



# *Holy Wisdom Monastery*

## **Gradual Reopening of Holy Wisdom Monastery**

Holy Wisdom Monastery is eager to welcome you back! For the health and well-being of our guests, volunteers, staff and sisters we are using a phased reopening plan that follows Centers for Disease Control and Wisconsin Council of Churches guidelines and the Forward Dane plan. The hermitages and Retreat and Guest House are now available for overnight stays. Meeting rooms are available at a reduced capacity of 50% (up to 10 people inside or 25 people outside) as is required by the July 1, 2020 restrictions added to phase 2 of the Forward Dane plan.

Go to the “Visit Holy Wisdom Monastery” page of our website for reservation information on group or personal retreats or meeting space: <https://benedictinewomen.org/visit/facilities-overview>

- If you’ve knowingly been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, visited a place or attended an event with high transmission rates in the past 14 days or are experiencing symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4 or higher, chills, fatigue, muscle pain or body aches, headache, congestion or runny nose, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea) that aren’t normal for you, please don’t visit at this time.

For your safety we are taking these additional steps:

- For at least the first 3 phases of the Forward Dane plan, the Monastery Building and Retreat and Guest are closed except to registered guests or by appointment.
- Masks are required to be worn by guests, volunteers, staff and sisters in the common areas of all buildings.
- We require all non-family individuals to practice physical distancing inside buildings and outside on the grounds.
- Highly touched surfaces are disinfected multiple times a day.
- All staff and volunteers have undergone COVID-19 prevention training.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes are available throughout the Monastery Building, Retreat and Guest House and hermitages.
- Lunch and dinner are now served plated instead of through a buffet, with 6 feet of social distancing required. Breakfast is included with any overnight stay, but is no longer self-serve and is delivered to your room.
- Currently Sunday Assembly worship is being live streamed for community members and is not being held in person. The monastic ritual team is evaluating when we may return to in person worship.

- Liturgy of the Hours daily prayer is resuming on a very limited basis. It is open to guests who have attended prayer in the past and to the communities of Holy Wisdom. If you would like to reserve a spot to attend prayer, please let Sister Denise West know the day and time of prayer you wish to attend. Sister Denise can be reached at [denisew@benedictinewomen.org](mailto:denisew@benedictinewomen.org), 608-836-1631, x197. There are only 4-6 spaces available per service for guests.

The trails continue to be open for walking and contemplation, but dogs are not allowed. Please visit <https://benedictinewomen.org/environment/hike-our-trails/> for more information or to download our new early summer wildflower walk brochure.

We are also starting to welcome back our volunteers. Currently there are land management and kitchen food prep volunteer opportunities. We are using social distancing, masks, and reduced volunteer numbers to help minimize any risk to volunteers. Contact Janet Neurauter, who can be reached at [jneurauter@benedictinewomen.org](mailto:jneurauter@benedictinewomen.org), 608-836-1631, x124, with your interest.

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