# Phoenix Center for Spiritual Direction

Apprentice Program in Spiritual Direction

With Rev. Teresa Blythe, Rev. Canon Greg Foraker, and Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason

# Reference Information Requested

Thank you for agreeing to write a reference letter. The Apprentice Program is designed to teach the basics of spiritual direction to a person who already exhibits gifts and talents for the ministry of spiritual direction, but who desires training and guidance from an experienced director and educator, in this case either me, Teresa Blythe, Greg Foraker or Kelly Murphy Mason. We will use Teresa’s book *Spiritual Direction 101* as a basic textbook (along with 2 others).

This is a unique program that is flexibly paced and fully online using Zoom for class time as well as for the apprentice’s practice in doing real spiritual direction. After completing 30 hours of classwork in 19 sessions, the apprentice will receive a Certificate of Completion from the Phoenix Center for Spiritual Direction.

In your letter, please address the following questions:

1. What gifts or abilities do you see in the applicant that would indicate their readiness to become a spiritual director?
2. How has spiritual direction helped this applicant grow in relationship with the Divine?
3. In what areas might they need growth or additional help?
4. Is there anything else you think I need to know about the applicant?

Please send your letter to Teresa Blythe at [teresa@teresablythe.net](mailto:teresa@teresablythe.net). Thank you.