**TENDING THE SOUL**

**2017-2019 Application**

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Respond to the following questions:

 Describe your earliest religious/spiritual experiences.

 Who or what are the persons, books, and experiences which have influenced your life and faith journey?

 Explain how your experience and understanding of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit has developed and grown.

 Describe how your relationship with God and your walk of discipleship is nurtured and fed. What regular spiritual practices are part of your rule of life?

 What experience do you have offering or receiving spiritual direction or companioning?

 What draws you to the ministry of spiritual direction or tending the ministry of spiritual formation within the congregation?

 Describe the ways in which you are presently in ministry (lay or clergy setting).

**Recommendations**

**For laity:**  Please provide a recommendation from your pastor and a recommendation from one other person who knows of your readiness, maturity, and interest in spiritual direction.

**For clergy:** Please provide two recommendations from those who know of your readiness, maturity, and interest in spiritual direction. One recommendation should be from someone in a church you have served and one should be from another clergy.