



Elder Wisdom Committee

A committee of Restoring Connections serving individuals 55+

The Elder Wisdom Committee is a small community of individuals who are committed to their own continued spiritual growth, and to fostering the kind of programming that encourages the spiritual, social, and intellectual life of seniors.

What is an Elder?

Elders are individuals in their senior years who are attentive to their own continued inner growth. They are wisdom keepers who share an ongoing concern for the well-being of society. They live with a sense of commitment to future generations and typically serve as informal mentors to younger people and are fully engaged grandparents. They model forgiveness and work to heal the wounds in our culture.

What does the Elder Wisdom Committee Do?

The members of the Elder Wisdom Committee meet monthly for 1-1/2 hours:

- To focus on their own continued growth and to experience spiritual nurture at the annual retreat morning.
- To plan services and activities that encourage individuals 55+ to find meaning during their senior years and to express their full potential as Elders.

What are the Responsibilities of Members of the Elder Wisdom Committee?

- To remain committed to their own continued inner growth
- To regularly attend committee meetings, participate in reflection and bring their insights and recommendations to planning programs that facilitate the growth of individuals 55+ in their role of eldering.
- To attend to what is going on in the world, country, and local area, to actively listen to the concerns that people are expressing and to come together with other members of the committee to consider how the Elder Wisdom Program of Restoring Connections can support seniors and equip them for transformative presence and meaningful service.

- To actively participate in a minimum of one Elder Wisdom Program offered during a calendar year.
- To actively use his/her gifts to implement at least one Elder Wisdom Program offered during a calendar year. For each person this will be different. It might involve writing, organizing, hospitality, facilitation, registration, artwork, networking, helping to set up events, etc. How a person participates in implementation will depend on his/her gifts.
- To actively share information about the Elder Wisdom Program in his/her local context and to invite the participation of others. This could involve personal contact with people they know and assistance with a particular mailing.

What is the Term of Service?

Elder Wisdom Committee members are asked to make a commitment for two years of service. Six months prior to the end of his/her term, each committee member is asked to proactively participate in the process of finding his/her successor.

What Do Committee Members Receive?

- Regular spiritual and intellectual nourishment through participation in a small community of individuals committed to this “time of their life.”
- The opportunity to celebrate important life events together.
- Meaningful service that makes a difference for others including future generations.