

## 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.*