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# INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION COURSE

**REFERENCE FORM**

**Name of Applicant** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Your Name** Click or tap here to enter text.

Your name has been given as a referee. We should be grateful if you would comment on the suitability of the applicant for this course and for the work of spiritual guidance of others. The course is ecumenical.

For your information, this course involves three terms of full day sessions from October 2020 to June 2021 (24 days in total). It will include personal and group work; it will involve giving spiritual direction under supervision; it will require private reflection and the willingness to engage with one’s own experience within the group. The course is largely experiential, with practical work on the dynamics of spiritual direction and some input about areas of spirituality. We are looking for those who feel drawn to this ministry of helping others to relate their faith to everyday living. The training we offer is intended to develop the confidence and skills of course members for this work.

An ability to sustain commitment to the course is vital. Temperament and character are as important as previous experience or qualifications. For this reason, we shall be grateful if you will bear in mind whether the applicant has:

* A balanced personal faith
* A balanced attitude to their church affiliation, and openness to other traditions
* A sufficient life experience, general maturity and no serious personal turmoil
* A sensitivity to people, and an ability to listen

Please feel free to mention any other details that you feel may be relevant to this application. In particular, we should appreciate your response to the following:

**In what capacity do you know the applicant?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**How long have you known the applicant?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**On this course, we work with the individual’s experience of meeting God. Please say something about how you see this candidate’s ability and willingness to share such personal experiences with the group.**

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**What evidence do you see of this person’s call and motivation in their ministry of accompanying others in the journey of faith?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**In your opinion, what qualities will this person, with training, bring to the ministry of spiritual direction?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Further comments (if applicable):**

Click or tap here to enter text.

We should appreciate it if you would reply as soon as possible.

With many thanks, in anticipation, for your assistance.

**Signature** *(type your name)* Click or tap here to enter text.

**Date** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Address** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Your Email** Click or tap here to enter text.

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