

Adult Education: 2020-2021

The Adult Formation & Education program at St John's is about to begin! As usual, there will be book discussions, Quiet Days, and other small group activities. We will, however, be shifting from an in-person format to primarily meeting online, via Zoom or in closed Facebook groups. While there are negatives to not being physically together, operating primarily online opens up a range of possibilities for enhanced learning and formation as part of a small group or as individuals. Much of this will be supported by our parish website.

More details will be forthcoming, but for now here is a brief preview of the 2020-21 program year.

Love of Neighbor

We'll be starting off somewhat earlier than usual with a video and discussion series from the Episcopal Church called **SACRED GROUND**, which is designed to create space for difficult but respectful dialogue on race and racism. It invites participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. Late August – October.

The Bush Was Blazing but Not Consumed: Developing a Multicultural Community Through Dialogue and Liturgy, Eric Law. Advent.

Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community, Martin Luther King, Jr. Epiphany.

Christianity: Basics and Beyond

A Journey with Mark: 50-Day Bible Challenge. Mid-September. (*See note below for ordering books.)

Reading the Good Book Well: A Guide to Biblical Interpretation, Jerry Camery-Hoggatt. Epiphany.

The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Lent.

Living on the Border of the Holy, William Countryman. Lent.

Christian Thought: a monthly discussion of foundational texts. Advent – Pentecost

The Gospel of Mark: Ignatian Meditation. Weekly. Epiphany – Pentecost.

Anglicanism

Anglican Snippets: a weekly presentation on Anglican theology, history, ecclesiology, and saints. Advent
– Pentecost.

Opportunity to become more involved with Adult Formation & Education at St John's:

The proposed adult formation program for the coming year is both ambitious and out of the ordinary, not only for taking place primarily online for the foreseeable future but because we will be attempting to target a range of audiences. Our parish family consists of those new to Anglicanism and perhaps to Christianity, as well as those who could rightfully be considered

biblical scholars. Most of us, of course, fall somewhere in the middle in our knowledge and experience of the Anglican path to God. If you are intrigued by this, **we need your participation**. Please consider joining our adult formation advisory committee, which will help plan and oversee the program and website. Or perhaps you would enjoy researching and presenting on some aspect of either Anglicanism or Christian writings or leading a book discussion. We welcome ideas for other topics. If interested in sharing your time and talent toward this important ministry, contact Pat Sprague at **formation@stjohnsbangor.org**.