

Our Mission and Vision

The Companions of St. Luke (CSL) was formed to exemplify Benedictine spirituality and practices under the Rule of St. Benedict in a manner consistent with the times in which we live. We are committed to the rule's core tenet of "preferring nothing whatever to Christ."

Our mission and vision, empowered by the Holy Spirit, continues to be a life devoted to Christ in continuous prayer, in sacred reading, and in service.

In the spirit of our Patron, St. Luke, we help to bring to a wounded world healing and love through our prayers and by seeing Christ in all persons.

The Companions of St. Luke (CSL) is a dispersed community with members living throughout the United States and beyond. We are united by our love of Jesus Christ and are committed to living into the Rule and Vows of St. Benedict.

We invite you to learn more about us! See www.csl-osb.org



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The Companions of St Luke

**A non-residential
Benedictine Community in the
Episcopal Church**



***Serving God
Where We Live
and Work***

Who We Are

The Companions of St. Luke (CSL), founded in 1992, is a Christian community of men and women formed under the Canons of The Episcopal Church and is a society in communion with the See of Canterbury.

The community includes about fifty members: 70% are professed members and 30% are oblates. Some of us are married, some partnered, some single; some are young, some older. Each member brings to CSL the wisdom we have acquired from our varied life experiences, our relationships with families and friends, worshiping in our home churches, working at our jobs, and enjoying our special interests and hobbies.

As a dispersed community, the Companions, though separated by geography, are centered by Christ, united through the Holy Spirit, and guided by God – our source of All.

We are committed to fulfilling our three-fold Benedictine vows, defined by monastics over the ages. We are called to embrace these vows as our own as we listen to God and one another with open hearts and minds and pursue a way of life often viewed as countercultural.

"I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26



Our Benedictine Vows

Stability. Prayer and study designed to be followed on a regular, daily basis – wherever we are – establish a stable pattern of life that nourishes our community and our members on their Way.

Obedience: From the Latin, obedire, "to listen", obedience is an act of love (not coercion) by listening and responding to God's voice, to the CSL superior, and to fellow brothers and sisters.

Conversatio Morum Suorum: Fidelity to monastic life begins and ends each day in prayer. The work of God converts our lives from ones with many compartments to integrated lives anchored in Christ by God's love.

Spiritual Practices

Our community was formed to express Benedictine spirituality in a way consistent with our times. The commitment to CSL's mission of being Benedictines as a dispersed community includes a life devoted to Christ in continuous prayer, in lectio divina (sacred reading), and in service.

Opus Dei. Nothing is to be preferred to the work of God (Opus Dei) that includes individual and communal prayer and, when possible, participation at the Eucharist. Our professed members vow to be bound to the recitation of the four-fold Divine Office and oblates promise their recitation of Matins and Vespers from the Divine Office. Each member is to set aside some quiet place for prayer and meditation.

Lectio Divina. This special type of sacred reading is inseparable from our personal prayer and meditation. We are to set aside ample time for both.

Service. Our ministries will take various forms as we are called to serve as witnesses for the Benedictine way of life in our local communities and beyond. And, in the spirit of our patron, St. Luke, we all bring healing to a wounded world through our prayers and mindful action.