



SHALEM SOCIETY FOR CONTEMPLATIVE LEADERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

The Shalem Society for Contemplative Leadership is a community of Shalem graduates committed to fostering deeper contemplative grounding for self, community and world.

Our Shared Intent:

To grow by grace in personal communion with God as revealed in Scripture, the gift of creation, the lives of great mystics and in our own experience;

To share the fruits of this communion by fostering outreach to spiritually hungry people and service to God's shalom in the world;

To cultivate a contemplative orientation, with its direct, receptive and responsive presence in God, through all aspects of life.

Our Shared Practices:

Opening to the Spirit through:

- An underlying intention for presence to God throughout the day;
- A personal daily prayer practice;
- Regular spiritual direction (individual or group);
- An annual silent retreat (at least two days).

Deepening spiritual community and ministry through:

- Praying for other Society members and for spiritual-social vision;
- Participating in a Shalem Circle or, if that is not possible, in another ongoing group of contemplatively-oriented spiritual leaders;
- Attending the annual Shalem Society Gathering and/or a Shalem regional gathering whenever possible;
- Sharing resources and insights for contemplative leadership with other members.

Assisting our corporate Shalem mission by:

- Praying for Shalem staff, programs and participants;
- Making Shalem a philanthropic priority;
- Helping expand the circle of contemplatively-grounded leaders and connecting with the Regional Contemplative Leadership Team where available.