

Cherry Hill Seminary

Report to Covenant of the Goddess, July 2017

Cherry Hill Seminary is grateful for the ongoing support of Covenant of the Goddess members, making possible year-round distance education for leadership, ministry and personal growth, including open short courses called Insights, certificates and graduate degrees. Key activities in the past year:

- Launch of the Community Ministry Certificate, a 15-month self-directed program with assigned faculty mentor covering the topics essential to spiritual leadership. No degree is required, and at this time Sacred Well Congregation will accept the CMC in lieu of its education as part of an application to become clergy.
- A book publishing the papers presented at the spring 2016 The Greening of Religions: Hope in the Eye of the Storm symposium is nearly ready for release.
- We continue to receive inquiries and fill orders every week for Pagan Life Academy lessons, created especially for incarcerated Pagans.
- Joan Ouimette of Vermont was awarded her Master of Divinity degree.
- We have launched the first completely asynchronous and self-directed short course, Effective Web Site Development, and plan to release more courses as we can build them.
- The board of directors has just begun a new strategic planning effort. The 2017 board is actively working on our accreditation application (still a several-year process).
- We have seen positive though modest growth in the past year. Most students say they find us by searching online for “pagan education.” Increases in students, as well as charitable contributions, are important to our stability and sustainability.

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