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*Cindy now devotes herself to the ministry of spiritual direction. She is certified by the West Virginia Institute for Spirituality as a spiritual director and is certified as a director of the Ignatian 19th Annotation Retreat. She maintains a private practice of individual spiritual direction, leads spiritual direction groups, contemplative prayer groups, workshops and silent directed retreats.*

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*Cindy's nursing heart for the healing of the body, mind and soul, defines her spiritual direction practice as the companioning of another so that the authentic self, created by God, can be healed and emerge to live the full Gospel of one's life.*