

Fellowship of United Methodist Spiritual Directors and Retreat Leaders (FUMSDRL) / Hearts on Fire

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION, VISION, MISSION, GUIDING VALUES

Theological Foundation

Luke 24: 13-35 (Jesus and the Walk to Emmaus) - Our birth story

John 15: 1-17 (Jesus, the True Vine) and Isaiah 43: 19 (I am about to do a new thing) - Our living, ongoing story

Vision

To magnify the work of the Holy Spirit through spiritual formation, spiritual direction, and retreat ministries.

Mission

To connect, resource, and support the growing ministries of spiritual formation, spiritual direction, and retreat ministries.

Values

Respect

We believe in the presence of God in all peoples and in all of the created order, and thus, we believe all peoples are due respect and acceptance as beloved children of God and all of the created order is due respect as an expression of The Sacred. We believe that God continually reaches out to us and deeply desires a relationship with us and that this relationship has transformative power.

Compassion

We believe that we are called to be compassionate, which means that we are called to be attentive to and moved by another's experience, and then to respond to their experience with the intent to either ease their suffering or to promote their flourishing.

Discernment

We believe in the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we individually and collectively listen to God, to one another, and to scripture as we move through life.

Collaboration

We believe in the power of collaboration to connect, support, and resource and thus further the ministries of spiritual formation, spiritual direction, and retreat ministries.

Stewardship

We believe that God requires us to be responsible stewards of the gifts and resources given us individually and corporately and to use those gifts and resources to further God's Kingdom.

This statement will be reviewed by the Board every 2 years or as needed.

Approved by the Board, September 23, 2016

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