



**Possible bursary/grant funding towards events organised by
The Community for Spiritual Formation**

We recognise that the cost of attending residential Community for Spiritual Formation events is high; this is inevitable when a retreat involves 3 or 5 days of full board in a comfortable retreat centre and with input from internationally-known speakers. Due to the nature of the retreat – with the importance of times of silence – we endeavour to provide everyone with a single room, which also adds to the cost.

However, we hope very much that no-one would be prevented from attending the Community because of costs, so we do encourage you to seek possible grant funding or bursaries towards the cost.

- **District Training and Church Funds.** If you are a Methodist, do speak to your District Chair or Training Officer as there is often money in district training funds which could be made available to part-fund the costs. Also very often if the district gives a grant, the local circuit or church might be willing to match-fund, or to give a donation regardless of the district's position. [Methodist Women in Britain](#) may also have funds locally or connexionally if you are involved in some way.
- **Other Churches:** Other denominations may have similar channels to which you could apply e.g. if you are in leadership within a church in some way (e.g. in youth work or women's groups,).

The Society of Retreat Conductors has specifically said that it will consider applications for a part-bursary towards the Community for Spiritual Formation. You can find out more about the process and how to apply at <http://thesrc.org.uk/index.php/grants/>

In any such application you may find the following wording from the Community flier helpful with regard to the aims of the Community:

Through a programme of worship, teaching, silence, and reflection based on a Benedictine monastic pattern

The Community for Spiritual Formation

creates transformative space for people to be in communion
with God, self, others, and creation for the sake of the world.

Paying by instalments:

Another way of spreading the cost of the Community would be to pay in instalments. For information about this please contact the Community treasurer via fivedaycsf@btinternet.com