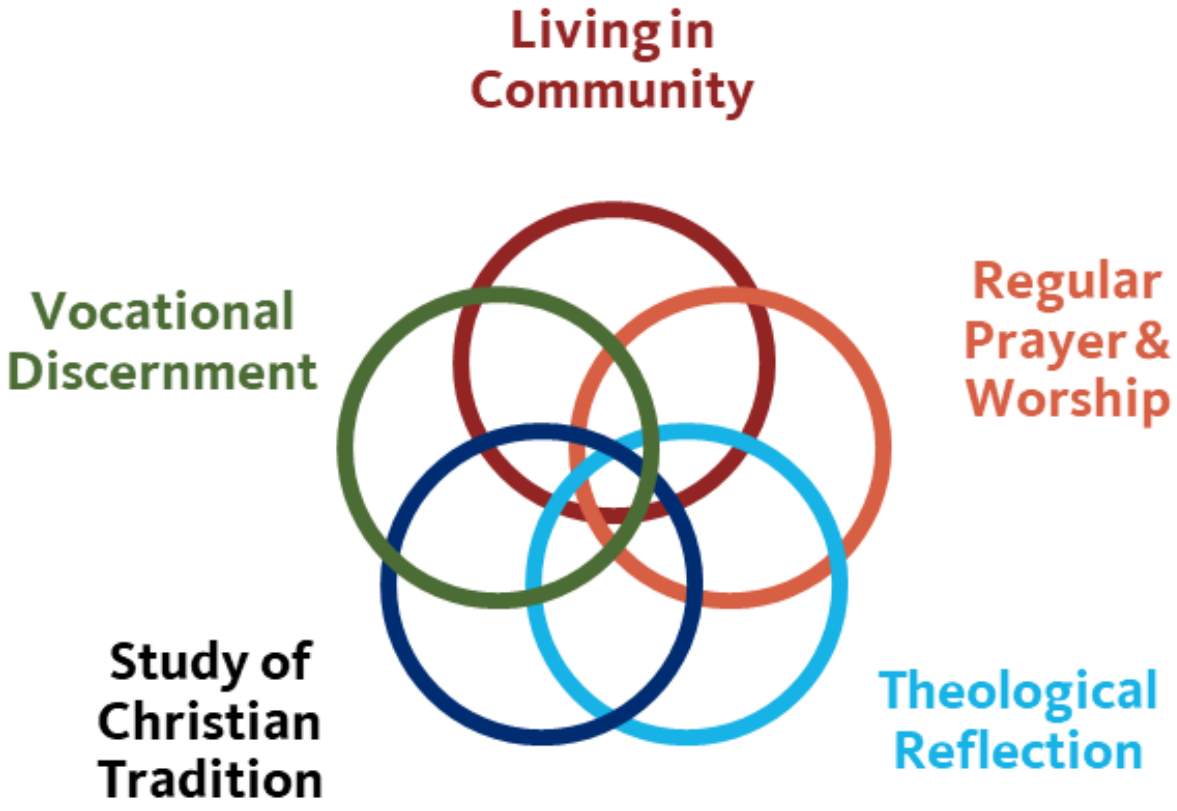
Education for Ministry: What it is? Is it for me?

Education for Ministry or EfM, recently celebrated its 51st year of ministry as the longest adult formation program in the Episcopal Church. It is much more than a Bible study. It is small-group community building as well as a learning and reflective activity. This graphic shows the Core Practices of EfM.



Two major practices that set the tone for EfM are Spiritual Autobiographies (Living in Community), which sets the tone for the year as we get to know each other, and Theological Reflection which helps us find God in our everyday experiences, scripture and contemporary culture.

EfM has two options: **EfM Classic** which is the four-year program of study which has been in place for EfM's entire history and **Wide Angle,** a new offering which is a one-year overview. EfM Classic focus is Year One—Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament), Year Two—Christian Scripture (New Testament), Year Three—Church History, and Year Four—Ethics and Spirituality. Wide

Angle is designed for people who want to sample the curriculum but are not ready to make a commitment to EfM Classic, the 4-year program, or EfM grads who want to see what the new curriculum is all about. My experience is that several people completing the Wide-Angle option have opted to enroll in EfM Classic. All years engage in the Core Practices pictured above.

EfM is life-altering-small-group learning and the Diocese of Nebraska has many EfM graduates. In Nebraska, we offer EfM in person groups in Omaha, Lincoln, and soon, Columbus/Norfolk area, or via Zoom. If you are interested in learning more about EfM, you can check it out on Facebook at LINKTR.EE/EFM.SEWANEE.EDU or on DioNeb's webpage at https://www.dioneb.org/Ministries/education-for-ministry.html#gsc.tab=0 . You can also text or email Sandra Squires, EfM Coordinator, at 402-536-9781 or sandrasquires1@icloud.com to find a group that works for you or a friend.