

The Benedictine  
Women of Madison  
invite you to become a  
Benedictine  
Sojourner  
at  
Holy Wisdom Monastery  
Madison, WI

Applications accepted  
year-round, start dates  
set with Sister Lynne Smith

Room, meals and monthly  
stipend provided, medical  
insurance available



Benedictine women, weave prayer, hospitality, justice and care for the earth into daily life and ministry. We are an inclusive Benedictine community inspired by the Gospel and the *Rule of Benedict*, welcoming people of diverse views and cultures at Holy Wisdom Monastery.



Use your smartphone to scan  
this code to go to our website  
[www.benedictinewomen.org](http://www.benedictinewomen.org)



## Become part of a community

Our Benedictine community invites single women to broaden their spirituality by sharing community life with us and working in our ministries at Holy Wisdom Monastery, near Madison, Wisconsin. Continue your spiritual journey here.

## I'm interested, now what?

- Learn more about Benedictine Sojourners or the Exploring Community Retreat
- Register for Exploring Community Retreat
- Apply for Benedictine Sojourners

Visit <http://benedictinewomen.org/monastic-life/benedictine-sojourners/>  
or contact Sister Lynne Smith at  
608-831-9305 or  
[lwsmith@benedictinewomen.org](mailto:lwsmith@benedictinewomen.org).



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# Benedictine Sojourners



Benedictine Sojourners is a new way for single Christian women to live in community with Benedictine Women of Madison, an inclusive Christian community at Holy Wisdom Monastery.

Come join us in:

- ◆ Community
- ◆ Prayer
- ◆ Service

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a 6-12 month experience,  
renewable up to 2 years

## Community living

What is community life like? Find out by becoming a Benedictine Sojourner.

- Benedictine Sojourners is for single, Christian women with no dependents.
- Benedictine Sojourners is a 6-12 month experience, renewable up to 2 years.
- Women desiring to become a Benedictine Sojourner are asked to attend a retreat\* at Holy Wisdom Monastery.

\* Exploring Community Retreat dates: June 8-10, 2012, October 12-14, 2012 or contact Sister Lynne Smith for other retreat options.

## As a Benedictine Sojourner you:

- Experience an inclusive Benedictine community.
- Follow monastic practices, including a simple lifestyle and celibate living.
- Taste and develop a rich prayer life.
- Share your gifts and receive the community's gifts.
- Find your place in the community's mission weaving prayer, hospitality, justice and care for the earth.



## What do Benedictine Sojourners do?

Benedictine Sojourners live, learn, pray and work with the sisters at Holy Wisdom Monastery.

Our balance of prayer, work and leisure provides a variety of opportunities: attend Sunday worship and participate in daily communal prayer, centering prayer and weekly *lectio divina*.

Conversation and dialogue bring us together for shared reflection and planning.

Benedictine spirituality integrates work and leisure. Use your skills 30 hours a week at the monastery and participate in volunteer justice work in the Madison area.

Relationships are at the heart of our life. Community lived well encourages forming relationships among Benedictine Sojourners and members of the sisters' community.

## Helping with the mission

The sisters' mission is lived out through the ministries and services at Holy Wisdom Monastery. As a Benedictine Sojourner you will spend 30 hours each week working in a variety of areas which may include:

- working with the Sunday Children's Ministry
- serving on the Sunday worship hospitality committee
- leading prayers or assisting with retreats
- working in the sisters' vegetable garden, the orchard, the prairie and monastery grounds
- blogging, taking photos or writing with a team for the monastery's website and publications
- helping with food service and community dining; performing office duties; cleaning rooms; assisting in guest services

