## GRE Advanced Certificate in Supervision Personal Statement

Please include the information below when composing your personal statement for GRE's application to the advanced certificate in supervision program.

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Email
- Participation in a spiritual community (church, synagogue, temple, etc.)
- Service to community
- College attended/degree(s) attained
- Employment and business/professional experience
- Personal essay
   Please reflect on your personal history and write three to five pages (750-1250 words)
   letting us know something about your background, your experience of God, your current spiritual practice, and what draws you to apply for this certificate at this time.
- Describe your current spiritual direction practice:
  - o For how long have you been offering spiritual direction?
  - o How many people do you meet?
  - o How regularly do you see them?

- When and where did you receive your spiritual direction formation?
  - o How long was the program?
  - o Please include a website address describing the program you attended.
  - o What were its supervision requirements?
  - o If available, please attach a copy of a certificate of successful completion.
- Who is your spiritual director?
  - o How frequently do you meet?
  - What are the sessions like?
  - o How long have you been in spiritual direction through the course of your life?
- If you receive individual supervision:
  - o Who is your spiritual direction supervisor?
  - o How often do you receive supervision?
  - o What are the sessions like?
- If you receive group supervision:
  - Is your group facilitated by a trained supervisor or is it unfacilitated?
  - o How often do you meet?
  - What are the sessions like?
  - How often do you get to present a case?

- Please describe your growing edge as a spiritual director and note a couple of the greatest challenges you experience in your practice.
- Name 3 or 4 insights you have gained in your own work as spiritual director as a result of supervision.
- Are you a member of Spiritual Directors International? If so, for how long?
- Do you abide by the S.D.I. code of ethics? If not, which code of ethics do you abide by. Please submit it or the url for it with your application.
- Describe in detail what you hope to learn in supervisor training, including which particular skills you'd like to gain.