



Become part of a community

If you are a single woman looking for an enriching place to continue your spiritual journey, Benedictine Women of Madison invites you to care for the earth on the grounds of Holy Wisdom Monastery. Women between 20 and 50 years are encouraged to apply.

"It was so refreshing to take time out to simplify my life."

– Alda

Volunteer in Community at Holy Wisdom Monastery

Session I: June 14 - July 3, 2010

Session II: July 19-31, 2010

Apply for two weeks or more

Room and board are provided



Benedictine Women of Madison weaves prayer, hospitality, justice and care for the earth into daily life and ministry. It is a monastic community inspired by the Gospel and the Rule of Benedict, welcoming people of diverse views and cultures at Holy Wisdom Monastery. For more information about this unique eco-spiritual opportunity, contact Lynne at (608) 836-1631, ext. 198, lwsmith@benedictinewomen.org.

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Care for the earth

Volunteer in Community

A unique eco-spiritual opportunity for you to:

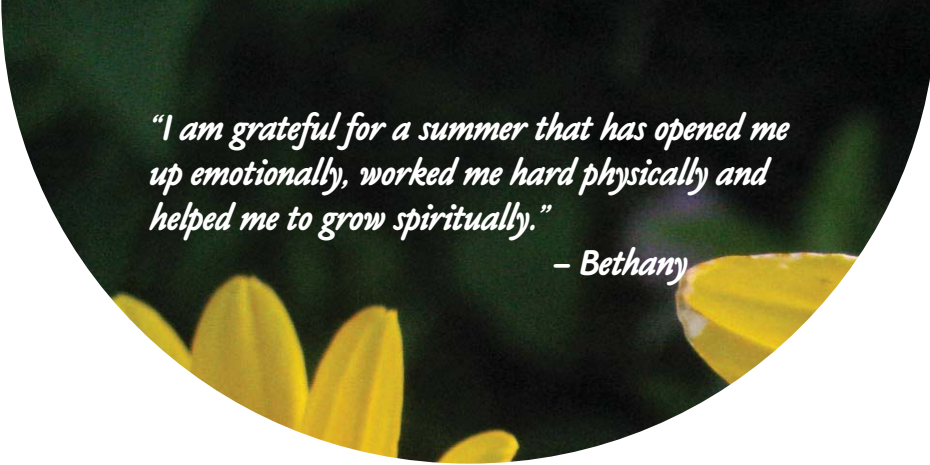
- work
- pray
- talk
- play
- learn



Let the rhythm of the monastery guide your day

Enjoy a refreshing routine and a sense of renewal as you share in the sisters' daily lives, including:

- Morning and evening centering prayer
- Morning, midday and evening community prayers
- Shared noon and evening meals
- Daily work schedule, Monday – Friday
- Group gatherings for spiritual exploration and discussion
- Personal time in the evenings and on Saturdays
- Sunday worship with the monastery's Sunday Assembly worshipping community



"I am grateful for a summer that has opened me up emotionally, worked me hard physically and helped me to grow spiritually."

– Bethany

Restore and care for the land

Come prepared for plenty of sunshine, a little rain, a few bugs, fresh air and varied temperatures. From tending gardens to pulling invasive species during your work time, you will perceive the sacred as you see the interconnectedness of life.

Deepen your prayer life

Life at Holy Wisdom Monastery is rooted in a rhythm of prayer. You will join the community's daily prayer, the heart of which is the sung and recited psalms with Scripture readings and times of silence. You may also discover renewal by resting in God through silent meditation in centering prayer or by engaging in a prayerful reading of Scriptures through Lectio Divina.

Talk, listen and share experiences

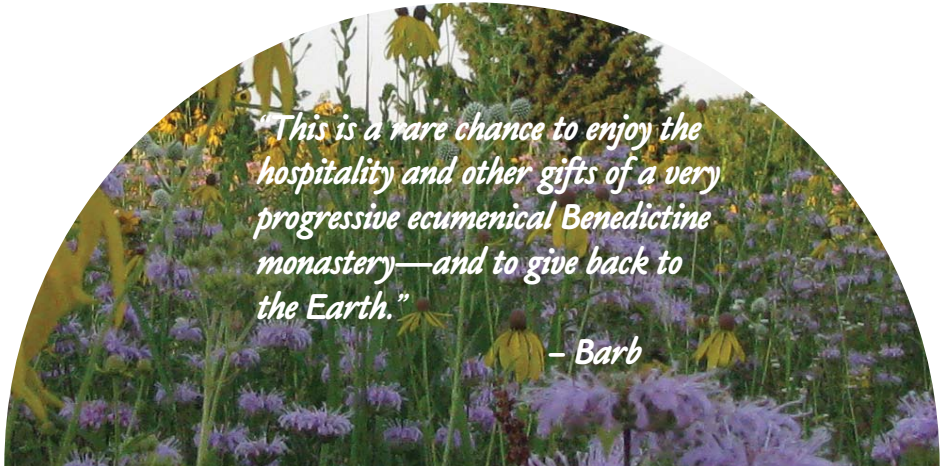
Develop a sense of community as you share meals and tasks with the sisters, co-workers, monastery guests and other volunteers. You will also grow with other volunteers in community as you come together each day to share the insights, struggles, joy and questions that are part of life's journey.

Take time to play

Enjoy yourself as you rest, run, meditate, read or explore the monastery grounds in free time on evenings and weekends. Eat pizza and watch a movie with other volunteers. Strike out for some fun in the city of Madison, from biking around one of the lakes to shopping on State Street or exploring the many art galleries.

Learn a practical spirituality

The *Rule of Benedict* was written in the sixth century; it still resonates as a guide for contemporary life. Together, we will explore some of the major themes in the *Rule* and how they fit into our busy lives today. You can anticipate becoming familiar with Benedictine monastic practices and new ways to find balance, simplicity and peace of mind through a recurring study of Benedict's *Rule*.



"This is a rare chance to enjoy the hospitality and other gifts of a very progressive ecumenical Benedictine monastery—and to give back to the Earth."

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