



EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY ONLINE SEMINAR FORMING FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a program to develop reflective practitioners of Jesus Christ. EfM offers the faithful and the curious an opportunity to encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences in the world. Seminar participants study, worship and engage in theological reflection together in a weekly seminar format over 36 weeks.

The four-year curriculum, to which members commit one year at a time, covers a close reading of the Old Testament (Year 1), the New Testament (Year 2), a history of world-wide Christianity (Year 3), and a consideration of theology, contemporary ethics, and interfaith dialogue (Year 4). Integrated into the study of Christianity, are exercises in theological reflection, spiritual autobiography, prayer life, systematic theology, and ministry.

Founded in 1975, the program was developed, and remains housed, at the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Now, nearing its 50th year, EM seminars are situated throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, and other countries.

EfM Seminars are facilitated by mentors who are trained in the process of leading the seminar and facilitating theological reflections. Karen Byers (Diocese of Western Massachusetts) and Steve Isham (Diocese of Vermont) co-mentor this seminar on Zoom. Both are experienced mentors and are trainers in the program. If you are interested, you may reach out to either one of us: kdbyers@comcast.net or stevenisham@charter.net.

Key Information:

Time: Monday afternoons 2:30pm – 5:00 pm (ET)

Dates in 2022-2023 (36 weeks): Sep 12 – Dec 19 2022; Jan 9 - June 5 2023

Participants: 6-10 (a minimum of 6 are required to form the seminar).

Cost: \$325. (Participants will separately obtain the textbooks for the program. The tuition fee includes the Reading and Reflection Guide.)

More info:

- <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>
- Facebook: EFM Education for Ministry
- <https://www.diocesewma.org/education-for-ministry/>