

## Practitioner II Information and Expectations

### Shift from Practitioner I

#### Practitioner II differs from Practitioner I

1. Whereas Practitioner I is about personal growth, Practitioner II students are expected to have a good handle on their "stuff". This is not saying life challenges do not come up. Rather, it presupposes that in Practitioner II one has the tools to get through them expeditiously with ease and grace. Center for Spiritual Living is committed to licensing people who are living examples of our Faith Tradition and an example of someone devoted to God and to your spiritual practice. While a crisis may come up and you can certainly turn to your Practitioner classmates for support, long-standing issues are dealt with outside class.
2. Practitioner II is the emerging vision of The Center that is Calling you to the next step in spiritual service. We will not recommend licensing for anyone for whom we have any reservations whatsoever.

### Expectations

#### Expectations of the Center

- Practitioner II is a huge commitment, intended to prepare you for a lifetime of personal growth and a dedication of service to your clients, your minister, your Church and your denomination.
- Practitioner II students are expected to be devoted to Center for Spiritual Living. Devotion is measurable by active, loyal and supporting participation as defined by the Practitioner Code, as well as expectations of the Center.
  - Active
    - Attending services a majority of the time (three or more Sundays per month).
    - Participating in the life of our spiritual community through a committed level of active and visible selfless service.
  - Loyal
    - Living the teachings of our Faith Tradition.

- Speaking favorably of and working harmoniously with the minister and other members of the Church community.
- Being an emissary of joy and hope - a welcoming presence to those around you.
- Supporting
  - Giving financially, in an identifiable manner, with a tithing consciousness.
  - Your giving shows a pattern and a rhythm.
- Practitioners are part of a team that serves the Church. Be a dependable team player by showing up on time (or earlier) for every promised class, event, service opportunity or appointment.
  - Call within an appropriate amount of time if a schedule change needs to be made.

## Vision for CSL Spiritual Leaders

At San Jose Center for Spiritual Living Practitioners are seen as Church leaders. In that respect, you are asked if you can say, "Yes" to the following:

1. My life is a reflection of my personal relationship with God.
2. My Call to this ministry is noticeable by how I show up in the world.
3. I am cheerful a majority of the time.
4. I embrace change a majority of the time.
5. I look for Good in everything a majority of the time.
6. I have a noticeable absence of victim mentality.
7. I am supportive of Church leaders. Whenever I do not feel supportive/supported, I handle such conflicts with integrity and grace.

## Class Expectations

- Your Practitioner II studies are your top priority this year.
- 100% attendance is mandatory.
  - You may miss one class per term (according to UCRS). However, the Spirit of this agreement would ask you to prayerfully consider whether any absence would qualify as "emergency". If not, perhaps reconsider.
  - You are expected to show up for class on time.
  - If you are going to be absent let Linda or Jane know ahead of time.
- Homework is to be completed and turned in on the date it is due.
- Fees are paid on time. The first 5-week payment is due Week 1.

- **If you haven't completed your financial obligations or homework commitments from the previous term, or you have missed more than one class, you will not be allowed to go on to the next term.**  
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- You are expected to participate in prayers under the windows and High Watch.
- A primary focus of Practitioner II is developing a strong practice of sacred service at the Center. Look for ways to be in service. If there isn't an existing area that excites you, pray about it – something new will manifest that makes your heart sing!

## What You Can Expect from Practitioner II Class

- The intention of Practitioner II is to equip you to:
  - Confidently pass the licensing exam and oral panels necessary to become a licensed practitioner.
  - Handle client sessions with wisdom, grace and ease.
  - Step out into service to Center for Spiritual Living as a confident, visible, active, fully engaged practitioner.
- As well as regular homework, term papers, projects and preparation for your licensing exam, Prac II will include training and practice in the following areas:
  - Public speaking skills
  - Facilitation and teaching skills
  - Leading visioning sessions
  - Leading SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) sessions
  - Leading guided and regular meditations
  - Creating and presenting a workshop
  - Working as a team to organize a major volunteer project
  - Working as a team to create and facilitate major events
  - Practicing mock client sessions
  - Discovering what calls to you as a practitioner and taking steps to manifest that Calling

## What You Can Expect from Your Facilitator(s) and Minister(s)

We are committed to our expectations for you as a practitioner. We are invested in your success and devoted to being the best mentors we can be.

In support of your Call as licensed practitioner, we expect that you will move through Practitioner II class as an example of someone devoted to God and to your spiritual practice.

We are watching, and we will ask you about anything we see that needs attention. If we see things that we believe could be "temporary challenges" becoming "chronic" and appearing to block your intended path, we might very well urge you to take a year off to work on the challenge and take Practitioner II at a later date.

Our expectation is that you will rise to the level of your own magnificence this year. We are here to be of service to you in any way we can. Ultimately it's up to you, and we will hold your hand as you rise to the breadth and scope of your own commitment.

Sound like a lot? It is! Practitioner II is 30 weeks of concentrated growth that invites you to step out of your box in many areas . . . discovering what latent talents you have that are itching to be investigated. The journey is magnificent! We are excited and honored to be a part of it with you.

I understand my enrollment in Practitioner II at San Jose Center for Spiritual Living constitutes my agreement to full participation, without hesitation or reservation, as outlined in this class agreement.

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Date

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Please print your name