

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

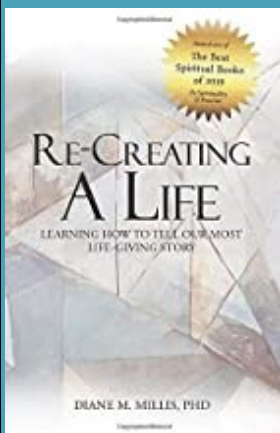
April 21, 2022, 10 AM - 3 PM

**Presenter: Diane Millis,
Educator, Author, Spiritual Director**



Tending Hard Stories in Spiritual Direction

As spiritual companions, we serve first and foremost as storylisteners. We aspire to tend each person's story with wisdom and compassion--including our own. Whether we meet with someone in a traditional companioning setting or encounter them in the public square, we as companions are often told hard stories about life's difficulties, disappointments, and disruptions.



While none of us can rewrite our life's history, we can re-author the stories we tell about our lives. Re-creating the stories we tell about our lives has vast implications. Those who tell more redemptive stories tend to lead more generative lives. The more beauty, truth, and goodness we come to see in ourselves, the more beauty, truth, and goodness we tend to see in the world and its peoples.

In this professional development day, Dr. Diane Millis will introduce participants to guiding principles and best practices for storytending. We will explore together how to rest in unknowing, embrace uncertainty, and trust in further revelations as we accompany others.

This day is designed for spiritual directors, spiritual directors in training, and all listening professionals who want to increase their capacity to work with difficult stories through one-to-one and group spiritual companioning. It will build upon the practices Diane introduced in the professional development day she offered us in 2021, and recap guiding framework for those participating for the first time. Please join us!

Diane M. Millis, PhD, In addition to teaching, program development, and writing, Diane is a popular conference presenter and retreat facilitator for participants in a wide array of sectors ~ educational, non-profit, philanthropic, health care, and corporate.

Diane shares her life with her husband, Mark, and their young adult son, Ryan. She and Mark live in Minneapolis.

TESTIMONIALS from participants of Diane's 2021 story-telling workshop:

"I appreciated Diane's clarity and her presentation ."

"Diane presented the day with competence and knowledge of her audience."

"Once upon a time I attended a Professional Day that provided much needed respite, professional and personal growth and enrichment, an opportunity to network with other SDs, and personal and professional insight—thank you!"

"Learning the two story -telling formats and then experiencing them in the writing and sharing of those stories. Also, the guidelines for listening and responding for both the story- teller and the story-listener."

"Writing and speaking are two very different ways of communicating and when you put the two together it is very powerful."

"I learned a lot ~ all of it applicable in my own SD practice. And it was very enjoyable."

"I recalled a story of myself about 40 years ago and experienced the surprise of joy, creativity and tears."

"I learned a lot and always appreciate the opportunity to gather with such wisdom figures."

PROGRAM WILL BE VIA ZOOM . . . Cost: \$50

When you are accepted, a non-refundable deposit of \$20 will be requested.

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