

## EAST OHIO CONFERENCE SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

### Spiritual Directors Offer

- Individual Direction
- Group Direction
- Retreats
- Silent Directed Retreats
- Workshops



*"It is good to renew ourselves, from time to time, by closely examining the state of our souls, as if we had never done it before; for nothing tends more to the full assurance of faith, than to keep ourselves by this means in humility, and the exercise of all good works." John Wesley*



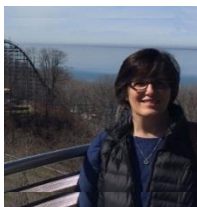
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