



▼ UPCOMING Seminar



"I have been saying that we should drop all church programs for a year and just teach our people how to pray! Jane Vennard has given us guidance that is both simple and profound, practical yet very mature, personal yet social. Her wisdom about prayer is what we need!" — Richard Rohr, O.F.M.

Becoming a Praying Congregation: The Art and Teaching of Spiritual Practice

November 12–14, 2007

Led by Jane Vennard

Oblate Renewal Center, San Antonio, TX

TUITION ** Member: \$350 / Nonmember: \$400

ROOM & BOARD ** Single: \$210 / Double: \$160 / Commuter: \$70

ABOUT the LEADER



Jane Vennard teaches prayer and spirituality at the Iliff School of Theology, Denver. An ordained

minister in the United Church of Christ, Jane is also a spiritual director in private practice. Her book, *A Praying Congregation: The Art of Teaching Spiritual Practice*, was published by the Alban Institute in 2005.

Do you long to be a part of a congregation—or lead a congregation—where prayer is a more comfortable part of what you do and how you talk with one another? Then this workshop is for you. It is designed for people who pray together in worship on Sundays, maybe ask others to pray for those who are in need, or begin meals with prayer, but who do not know how to talk about prayer with one another or how to cultivate the spiritual practice of prayer for themselves, much less for others.

In this workshop you will discover:

- Ways to encourage a vital prayer life within individuals and the congregation
- How to provide safe places where people can share their experiences and questions about prayer
- Strategies for helping others wrestle with what prayer means in the Christian life

Come and explore the art of teaching prayer as a spiritual practice within your congregation by deepening your own experiences of prayer and discovering how each of us can become an effective teacher of prayer.

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