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CONSCIOUSNESS**  
CARL JUNG



**SACRED LOVE/LIFE**  
WESTERN & EASTERN  
MYSTICS



**SACRED  
EARTH/UNIVERSE**  
TEILHARD DE CHARDIN



**SACRED COMMUNITY**  
CONNECTIONS &  
INTERDEPENDENCE

# THE GUILD

Find Your Voice • Stir Your Community



## The Guild for Spiritual Guidance

The Guild is a non-profit, contemplative community that provides you with a two-year certificate program designed to prepare our members to listen and respond to their inner teachings, to the evolving universe, and to their vocation in relationship with Divine Mystery. The foundational narrative for our apprenticeship program is the mystical and continuing evolution of the universe story, human consciousness, and your interconnected role in this journey. Please plan to join us.

Apply Today!

  
**Apprenticeship  
Program**

*Begins March 13, 2020*

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**The Why • Listening to Spirit's Call & Respond** • There are diverse ways to spiritually listen. In that space lies your power to choose your response in service to the world. The Guild asks of its apprentices a readiness to encounter their relationships with Self, with all life, and with Divine Mystery. An integrative understanding of these relationships led our original founders to develop the Apprenticeship Program through "four strands" of learning. This is the Guild's part of the Universe Story. Through spiritual listening and sacred response we recognize our responsibility to the interdependent web of all life. Membership in the Guild supports you with skill-sets to recognize your responsibility to take sacred action.

## Spiritual Listening. Sacred Response.

**The How • The Four Strands** • Through four strands of experiential learning, the Guild assists you to:

- **Explore** your relationship with Divine Mystery, seeking guidance from ancient and modern Mystics in our **Sacred Love/Life** Strand;
- **Deepen** your understanding of Self through Carl Jung's work and the **Sacred Consciousness/Integration** Strand;
- **Open** to the evolutionary cosmology of Teilhard de Chardin's vision and beyond, through the **Sacred Earth/Universe** Strand; and
- **Acknowledge** the interconnections and interdependence within a Circle of Trust in our **Sacred Community/Inter-being** Strand.

**The What • The Program Design** • The Apprenticeship Program (AP) begins with an in-person three-day retreat on the beautiful pastoral and contemplative grounds of Wisdom House in Litchfield, CT and culminates with an in-person three-day graduation retreat at the close of the two-year program. There are three additional in-person sessions (two twenty-four hour overnights and a mid-point three day weekend) and fifteen virtual day-long gatherings. Each monthly session includes a teaching in one of our Strands, from scholars and spiritual leaders expert in their fields, to support you in deepening relationship to self and others, the Universe and Great Mystery, by way of learnings and experiential practices of listening, presence, discernment & application in the everyday. During the program, apprentices are expected to fully participate in all monthly gatherings and assignments, complete experiential components in-between monthly sessions, write a reflection paper at the end of year one and complete a practicum project at the end of the program. Each apprentice must enter a personal program of spiritual guidance with a qualified guide and in year-two work with a mentor from the Graduate Guild to guide their practicum.

Apprentices receive a Certificate upon completion of the two-year program and are eligible to make arrangements with the Graduate Theological Foundation for credit toward a Masters Degree in Pastoral Theology. Graduates also receive lifelong membership in the Greater Guild, a contemplative community that supports you to deepen your engagement with the wisdom and practices introduced during the AP experience.

**The Cost** • \$5,900, inclusive of the full two-year program, retreats, staff, room and board. Participants are separately responsible for their learning materials.

**Training in our  
Apprenticeship Program  
can be applied towards:**



- The integration of spirituality within your current professional work (e.g. corporate employee, educator, therapist, pastoral counselor, social worker, clergy, medical or health professional, business executive or consultant, team leader or manager, journalist, writer, artist, and more).
- Spiritual grounding for social action and sacred activism within one's local community, work or place of worship (e.g. including multicultural, community advocacy, non-profit capacity building, multi-faith engagement and inter-spiritual exploration). The AP assists you to discern your calling and gifts for Servant Leadership.
- Informal spiritual listening and sacred response in various home, work and community settings based upon one's discernment and intuition.
- Formal spiritual listening and sacred response in either individual or group settings. As part, the AP provides you with a grounding in how to become a spiritual director/companion as well as a discernment process on whether to pursue more formal spiritual guidance supervision.

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