

TRANSFORMATIVE TECH

Navigating AI in Spiritual Formation

A One-day Online Workshop

Saturday, May 2nd 2026

Cultivating Spiritual Discernment in an AI-Shaped World



When we reach for an AI answer before appropriate reflection, technology is already shaping our spiritual formation — quietly and persistently and often without us even realizing it.

The deeper concern is not the new tools in themselves, but the kind of people we are becoming as we use them. This workshop invites pastors, ministry leaders, spiritual directors and attentive Christians to move beyond a reactive stance and toward a life of spiritual growth and discernment.



Together, we can learn to engage these tools thoughtfully and ethically, ensuring our formation remains grounded in Christ and the word of God.

During This Workshop, You Will:

- Examine AI through a biblical, theological and historical lens so that you can name what AI is quietly shaping in your life — and respond with intention
- Clarify what AI may support—and what it must never replace
- Practice using AI tools in a congenial and prayerful setting — designed for every level of experience
- Develop a personal discernment guide for navigating AI in your spiritual formation practice and ministry



Participants leave with:

A deeper insight into the benefits of AI, clear language for thoughtful conversation, and a settled confidence in guiding others in the midst of its accelerating development. Meet the presenters on the next page.

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(Early Bird Special Available thru April 18th)

Presenters

About the instructors

Dr. Larry Hinkle

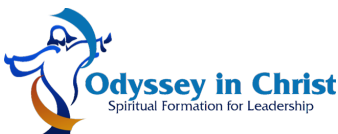


Larry Hinkle, DMin, DAsD, ACS is the founding director of Odyssey in Christ — Spiritual Formation for Leadership (OdysseyinChrist.org), an international ministry dedicated to deep spiritual renewal and transformative leadership formation.

With more than 40 years of pastoral experience, Larry serves as Elder Emeritus within Grace Communion International and teaches Spiritual Formation at Grace Communion Seminary. He also teaches classes in Transformative Spirituality at the Philippine Missionary Institute.

Larry holds a Doctorate in Formational Counseling, master's degrees in Latin American Studies, Counseling, and Religion, and certifications in Spiritual Direction and Executive Coaching. His life's work centers on helping pastors, leaders, and spiritual directors cultivate deeper awareness of God's presence, grow in spiritual discernment, and live faithfully within their unique calling.

In this workshop, Larry brings together decades of theological depth, pastoral wisdom, and spiritually formative practice to help you engage artificial intelligence thoughtfully — not reactively — and with grounded spiritual clarity. Drawing on the wisdom of historic Christian formation practices alongside emerging technological realities, he invites participants to explore how spiritual attentiveness, discernment, and wise leadership can guide faithful engagement with new tools shaping modern life. Rather than treating technology as either threat or savior, Larry helps leaders develop a spiritually grounded framework for thoughtful use—one that protects the primacy of human formation in Christ while equipping ministries to navigate the rapidly changing digital landscape with wisdom, humility, and hope.



About the instructors

Steve Solari



Steve has been using computers in school since the mid-80s. His father brought home a Macintosh Plus in 1989 and he actually *read the manual*. Later he would read every Mac "Tips and Tricks" book he could get his hands on and was Option-Command-Shifting his way through middle school. In high school and college he was forced to learn a foreign language, so he chose Windows. Eventually he landed a job doing tech support for a medical software consulting company and moved up to Support Manager and eventually Operations Manager.

Alongside this growing technical background, his vocational journey also led him into pastoral ministry. He served a small congregation north of Dallas, Texas, focusing his ministry on spiritual formation and community outreach. In seminary, Steve met Dr. Hinkle as one of his professors and they kept in touch due to their mutual focus on spiritual formation practices.

While in Texas, he re-wired the church for public Wi-Fi during COVID, managed networks and A/V, built websites for ministries, and designed a nonprofit database supporting at-risk families facing homelessness and poverty.

Today, Steve dabbles in Javascript programming, plays drums pretty well, plays guitar pretty badly, and enjoys all kinds of creative pursuits from woodworking to comedy writing. He continues to study Linux as a third language, and volunteers as the Operations Manager for Odyssey in Christ while running an independent computer consulting company in the Nashville area. His company focuses on helping companies, churches, and nonprofits that restore health, wholeness, and personal agency. He uses artificial intelligence on a daily basis and believes like any tool, it works best when we understand deeply how to use it effectively and how to implement it within ethical boundaries.