

Dear Friends,

Whether you are a graduate, current student, or presently considering enrollment in HCM International's Certificate Program in Spiritual Formation and the Art of Spiritual Direction, I am writing to let you know about some significant and insightful changes in our program.

You now have the option of completing a One-Year Certificate Program in Spiritual Formation and the Art of Spiritual Direction OR a Two-Year Advanced Certificate Program in Spiritual Direction.

The One-Year program focuses on the formational dimensions of spiritual formation and allows the student to be deeply immersed in personal formation while learning about the nature of spiritual direction and the work of the spiritual director. The Two-Year program consists of these aspects, but adds a more in-depth training component in spiritual direction. This second year consists of two intense Praxes that intentionally focus on the training aspects of spiritual direction and an Enterprising dimension that allows students the opportunity to, under the supervision of a skilled supervisor, develop their spiritual direction ministry or enhance their ministry of spiritual direction in their current setting.

The principal reason supporting this change is HCM International's belief that a general course, such as the One-year program, is a relevant approach and an enhancement to the training for which some students may be looking. For those students looking for more proficiency and development as a spiritual director, the Advanced/Two-year program is more suitable.

I understand that this shift may be somewhat confusing, especially if you were a part of the program prior to the changes associated with it. However, I want to assure you of the enormous value of your training and have every hope that you will find it beneficial, personally and professionally. Our commitment is to provide you with a quality training experience that is second to none. Your questions or thoughts are of urgent priority for me. I would be delighted to discuss the benefits of both programs, and which option may be best for you. For more detailed information regarding these two options, visit our [Program Page](#).

Yours sincerely,

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