

# **Provisional Spiritual Director Roles and Responsibilities for Colorado Koinonia and Southern Colorado Koinonia**

*Those individuals who feel that they are called to become Spiritual Directors (SD), should be already involved in Koinonia and committed to serving in any capacity. The first step is to apply to the Board to become a provisional Spiritual Director (PSD). Applications are available from the Board Spiritual Director Coordinator, and will include 3 letters of recommendation.*

See SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR POLICY for details on the qualification and approval process.

There are two capacities where a PSD would be able to serve on a Koinonia weekend, Ultreya's, Palanka Party's and any other Koinonia events. One instance would be in the 'shadowing' capacity and the other would be in the event that a second SD is unavailable (see listing below). They also may go through a program that mentors PSD's called the 'Barnabus Mentoring Program'. This program has been established to help train, and to refer these candidates to resources and training materials. Accountability partners (Barnabas) may also be provided for support and to encourage the individual in their journey to Spiritual Director (SD). Whether or not an individual goes through the Barnabus Program would be determined on a case by case basis as approved by the Board. (See Guidelines for Barnabus Mentoring Program)

- A.) Shadowing as a support role for two SD's on a Koinonia weekend or other events. Their prime purpose in this role is to observe, serve, and learn as well as perform some SD roles and responsibilities. These roles will be listed below. This position is mainly to offer a new person an opportunity to work alongside the SD's for training purposes even when there are two SD's available.
- B.) In the event that only one SD is available, the PSD can fulfill limited roles and responsibilities of an SD under the authority of the primary SD. Because the PSD is not yet a qualified SD, their roles will include all the roles and responsibilities except those which carry potential liability for Koinonia. Also, some roles are believed best not included because of their deviation from foundational denominational adherence (see listing below).
- C.) Roles and Responsibilities that can be performed by an ~~an~~ **SD** (PSD):
  - Communion:
    - can hold and help serve the elements if the elements (bread and juice) have been consecrated by a duly qualified and approved Spiritual Director
    - If a SD is not available, a PSD can facilitate "Breaking of the Bread" (not Communion because it is without any blessing of the elements)
    - can give devotions for communions
  - Spiritual Direction:
    - can pray with Koinonian's
    - can enlist the help of an SD to provide spiritual direction
    - can direct them to the Word of God, especially if an SD is unavailable at the moment
  - Talk Roles:
    - can give the Prodigal Son (or Reflection) talk.
    - should pray for SD(s) in the Prayer Chapel before their talks
    - can facilitate the handing out of the Koin's

- can give the Prayer when the Watches are returned
- Riddance of Sins and Anointing:
  - can pray at the back of the room for all Koinonian's as they go up for anointing and nailing of the sins to the cross
  - can help SD's and Wardens remove and replace papers on the cross
  - if serving with one SD, may give the meditation on Riddance of Sins or Anointing and participate in Anointing.
- Agape Feast:
  - if serving with both SD's, sit next to one of the SD's to observe and pray and mingle. If serving with one SD, they can perform one of the Agape readings as needed.
- Prayer:
  - can help pray for and anoint team members in Functional Groups during team meetings
  - can help pray for and anoint team members during Team Dedication
  - can pray wherever and whenever the opportunity arises; ex., over chairs, around building, in rooms, in Prayer Chapel and with Koinonian's.

D.) Roles and Responsibilities NOT allowed to be performed by PSD:

- Communion:
  - cannot bless or pray over elements
- Spiritual Direction:
  - May not give advice or direction or tell a Koinonian what action to take or even give their opinion.
- Talk Roles
  - May not give Grace Talk because of its instructional and authoritative content.

If a SD cannot attend a Palanka Party, Ultreya or Team Meeting and an SD is needed to serve, the SD Board Member needs to be alerted to the issue.

**Any proposed changes to this document by either the Colorado Koinonia or the Southern Colorado Koinonia Board must be presented to the other Board for comment prior to being voted on.**

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