

T4 Registration Information

To: Benedictine Religious Superiors
(Prioress, Abbess, Abbots, Priors)

Some of you may be aware of the *Wisdom Connections T4* program that has been in place for 3 years now and was funded by a generous grant. That grant is over as of December 1 this year and the program is being opened up as a membership-based program. **It is important for you to read the complete email in order to learn how you can become a part of this exciting project.**

What is T4? The official name is *Wisdom Connections: Timeless Traditions - Technological Times*, T4 for short. It is a Benedictine Formation program which uses technology to provide formation classes and connect newer members and their formation directors with each other across the country. **It is for internal use [only]** by Benedictine communities for initial and ongoing formation (See *T4 Rules & Regulations* on the membership form).

The T4 program includes the following:

1. **Access to the T4 secure digital library** with presentations by Benedictine scholars such as Abbot Primate Gregory Polan, Fr. Jerome Kodell, Fr. Terrence Kardong, Sister Irene Nowell, Sister Ephrem Hollarman, Sister Joan Chittister, and many more. Some topics include Benedictine History, Liturgy of the Hours, Profession/Vows, Rule of St. Benedict, Scripture, Benedictine Spirituality, and Personal Awareness/Development. There are currently over 250 videos in the library with 40 different presenters.
2. **Access to biographies** of the presenters, including titles and descriptions to all presentations s/he has in the T4 library.
3. **Access to handouts** for presentations, and any other support documents provided by the presenters. These can be printed out or saved electronically and used for classes.
4. **Access to a full list of all presentations** in the T4 library with clickable links that will take you directly to the bios, videos, and handouts. This document is updated as videos are added to the library.
5. **Access to T4 specific instructional materials** including a T4 Technology Handbook and homemade videos showing how to use various parts of T4.
6. **Opportunity** for your initial formation members and initial formation directors **to participate in T4 Relationship Building groups** using a video conferencing program called Zoom. These groups are organized by T4 volunteer committee members and run by T4 volunteer moderators. (See *T4 Rules & Regulations* on the membership form)
7. **Access to T4-specific technical support** (must be English-speaking).
8. **Access to a shared Dropbox folder** with all the resources you need to use the T4 program. NOTE: You do NOT need a Dropbox account to use this resource.
9. **Video editing** for [approved] presentations that your members might choose to donate to the T4 library (must be in English).
10. **A 1-2 day in-person T4 orientation and training** in English (added expense - see *T4 Rules & Regulations on the Membership Form* for details). NOTE: This may not be available for all members depending on location and timing.

What will this service cost my community if we chose to become a member?

The T4 membership fee is \$500 US dollars per year due every December 1st. You will have the option of paying multiple years, up to 3 years, if you wish. If you do, the \$500 fee is locked in for those years even if it goes up or down in coming years. No matter when you pay the fee, the membership year ends November 30 and begins December 1. There are no late fees, nor will the membership fee be prorated.

This fee will grant you access to the T4 resources listed above. On the membership form you will find *T4 Rules & Regulations* which need to be read carefully, as you will be signing stating that you agree to abide by them. **You will need to download the membership form from there. You can fill it out on the computer then print it or print it and fill it out by hand.**

The website address is: www.wisdomconnectionst4.org/new

The web browsers Google Chrome or FireFox work best - Internet Explorer does not. **You will need a user name and pw to access the T4 Member's Site.** This will be provided to you with your paid membership. For now, if you wish to explore the site, you can access it using the User Name: testingt4 and PW: Exploring (exactly as typed here). NOTE that these will be changed late-December. Paid T4 members will

be assigned their own unique username and pw. It is a good idea for your to explore the T4 site and resources and make sure you have the internet capability to utilize the program before you pay the membership fee.

If perchance you are not the person who should have received this email, please, please forward it to your superior and/or formation director to discern your desire to join the T4 program with all it's amazing resources. When your ready, please complete the membership form and mail it to me. NOTE: Membership must be paid in U.S. Dollars. Once I receive this will then be in touch with your T4 contact person with your new username and pw.

If you have questions, or need further information, please contact me.
I look forward to working with you in the future!

God bless,
Sister Michelle

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