



## The Peterborough Diocesan Fellowship of Spiritual Directors Current Criteria for Membership

### Members:

1. Will be receiving spiritual direction themselves.
2. Will have appropriate previous experience of offering this ministry as a reflective practitioner as evidenced by
  - i) the successful completion of an established training course *or*
  - ii) prior long term experience including ongoing study and supervision
3. Will be committed to the process of supervision.
4. Will be committed to attend, whenever possible, the twice yearly meetings of the Fellowship whose purpose is to encourage and support its members in their ministry.

### Those wishing to join the Fellowship will be asked to:

- a. Complete an Application Form
- b. Provide a short reference from someone who has knowledge of the applicant's ministry as a spiritual director. This might be their supervisor, course trainer, coordinator, or another person from within that ministry who is competent to give such a reference.

The short reference is to include:

- i. the length of time the applicant has been known to them.
  - ii. the capacity in which they are known
  - iii. a comment on the current suitability of the applicant for this ministry.
  - iv. anything else the individual feels appropriate to comment on.
- c. If the applicant is coming from outside of the diocese of Peterborough, then a reference from their previous Bishop is required. If the applicant is from outside the Anglican tradition, then a reference from similar person (e.g. circuit supervisor, moderator) is required.
  - d. Meet with the Spirituality Adviser or other appropriate individual in order to have a conversation about how their experience relates to the four membership criteria of the Peterborough Fellowship of Spiritual Directors. Following this meeting, the reference will be taken up.
  - e. Comply with the Diocesan guidelines for DBS clearance and training.

**Following consideration of the above**, the spiritual direction team will make a recommendation to the Bishop regarding membership of the Fellowship. Those who are recommended will be informed in writing by the Bishop. Those who are not recommended will also be informed in writing, and if they so wish, a meeting will be arranged with a member (or members) of the spiritual direction team, in order to consider further options for them.