

THE JOURNEY CENTER ASSOCIATION: *An Invitation to a Discernment Journey*

When the Journey Center in Santa Rosa, California was established in 2008, we had no idea that God's plans included inspiring others in various locations through what we have experienced here! The *Journey Center Association* was established in response to discovering that God's Spirit was moving in this way. We exist to accompany and support those who are being invited to discern about the possibility of birthing a Journey Center, or something like it, in their area.

Those who are called to join the Journey Center community will discover that they are not alone on their discernment journey. Thus far, two Journey Centers are established (Santa Rosa, CA and Chicago, IL) and we are in discernment with 10 other groups in the USA and other countries. Our Journey Center family is growing!

From the first inklings that God is wanting to do something new in your community, through a season of listening deeply for God's vision and guidance and finally to the calling to participate in the unfolding of the vision into reality...the Journey Center Association offers you consultation, community and resources specific to where you are on the journey.

PHASE ONE: ENTERING INTO DISCERNMENT (Explorers)

Our journey together begins with informal conversations in which we get to know each other and begin to listen to God together, and *there is no charge for the resources in this first phase of early discernment*. We simply want to offer you support, prayer and a listening ear as you begin to explore what God is saying and how the Spirit is moving in you and in your area.

As you enter into early discernment, we offer:

- *Consultation:* informal conversations with our Executive Director Joanna Quintrell, in which she will listen to your story and share the Journey Center story and values. These conversations can lead to more clarity for you and help you decide about next steps in saying "yes" to the Spirit's invitation.
- *Community:* everyone who contacts us is welcome to become a part of our growing Journey Center Association community. In this early phase of discernment, you are invited to attend our annual JCA gathering... 4 days together in God's presence, being immersed in the core values of the Journey Center vision and building relationships with others who are on this adventure in various parts of the USA and beyond. There may also be virtual gatherings at other times of the year.

- *Resources:* on the JCA website, you will find a number of written resources that help you (and those discerning with you) to learn about the Journey Center vision and mission, and the Journey Center Association.

PHASE TWO: BECOMING A JCA ASSOCIATE GROUP

If you and your group discern that God is indeed inviting you move toward birthing something in your area, we offer a variety of resources to support and equip you as you enter into *active discernment*. There is no requirement at this point in your discernment process to commit to birthing a Journey Center; our desire is to walk with you as you continue to listen deeply to God, whatever the calling turns out to be. Choosing to join the JCA as an Associate group gives you and your leadership group access to the following resources for active discernment:

Consultation/Training:

- Regular individual mentoring conversations (1 hour/month; additional time available) with Joanna, for your key leader - consultation, support and prayer.
- Quarterly consultation sessions with your entire leadership group on topics of your choosing.
- Quarterly Associate training sessions on topics related to where you find yourself on this journey. We offer these live-streamed sessions through our JCA website to all Associate groups; your training takes place within this broader Journey Center community.
- Access to our consultant referral list when you are doing specific work related to technology, legal questions, leadership training, etc.

Community:

- You and members of your leadership group are invited to attend our annual JCA gathering where you can deepen your understanding of the Journey Center vision/mission and continue to develop relationships with those on similar journeys in other areas. There may also be virtual gatherings at other times of the year.
- Networking services- we will connect you with other Associates and Members who have experience with a particular aspect of the discernment journey.

Resources and discounts:

- “Associates-only” access on the JCA website to written documents, recorded training sessions and other resources.
- A 10% discount for you and all members of your leadership group: this applies to all resources offered on the JCA website, including online workshops, groups, retreats and any of our formation/training programs.
- Listing on the JCA website as a Discernment Group. You and members of your core group could have the opportunity to offer groups, workshops, etc. on the JCA website, as desired.

Fee structure for Phase Two: there are TWO OPTIONS for those joining the JCA as an Associate group-

- **OPTION #1: Annual fee** (\$1200/year- payment plan of \$100/month if needed)- this allows you and members of your leadership group access to our entire menu of Associate resources, as listed above.
- **OPTION #2: Resource-based fees** (costs vary)- you choose from a menu of resources and pay for each one individually.

PHASE THREE: BECOMING A JCA MEMBER GROUP AND BIRTHING A JOURNEY CENTER

Some Associate groups will discern that God is calling them to birth a Journey Center in their area, which is a process that requires specific mentoring, training and support as it includes becoming a non-profit organization. Choosing to become a full member of the Journey Center Association licenses you to use the Journey Center name and gives you access to all the resources that the JCA offers, including:

Consultation/Training:

- Regular individual mentoring conversations (2 hours per month) with Joanna, for the key leader in your area- consultation, support and prayer.
- Consultation sessions with your entire leadership group/board/staff on topics of your choosing. There is no limit to the number of sessions per year.
- Monthly JCA Member training sessions on topics related to birthing and sustaining a Journey Center. We will offer these live-streamed sessions through our JCA website to all Member groups.
- Access to our consultant referral list when you are doing specific work related to the legal aspects/paperwork of becoming a nonprofit organization, website technology, fundraising, volunteer and leadership training, etc.

Community:

- Your Executive Director, board members and key staff members are invited to attend our annual JCA gathering where you can continue to deepen your understanding of the Journey Center vision/mission and develop relationships with those who are birthing and sustaining Journey Centers in other areas. There may also be virtual gatherings at other times of the year.
- Networking services- we will connect you with other Members who have experience with the particular aspects of birthing a Journey Center that you are engaging with at this point in your journey.
- Your Executive Director will be invited to participate in a quarterly session, live-streamed via the JCA website, for all Journey center Executive Directors...offering consultation, support and prayer.
- Prayer support is offered for each step of your journey towards birthing and sustaining a Journey Center in your area. We are building a prayer team whose ministry is to support you and your Journey Center.

Resources and discounts:

- “Members-only” access on the JCA website to written documents, recorded training sessions and other resources.
- A 20% discount for your Executive Director, board members and key staff: this applies to all resources offered on the JCA website, including online workshops, groups, retreats and any of our formation/training programs. (This does not apply to sessions with a spiritual director as each director sets their own fee).
- For the JCA annual meeting: after your Executive Director registers at full price, a 25% discount will be offered to any additional people from your board or key staff who wish to join you.
- Your Executive Director will be invited to enjoy the 24-hour ED Retreat, which is held the day before the Annual Gathering begins. This is an agenda-less time of rest and informal conversation at a vacation home on the beautiful North Coast.
- You will be featured on the JCA website as a Journey Center and any of your Center’s spiritual directors can offer groups, workshops or retreat days on the JCA website. This is a source of income for your spiritual directors and for your Journey Center.

Fee structure for Phase Three: The annual fee for full membership in the Journey Center Association is \$2400 (payments of \$200/month if needed), which includes the following:

- Journey Center licensing agreement, allowing you to use the Journey Center name, etc. (The licensing fee is \$1200 per year)
- Your Executive Director, board members and key staff members have complete access to all the resources that are offered by the JCA (see above)
- Use of the JCA website as an income source for your Journey Center, through offering online workshops, groups, retreat days, etc. This option is only available to JCA Members.

We invite you to contact Joanna Quintrell (the Association’s Executive Director); she will be glad to set up a time for a conversation with you:

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