

TELLING OUR STORIES

First off, this is an entirely **voluntary** activity.

The purpose of “Sharing our Stories” is chiefly to **build community**. Since many of us participate chiefly on Zoom, we have to strive harder than most faith communities who are made up of local members. Have you found yourself scratching your head trying to recall someone’s name you just saw at Sunday liturgy, or confusing the person with someone else who looks similar or has the same first name? Knowing more than a first name can help!

The attached questionnaire is intended to be an aide in writing /telling your story. You can add to, or subtract from these questions, keeping in mind that it is entirely up to you what you feel comfortable sharing with our faith community. The written or video contributions will be limited to sharing only within CSH. A limited amount of personal sharing can create a network of bridges among members, that are built largely upon trust. Trust is undoubtedly what makes a faith community more than just a social club.

- It is the intent of CSH to save all written and video stories shared. If at any time, you wish to “recall” your entries, you may request to have them deleted. The written entries will be featured over time in our newsletter. If you would like to include a picture of yourself with your entry, and/or your contact information, that will be helpful, but is discretionary.
 - There is no deadline. If you wish to delay participating until a future date, you can. You may choose **oral and/or** written formats to tell your story: A **written** format should be shared as a Word document like .docx, sent to the email address of CSH: worship@hildegardhaus.com
- These will not be edited by anyone after you send them.

If you wish to include contact information, you are invited, but not required to do so. If you do, please include it at the end of your written entry. This information will only be available to CSH.

- Personal contact information you may want to include is:
 - First and Last Name, Spouse’s name if desired
 - email address
 - phone numbers, mobile and/or landline
 - mailing address
- A **video** format would be a Zoom interview of 15-20 min., scheduled with Pat Firem, at a mutually agreeable time. The interview will be stored in the “cloud storage” of CSH. These videos will not be transcribed into written format, other than what you yourself wish to submit.
- For the Zoom interview, you may like to have some articles displayed like your home altar, or icon corner. You can show your favorite hobby, or books you are reading. No need to look like a job interview!

QUESTIONS TO INSPIRE YOUR STORY

* These questions are only intended to be a **guide** in your writing/telling of your story. Feel free to omit any or substitute other questions. Written format should be in the form of a Word document, with a suggested length of 1 page, single spaced, with paragraph divisions. Zoom interviews will be limited to 20 minutes. **You can do either format or both.** Or you can opt out totally.

1. What attracted you to CSH?
2. Do you live local to CSH? If you rely mostly on Zoom to participate, what else could help you to feel more apart of this faith community?
3. Can you comment briefly about your past or present career or training in a particular field?
4. How do your spouse, children, parents, or other family members (in-laws?) feel about your participation in a faith community led by a woman priest? Is this a choice about which you are silent or are challenged at family gatherings?
5. What is/are some thing(s) you are passionate about?
6. What is something(s) that that others don't know about you that you would like to share with other community members?
7. What talent(s) or training do you have that you feel you could share with CSH? This could also be a hobby/hobbies.

* To schedule a **video interview via Zoom**, please email Pat Firem at pmfirem@gmail.com and include several times of the day or evening, including weekends, during which you are often available. A time will be mutually decided.