



Michiana Spiritual Director's Network Spring 2025 Newsletter

Spring Conference - April 10 - Lindenwood Retreat Center

Register by March 25 via the following link!

[Membership-Registration Form](#)

An invitation to the 2025 Spring Program: Encountering Grace

The MichianaSDN Spring 2025 Conference, "Encountering Grace", is just around the corner! Plan to join us on **Thursday, April 10, 2025, at Lindenwood Retreat Center, Donaldson, Indiana from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. (EST)**

What are the benefits of attending the "Encountering Grace" workshop? As Spiritual Directors/Companions, we frequently encounter Directees who struggle with recognizing God's presence (no matter how we/they identify God). Our Spring Conference presenter, Beverly (Bev) Hansberry, will provide insight on various tools to help heighten awareness of God's grace. This interactive, hands-on workshop will include time for prayer, tactile experiences, and meditations that can contribute to a greater awareness of God's presence in every aspect of our spiritual journey and the journey of our Directees.



Bev Hansberry worked in parish ministry for 23 years followed by a 5-year ministry as the Director of the Spiritual Direction Internship through Our Lady of Grace Monastery. Since retiring, she focuses on retreat ministry and spiritual direction. Bev earned a B.S. in Education in Speech Pathology, a Master's in Pastoral Studies with an emphasis in Spirituality, and a certificate in spiritual direction. Bev is married to John, has 3 adult children, and 6 amazing grandchildren. Bev and her husband enjoy traveling, being in nature, and gathering with family and friends.

Registration and payment for the Spring Conference are due by March 25, 2025. To register online click the following: [Membership-Registration Form](#) (Note: you may need to right click the link and select "open hyperlink"). You can also call or text 219-512-5286, email michianasdn@gmail.com or print the form included with this newsletter and send it to the address indicated. The cost to attend is \$35 for dues paying MichianaSDN members and \$65 for guests. When registering, indicate if you wish to purchase lunch for the additional cost of \$9.50.

2024 Fall Conference

The ***Practicing Prayer*** presentation on September 25, 2024 during the MichianaSDN 2024 Fall Conference was very well received! Joanne Hayden, member of the MichianaSDN, facilitated the session where we discussed individual prayer life as well as using prayer in Spiritual Direction. When discussing prayer in direction, we talked about asking questions about the directee's concept of prayer, prayer history, how/when they pray, perception of their connection with God (silk thread vs ocean liner cable), etc. and then see where the God takes us from there.

Attendees appreciated the opportunity to discuss, deeply listen, and share differing viewpoints/experiences throughout the session. The pace and preparedness of the presenter led to an interactive presentation that enabled attendees to network and get to know each other better. Check out photos from the conference on the page 3 of this newsletter.



News from the MichianaSDN Coordinating Team

Jennie Peyton, Coordinator

Eileen Wayte, Registrar/Communication

Joanne Hayden, Assistant

Coordinating Team Update: At the conclusion of the Fall 2024 Conference, Bess Farrell, Jennifer Weinert, Mary Schmierer, and Teresa Cecil officially ended their time as Coordinating Team members. We want to express our appreciation to each of them for the outstanding work they did leading MichianaSDN – most notably establishing us as a “legal” entity and establishing a MichianaSDN public website. Additional thank you to Jennifer for her assistance in transitioning the new team.

The new Coordinating Team could use more members to better serve MichianaSDN membership. The team has the privilege of choosing conference speakers two times a year and organizing those events with the intention of enriching members’ Spiritual Direction practice. We ask that you give this prayerful consideration and text Jennie Peyton at 317-478-7127 to request more information. Team members typically commit to serve 2-3 years based on the needs of the organization at the time.

MichianaSDN Dues: It is time to pay 2025 annual membership dues. The 2025 MichianaSDN dues have not changed from 2024 remaining at \$45/year. As a reminder, members who pay annual dues participate in networking events for \$35 since they contribute toward the organization in helping cover expenses. If you decide not to pay dues, the cost is \$65 to attend events as a guest - events are held twice 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. Additionally, members can include their information on the MichianaSDN public website. Your 2025 dues can be submitted using the 2025 Spring Registration/Membership form - right click the following and select “open hyperlink” [Membership-Registration Form](#).

MichianaSDN Website: Checkout the new MichianaSDN public website at <https://www.michianasdn.org/> . This public website includes general information about MichianaSDN as well as individual practice information from members who are interested in new Directees. Please email MichianaSDN@gmail.com if you are interested in having your information included on the website in 2026. We are also interested in your feedback on this new tool.

MichianaSDN Financial Report: Our last reported newsletter balance was \$1413.52 in August 2024. Since that time, MichianaSDN received \$1,192.04. Income included \$165.00 in membership dues; \$844.00 (\$44 for 2025 program included) in participation fees; \$43.00 in donations; \$140.00 fees for inclusion on MichianaSDN Website; totaling \$1,192.04 in deposits. Our expenses since August 2024 were \$1,614.99. Expenses include: \$140.00 event insurance, \$375.00 speaker fee; \$162.00 lunch plus tax; \$554.62 Lindenwood room charge and refreshment fees for participants; \$35.62 PayPal fees; \$300.00 for website development; \$32.75 for website domain; \$15.00 photo refund totaling \$1,614.99 in expenses. Our remaining balance as of February 15, 2025, is \$1,182.23.

2024 Fall Conference Photos



We look forward to you joining us for the Spring 2025 Conference!
See you April 10 at Lindenwood!