

“Foundations of Spiritual Companionship ” 2012

Education for Congregation Based Lay Pastoral Care that

- **encourages** the growth of a team ministry within congregations
- **equips** members of the congregation to visit shut-ins and those suffering as a result of illness and other difficulties
- **empowers** members of the congregation with confidence to reach out and to care on behalf of the congregation.
- **enriches** Christian faith and spiritual growth

Sponsor: Bay of Quinte Conference The United Church of Canada

Leadership Team: Bonnie and Don Misener, Program Directors

Learning Circle Facilitators:

Rev. Joan Hacock, Apsley-Cardiff-Paudash Pastoral Charge

Rev Lynda Hodgins, Millbrook/Cavan Pastoral Charge

Rev. Norm Long, Frankford/Batawa Pastoral Charge

Rev. Paul Reed, Cambridge St. United Church, Lindsay

Rev. Max Ward, Highland Hills Pastoral Charge

Program Location: Cambridge St. United Church, Lindsay

**Dates: A three day course on Thursdays 9am to 3:30pm
February 23 and March 1 and 8, 2012**

Basic Program Contents:

20 hours of presentations over the course of three days by the program directors combined with learning circle integrative exercises on the topics of

- **increasing listening skills -when saying less is saying more**
- **ministry of pastoral presence**
- **the blessing of spiritual companionship**
- **lay pastoral care opportunities and boundaries**
- **ministry of referral**
- **learning about the experience of grief**
- **caring for those who are grieving**
- **caring for children who are experiencing loss**
- **ministry with primary caregivers**
- **biblical foundations for lay pastoral care**
- **pastoral caregiver self-care**

Registration Fee: \$150 with 1/3 reimbursed by Bay of Quinte Conference for members of Conference churches.

Please make cheques payable to Bay of Quinte Conference.

Provided: Written resources
Refreshment breaks
Lunch each day

Program Background Information

“Foundations of Spiritual Companionship” is a 3 level lay pastoral education program developed and taught by Bonnie and Don Misener over the course of the last 25 years.

From 1986 to 2000 it was taught in Saskatchewan and since 2000 in Ontario.

Program Directors: Don is an ordained minister of The United Church of Canada and the Teaching Supervisor of the congregation based Supervised Pastoral Education program currently being conducted with ministers in Bay of Quinte Conference.

Bonnie is a communications specialist with extensive experience in care-giving in institutional and community settings and in teaching caregivers. She is currently co-teaching the Supervised Pastoral Education program.

Learning Circle Facilitators: The Learning Circle Facilitators are currently enrolled in the Supervised Pastoral Education program where they have more fully developed the communication skills and pastoral care approach they will be helping lay pastoral participants learn.

Foundations of Spiritual Companionship is an excellent education opportunity for members of congregations in Bay of Quinte Conference

to increase their ability to create a caring Christian community
to learn what to say and what not to say when they
are visiting

to grow in their ability to provide care and support
to extend the care of the congregation more fully into the community
who are caring for family members and others with special needs.

For further information contact

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To Register - Complete registration form and send payment to

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