it to the address indicated. The cost to attend is \$35 for dues paying members and \$65 for guests. When registering, indicate if you wish to purchase lunch for the additional cost of \$9.

Joanne invites you to gain perspective around the nature, types, skills, and benefits of prayer that explore questions, such as: What is the value in developing our prayer skills? What does developing prayer skills mean? Inviting us to examine how we develop and improve our connections with the God we perceive.

The presentation will offer a prayer system to aid in working with spiritual directees/companions and have opportunities to engage in individual and table group activities.



Joanne is a retired social worker, who predominately consulted in long term care facilities. She holds doctorate degrees in Ministry and Pastoral Psychology with emphasis on the quality of daily living. Her Spiritual Companion studies were completed through the Lindenwood Program.



News from the Coordinating Council

Bess Farrell, Coordinator

Jennifer Weinert, Registrar

Teresa Cecil, Communications

Assistants: Mary Schmierer, Jennie Peyton, and Eileen Wayte

MichianaSDN: Recently it has come to the attention of the Coordinating Council that our MSDN acronym is also being used by another local spiritual directors' group. After some discussion it was decided to avoid any confusion we will use "MichianaSDN" to identify our group in publications and communication.

Coordinating Council Openings: At the conclusion of the upcoming Fall Program, Bess Farrell, Jennifer Weinert, Mary Schmierer, and Teresa Cecil will have fulfilled their volunteer commitment and organizational responsibilities. Assistants, Jennie Peyton and Eileen Wayte, will continue on into leadership roles. Two more Coordinating Council members are needed. Council members are asked to commit to a role for two or three years based on the needs of the organization at the time. This team enjoys the privilege of choosing the conference speakers two times a year and organizing those events, enriching each of our members in their Spiritual Direction practice. If you are interested in further information about being part of this vital committee please contact Jennie Peyton at 317-478-7127.



In April, Coordinating Council member, Bess Farrell, led members in prayer to celebrate Michiana Spiritual Directors Network receiving their non profit organizational status.

MichianaSDN Financial Report: Our last reported newsletter balance was \$599.56 in April 2024. Since that time, Michiana SDN received \$1130.00 in membership dues, \$840 in participation fees, \$160 toward meals at the networking event, \$26 in donations; totaling \$2156 in deposits. Our expenses were 17.09 Spring Networking supplies, \$140 event insurance carrier, \$600 speaker fee and mileage reimbursement, \$155.10 lunch plus tax, \$320.00 room use at Lindenwood, \$50 AV equipment use, \$37.50 refreshments for participants, \$22.35 PayPal fees; totaling \$1342.04 in expenses. Our remaining balance is \$1413.52.

MichianaSDN Dues, Website and SD Listing: The 2024 MSDN dues are \$45. When you pay annual dues, you can participate in networking events for \$35, because you are contributing toward the organization in helping cover expenses. If you decide not to pay dues, the cost is \$65 to attend an event as a guest. We hold two events a year. Those who pay dues have access to the *Membership Folder* which contains shared member information, as well as resources from speakers, past and present. In addition, you can choose to list your name and information on our website; currently in development. You can update your member profile here: <https://forms.gle/WMQPqfVu1iZ8QCTU9> and let us know if you are interested in being in the Spiritual Director listing, by answering 'Yes, I would be interested.' in the section titled "MSDN Online Directory."



At the Fall Program, members will have the opportunity to have a professional photo taken of them for \$15. You will receive an electronic copy of your photo to use as you wish. The money raised will help us pay for the development and maintenance of the MichianaSDN website that will tell about our organization, provide information about Spiritual Direction and host our Spiritual Director"y".

MichianaSDN—2024 FALL REGISTRATION FORM | MEMBERSHIP FORM

Full Name: _____

Email: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Check what you are interested in.

____ MichianaSDN Dues \$45 (paid annually)

____ Fall Program Fee for Dues Paying Members \$35

____ Guest Fee - \$65

____ Lunch—\$9.00

____ Professional Photo—\$15.00

____ Donation \$ _____ (indicate amount)

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Check this box, if you would like to have your information listed on the MichianaSDN website.

Total your choices: \$ _____ (This is the amount you pay.)

or let us know if you are only able to pay a certain amount toward my registration \$ _____

How are you paying?

____ I sent payment via paypal to michianasdn@gmail.com

____ Payment is enclosed.

____ I need to make an alternate arrangement. _____

Indicate any questions you have or information you want to share. Need additional room?
Use backside of this paper.

Send registration via email to michianasdn@gmail.com

or mail to Jennifer Weinert, 1074 South 1025 West, Kewanna, Indiana 46939