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Rationale for Residency at a Grail Center

A residential core at a Grail Center exists for purposes of community, hospitality, residential and non-residential programming, and practicality.

It supports a living presence to express the values of the Grail related to the four foci through community and hospitality; it continues the legacy of residency at Grail centers.

For those Grail members who have lived in a Grail Center the important reality is what we have **lived**—learning from each other, about the Grail, about community, about the world, and sharing the wealth of knowledge that comes from being together with others. Living together is far beyond and deeper than programming or staffing; the deeper dwelling is so important—the oneness of teaching and learning, educated with and by each other.

This lived experience is what is shared with others who are drawn to the center, be it programming, gathering, hospitality, prayer and spirituality or social action. In practice, some of the residents may combine careers with residency, sharing responsibility for the center in different ways while contributing financially to the upkeep of the center and its functions. There can be different ways/types of residency: a person may come for a shorter or longer period, agreed upon in advance; or someone may have a particular role at the center for a more extended period. A person might be in need of a time of reflection and rest. Another might be a student.

We would look for residency to be an expression of community at this Grail Center.

Hospitality is another important value of a Grail Center. Without a lived presence in the form of residents, this value is likely to be lost. A residential core would be a welcoming hospitable manifestation of Grail values and vision.