

## **Rick Steelhammer**



My first direct contact with WVIS took place in 2006, when I attended a program on grieving led by Sr. Carole following the death of one of our sons. My wife, Pam, had been involved with the Institute's spiritual direction program for several years before then. I was elected to the Institute's board of directors in 2008, and served as president from 2010 to 2014. It's been an eye-opener for me to learn about the breadth and depth of the programs offered by WVIS and its satellites and the numbers of people they reach. It's also been fun to get to know the Institute's staff and fellow directors and spend time with them. Over the years, I've developed a close working relationship with the WVIS lawn mower, which I plan to continue to nurture with the return of temperate weather.