

## Are you or someone you know being called to serve on the Coordinating Council of Spiritual Directors International?

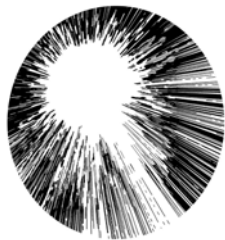
The Coordinating Council of Spiritual Directors International is the governing body of the charitable, not-for-profit organization. With the role come fiduciary, visionary, strategic planning, policy-setting and personnel oversight responsibilities. The Coordinating Council recently discerned to increase the size of the governing body by one person, with the term beginning July 1, 2009. Ultimately, the Coordinating Council discerns and appoints each Coordinating Council member to a three-year term (renewable once). Nominations and input from all members of Spiritual Directors International help guide their discernment process. To live into the mission of being a multifaith and global learning community and to balance the current Coordinating Council, we encourage nominees who were born after 1968, whose spiritual tradition is other than Christian, and whose home is in Africa, Asia, Australia-Oceania, Europe, or South America.

### Here is what is required and desired as a Coordinating Council Member *For Nominating Information, See next page* ■■

- Service as a spiritual director for at least 5 years and active participation as a member of Spiritual Directors International for at least 3 years;
- Actively participate, once elected as a council member and assume responsibilities as appropriate in various programs, publications and practices of the organization as well as in outreach. This might include: promoting spiritual direction and Spiritual Directors International at outreach events, providing hospitality and leadership at Spiritual Directors International events, participating in the ongoing critique of *Presence* journal, building bridges to foundations and to international enrichment, formation and training programs, collaborating with other learning communities to further the mission of Spiritual Directors International, stewarding the financial health of Spiritual Directors International;
- Willing to serve a three year term, July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012, sharing your talents and your wisdom of spiritual direction as a servant leader of Spiritual Directors International;
- Desire to listen with other Coordinating Council members to the spirit of the organization and respond with policies that reflect the evolving needs and mission of Spiritual Directors International;
- Ability to meet no more than three times a year, for three to four days each meeting (historically a long weekend in February, at the Annual Events in April, and a long weekend in September or October);
- Desire to model and practice the contemplative quality of spiritual direction in the governing role of Spiritual Directors International; desire to learn and grow in a multifaith, collegial, governing role.

#### Key Dates:

- June 1, 2008 – Nominations for Coordinating Council members due. Council Nominating Committee reviews information and limits or expands nominees, as needed.
- November *Connections* Newsletter includes a Web link to a ballot for all active members to exhibit their nominee preference. An e-mail with the Web link is sent to members. A biography and photo of each nominee is included on the Spiritual Directors International Web site.
- January 15, 2009 – Ballots from Spiritual Directors International members stating preference due.
- February 2009 – Coordinating Council discerns next Coordinating Council member and prepares for appointment.
- July 1, 2009 – Term of service begins.



## Do you or someone you know have these gifts to share with Spiritual Directors International as a Coordinating Council Member?

The Coordinating Council seeks to balance diversity on the Council by being intentional in the nominating process. Diversity includes gender, age, faith traditions, lay/clergy/religious orders, geographic representation, experience and expertise. The Coordinating Council, as of July 1, 2008 consists of

Fr. Terrence Moran, CSSR, Roman Catholic, Stirling, New Jersey, USA (Chairperson)  
Br. David Liedl, TOR, Roman Catholic, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA (Secretary)  
Miriam Frey, Mennonite, Ontario, Canada (Treasurer)  
Jennifer Hoffmann, Jewish, Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Susan Loretta, Roman Catholic, Miami, Florida USA  
Christopher McCauley, Anglican, Pasadena, California, USA  
Sally Taylor, Buddhist, Saintfield, Northern Ireland

The following qualities are specifically needed by the Council for its governance role in this stage of growth of Spiritual Directors International:

- ⇒ Born after 1968
- ⇒ Native to or living in Africa, Asia, Australia-Oceania, Europe, or South America
- ⇒ Spiritual heritage other than Christian
- ⇒ Experience with public relations and communicating the value of spiritual direction
- ⇒ Experience with financial stewardship of not-for-profit, charitable organizations

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATIONS COORDINATING COUNCIL – SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS INTERNATIONAL

*Please e-mail information to [office@sdiworld.org](mailto:office@sdiworld.org)  
**All Nomination Information must be received by June 1, 2008***

Please **e-mail the following information and a photograph suitable for publication** on the Spiritual Directors International Web site to [office@sdiworld.org](mailto:office@sdiworld.org) by June 1, 2008. The Council Nominating Committee will review your information to determine suitability for the position and inform the Executive Director which names to include in the *Connections* newsletter preference ballot:

1. Name.
2. E-mail address. (*Because the work of the Coordinating Council is international, e-mail proficiency and internet access are necessary skills for Coordinating Council Members.*)
3. Mailing Address. Telephone: work, home, and mobile.
4. Spiritual, religious or denominational affiliation.
5. Please identify yourself as  Lay/Non-ordained  Clergy/Ordained  Vowed Religious
6. For how many years have you been a member of Spiritual Directors International?
7. In what ways have you been involved in Spiritual Directors International to date?
8. Describe your current spiritual direction ministry and duration of ministry as a spiritual director.
9. What was your preparation for spiritual direction ministry?
10. Write a brief biography (a paragraph of no more than 250 words) that explains to Spiritual Directors International members your sense of call to serve and what you would bring to your service as a Coordinating Council member. Include the gifts and experience you would bring to the work of the Coordinating Council. Describe your vision for the future of Spiritual Directors International.
11. Include a photograph suitable for publication on the Spiritual Directors International Web site, [www.sdiworld.org](http://www.sdiworld.org)