

Lay Cistercian Formation Survey

Your name: _____

Your Monastery: _____

1. How necessary is it for Lay Cistercians to participate in a formation program?
 extremely important moderately important of little importance

2. In your opinion what should be included in a formation program for Lay Cistercians (please add any topics you feel are missing from this list)

<input type="checkbox"/> Cistercian Charism	<input type="checkbox"/> Rule of Benedict	<input type="checkbox"/> Contemplation/Prayer
<input type="checkbox"/> Imitation of Christ	<input type="checkbox"/> Divine Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Lectio Divina
<input type="checkbox"/> Commitment	<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> Humility
<input type="checkbox"/> Discernment	<input type="checkbox"/> Scripture	<input type="checkbox"/> Obedience
<input type="checkbox"/> Conversion	<input type="checkbox"/> Psalms	<input type="checkbox"/> Silence and Solitude
<input type="checkbox"/> Community	<input type="checkbox"/> Asceticism	<input type="checkbox"/> Cistercian History
<input type="checkbox"/> Stability	<input type="checkbox"/> Work and prayer	<input type="checkbox"/> Simplicity and Poverty
<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

3. Which of the following best describes your group's formation program:
 - a. our group has a strong formation program in place
 - b. our group has an adequate formation program in place
 - c. our group's formation program is weak
 - d. our group has no formation program at this time
 - e. I am not aware of our group's formation program

4. What is the **primary** method used to provide formation for your group:
 books, tapes, on-line resources
 regular teaching presentations at meetings
 retreat conferences
 discussion/reading groups
 don't know

5. How is your monastic community involved in providing formation for Lay Cistercians (mark all that apply)
 - a. one monastic is in charge of providing formation instruction
 - b. formation topics are taught by a variety of monastics
 - c. formation topics are taught by lay persons
 - d. monastics provide guidance and oversight for formation
 - e. our monastery is not able to provide formation to lay Cistercians
 - f. other:

6. In your opinion how important is it for monastic communities to be involved in some way in providing formation to Lay Cistercians?
___ extremely important ___ moderately important ___ of little importance

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey. Please feel free to add any comments or suggestions on the other side of this page.