

Volunteer in
Community
at
Holy Wisdom Monastery
Madison, WI

June 18 - July 13, 2012

- Apply for 2 weeks or more
- Room and meals provided



Become part of a community

Our Benedictine community invites single Christian women to broaden their spirituality by sharing community life with us and caring for the earth on the grounds of Holy Wisdom Monastery, near Madison, Wisconsin. Continue your spiritual journey here.

"I felt free to spend time exploring myself while experiencing the joy of belonging to a community." -Betsy

Benedictine Women of Madison
Holy Wisdom Monastery



As Benedictine women, we weave prayer, hospitality, justice and care for the earth into daily life and ministry. We are a monastic community inspired by the Gospel and the *Rule of Benedict*, welcoming people of diverse views and cultures at Holy Wisdom monastery.

"You are encouraged to come as you are, and you will leave feeling renewed, refreshed and altogether complete." -Chelsea

For more information about this unique volunteer opportunity, contact Ann at 608-836-1631 x197 or amoyer@benedictinewomen.org.



Holy Wisdom Monastery

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Volunteers
at our monastery
don't pray all day...



They taste the Benedictine rhythm of work and prayer, learning and leisure, and live in community with women of different faith experiences

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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 community

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.



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

Deepen your prayer life

Life at Holy Wisdom Monastery is rooted in a rhythm of prayer. Join the community in daily prayer. At its heart is the singing of hymns and psalms and listening to the reading of Scripture. 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 work with the sisters, coworkers, monastery guests and other volunteers. Grow with other volunteers in community as you come together each day to share the insights, struggles, joy and questions that are part of your journey.

Take time to play

Renew, 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 attending a Concert on the Square or taking in a local baseball game.



Learn a practical spirituality

The *Rule of Benedict*, though written centuries ago, 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 give back to the earth." -Barb