

## **Bio of “Papa Joe” Joe Johnson**

### **Faculty member for the Certificate in Spiritual Direction Program**

Joe Johnson (Papa Joe) serves with Soul Shepherding as an instructor for Spiritual Direction students, doing inner healing prayer ministry and pastoral care counseling. Joe has served as a SS Board member for five years, a member of a pastors’ small group led by Bill Gaultiere, and as a teacher for SS Institute Retreats. He taught two SS webinars, “Healing Wounds of the Heart” and “Healing Father Wounds” which are available on the SS Network.

He received a Master of Divinity degree at Lutheran Seminary in 1971 and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Seminary in 1991. His dissertation was, “Making Disciples Who Do Jesus’ Ministry.” Joe attended a two-week “Spirituality and Ministry” Doctor of Ministry class with Dallas Willard at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center. He teaches with The Master’s Institute Seminary on “Grace and Healing for Shame”, “Authority to Heal”, and “Pastoral Care and Counseling.”

He pastored four congregations for 45 years and continues doing healing prayer ministry and pastoral counseling on Zoom and in person. He conducted inner healing prayer counseling appointments during the summer Holy Spirit Conferences in Norway from 2009-2019.

Joe teaches for men’s retreats, leadership conferences, and churches. He holds inner healing prayer appointments with Bridgetown Church in Portland, Oregon. Joe has led a pastors’ Life Together mentoring group for 10 years.

Papa Joe’ began learning how to do inner healing prayer in 1974 and has continued doing this for the last 50 years. Beginning in 2016, he has learned to integrate brain science with psychology, theology, Holy Spirit stream, Biblical teaching on joy and attachment love “hesed” and pastoral care, teaching brain science discoveries to provide emotional and spiritual maturity. He is an intercessor for Bill and Kristi and SS.

Joe enjoys laughter, increasing joy and love bonds, playing “Killer Uno” and “Loaded Questions” and being a grandpa, being outside, walking and praying, and listening to birds sing. Judy and Joe live in Portland, Oregon in the Willamette View retirement center in an apartment on the sixth floor with a view of Willamette River.

He practices three prayer rhythms, morning — Lord’s prayer getting out of bed, noon — for compassion and family, and just before sleeping — gratitude. You can contact Joe for an online or in-person appointment at [pastorjoejohnson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoejohnson@gmail.com) or cell 714-756-0088.