## Lydia’s House Associates Program Application

*Solidarity Spirituality Social Justice Simplicity Hospitality*

“Hospitality reminds people that they are sisters and brothers, children of God, dependent on others and capable of being depended on by others. It is not a specialized work, requiring scientific training. It is something for everyone to practice according to the measure they are able to do so. The charm of hospitality, because it is peculiarly human, appeals to all people… It is not surprising that often God should use the hospitality people give each other as an instrument of God's grace.” – John Cogley, The Catholic Worker, October 1947

## Section I – Personal Information

Name: Today’s Date:

Address:

Phone: (Day) (Night)

Email:

Age: Date of birth:

In case of accident or illness, please contact: (name)

(phone)

What is your current living situation (job, school, etc.)?

What future plans or commitments do you have?

How is your health? Do you have any physical, mental, or addictive issues that we should be aware of?

Do you have any outstanding financial commitments that would make living at Lydia’s House difficult?

Are you able to commit to serve at Lydia’s House from January 2018-January 2019?

## Section II – Personal Reflection

Please reflect on the following questions, using as much space as needed.

1. Have you lived in community before? If so, please describe. What did you learn from it?
2. Please describe the most meaningful volunteer experience you have had in the last few years. Who were you with? What were you doing? How did it change you?
3. List any experiences you have had working, studying, or living with people of a different class, race, or nationality from your own.
4. What communities are you currently a part of? This can include church, family, organization, or work place.
5. What role do prayer, meditation, and rest have in your life?

## Section III – Faith Journey

Please write your "Faith Journey.” This should be approximately 4 - 5 typed pages in length, double-spaced, and should describe the development of your spirituality over time. The following questions might be helpful to you as you consider your own history.

1. What are your present beliefs and present doubts? How does spirituality look in your own life?
2. How have family background, education, and church affiliation influenced your faith pilgrimage?
3. What other life experiences have had significant impact on your beliefs?
4. What meaning does the Gospel as "good news to the poor" have in your own theology?
5. What is your understanding of the political nature of the Gospel?
6. At this point in your life, are you experiencing a particular call or vocation?
7. Why are you interested in volunteering at Lydia’s House? How might spending a year as a Lydia’s House Associate Volunteer impact your faith journey?

*E-mail completed applications to* [*info@stlydiashouse.org*](mailto:info@stlydiashouse.org)*. Within 72 hours, we will confirm that it was received. Feel free to direct any questions to the same email address. Thank you for your application!*