

## MEMBER PROFILE

"What I enjoy most about the Companionship is just that – the companionship of amazing, faithful women on our spiritual journeys. I look forward to seeing them each month and have learned so much from them."

You might say I meditated my way to Companions. I was searching for a group of women with a long-term commitment to spiritual growth. I noticed two of the authors in my meditation book were members of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross.

As anyone would do, I googled and devoured everything I could find. For some reason, my search kept taking me to a page called "Adelynrood." I finally sorted that out as the group's retreat center. Everything I read said to me, "this is what you've been looking for!" With a few links, I got to the Northwest Chapter and was warmly greeted as a visitor.

A highlight of my Discerner time was attending a Companion Conference at Adelynrood. I met and learned from so many wonderful women who opened themselves to me, sharing their struggles and victories. I also enjoyed the regular meetings with my two sponsors. The three of us are quite different, but they took me into their hearts right away.

Being a Companion has helped me develop regular practices of prayer and study. I've established a daily morning ritual of prayer, using the resources of the Companions. My devotional life, which was haphazard, is now a deep commitment as part of being a Companion.

My advice to any woman looking for a faith-based women's group? Come visit and see! You'll find as warm a welcome as I did. You can see what we are all about. You'll meet some amazing women. I hope you'll find that Companions is what you are seeking.



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