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*A unique four-year distance learning  
certificate program in theological  
education sponsored by Sewanee,  
The University of the South, based  
upon small-group study and practice.*



# Efm

E D U C A T I O N F O R M I N I S T R Y

# CORE PRACTICES

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- Living in Community
- Regular Prayer and Worship
- Theological Reflection
- Study of the Christian Tradition
- Vocational Discernment

*EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.*



# THE PROGRAM

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- Year One: The Hebrew Bible

*A Short Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.* by John J. Collins

*The Hebrew Bible: Feminist and Intersectional Perspectives*, edited by Gale Yee.

- Year Two: The New Testament

*Introducing the New Testament*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. by Mark Allan Powell

*The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine.

- Year Three: Church History

*Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years* by Diarmaid MacCulloch

- Year Four: Theology Ethics, and Interfaith Encounter

*Theology: A Very Short Introduction* by David Ford.

*Mysteries of Faith* by Mark McIntosh.

*The Christian Moral Life: Practices of Piety* by Timothy F. Sedgwick.

*My Neighbor's Faith* edited by Jennifer Howe Peace, Or N. Rose, and Gregory Mobley.



# THE EfM CURRICULUM

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## THE READING & REFLECTION GUIDE: 2024-2025

### *Volume D: Living into the Journey with God*

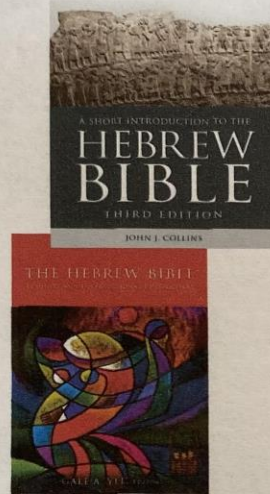
- *Unit One: Spiritual Autobiography and Listening*
- *Unit Two: Theological Reflection as a Life Skill*
- *Unit Three: Developing a Sustaining Spirituality*
- *Unit Four: Integrating Belief, Behavior, and Doctrine*
- *Unit Five: Vocation*

## EfM Reading Texts 2021-2025

### **Year One: The Hebrew Bible**

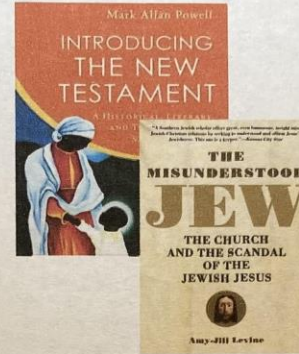
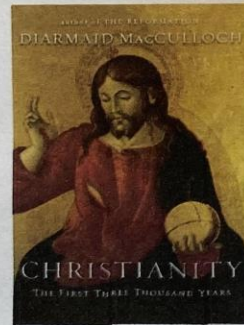
A Short Introduction to the  
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& Intersectional Perspectives  
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### **Year Three: Christian History**

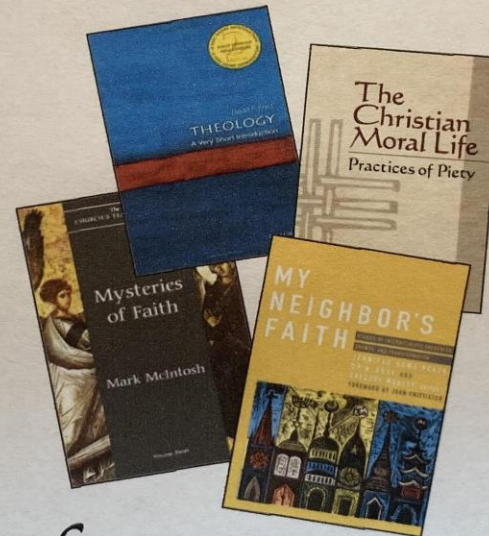
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The Misunderstood Jew:  
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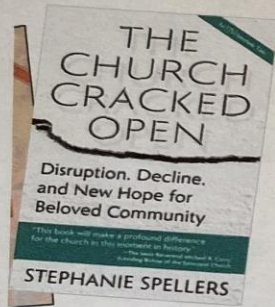


## EfM Reading and Reflection Guides

**A: Living Faithfully in Your World    B: Living Faithfully in a Multicultural World**

**C: Living as Spiritually Mature Christians    D: Living into the Journey with God**

### EfM Interlude Texts



#### **Volume A (2021-2022)**

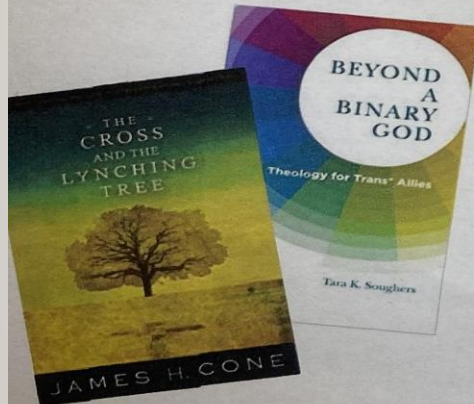
*The Dream of God*  
by Verna Dozier

*The Church Cracked Open*  
by Stephanie Spellers

#### **Volume B (2022-2023)**

*Reading the Bible  
from the Margins*  
by Miguel A. De La Torre

*Healing Our Broken  
Humanity*  
by Grace Ji-Sun Kim &  
Graham Hill



#### **Volume C (2023-2024)**

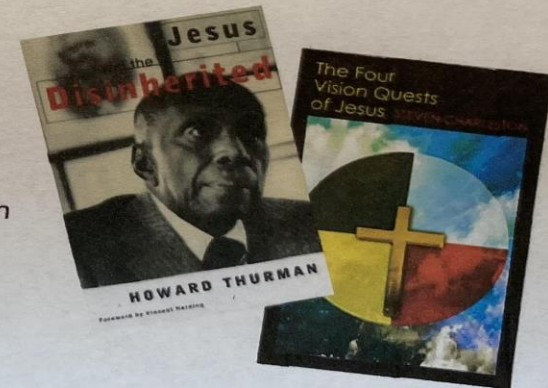
*The Cross and  
the Lynching Tree*  
by James H. Cone

*Beyond a Binary God*  
by Tara K. Soughers

#### **Volume D (2024-2025)**

*Jesus and the  
Disinherited*  
by Howard Thurman

*The Four Vision  
Quests of Jesus*  
by Steven Charleston



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# THE SEMINAR GROUP

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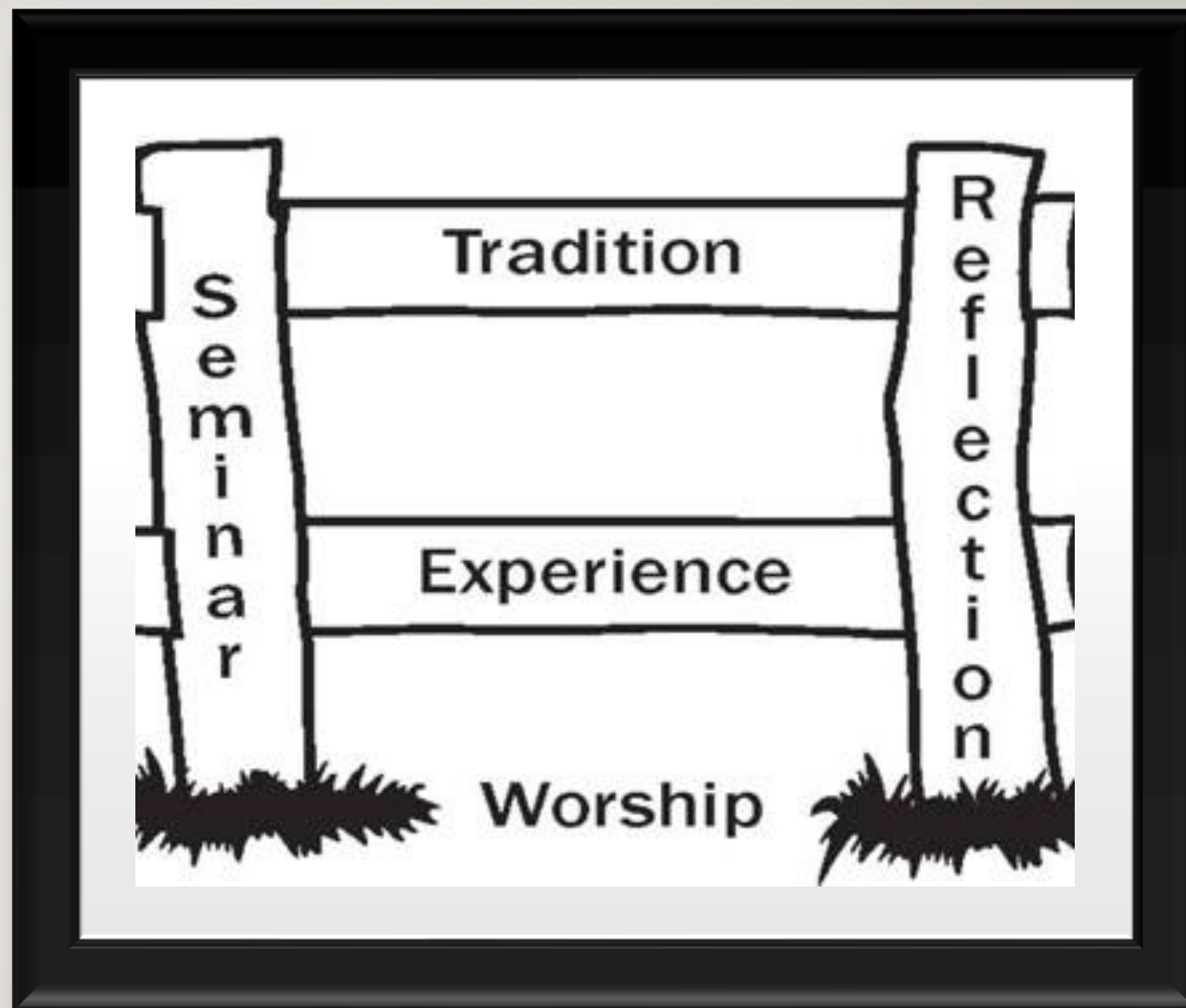
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Discuss Readings

Break: Refreshment

Theological Reflection

Closing Prayer

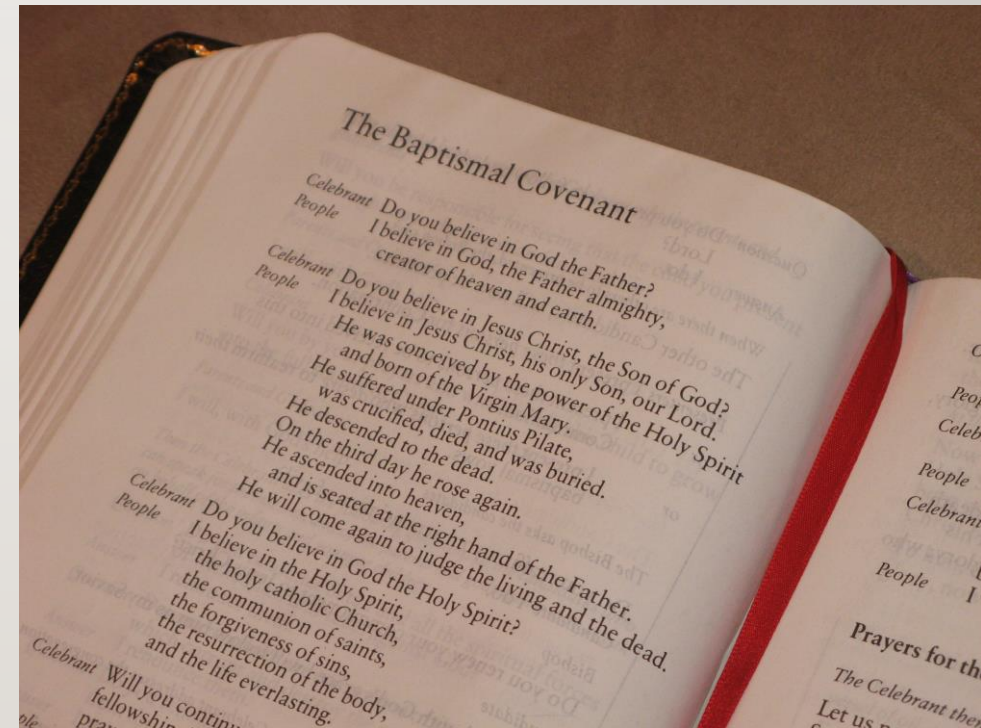




# YOU ALREADY HAVE / DO MINISTRY

## So why EfM?

It will enhance your life, enrich your faith, increase your knowledge. It will open the door for forging deep, meaningful, trusting relationships with marvelous people, all on unique journeys in their faith. Such experiences take time and intention. They happen as we allow ourselves to be forged and shaped, as we wrestle with the meaning of the written word, our understanding of tradition, culture, and our personal experiences. It's about hearing and respecting "the other" even if disagreeing.







## VIRTUAL MONDAY MORNING GROUP

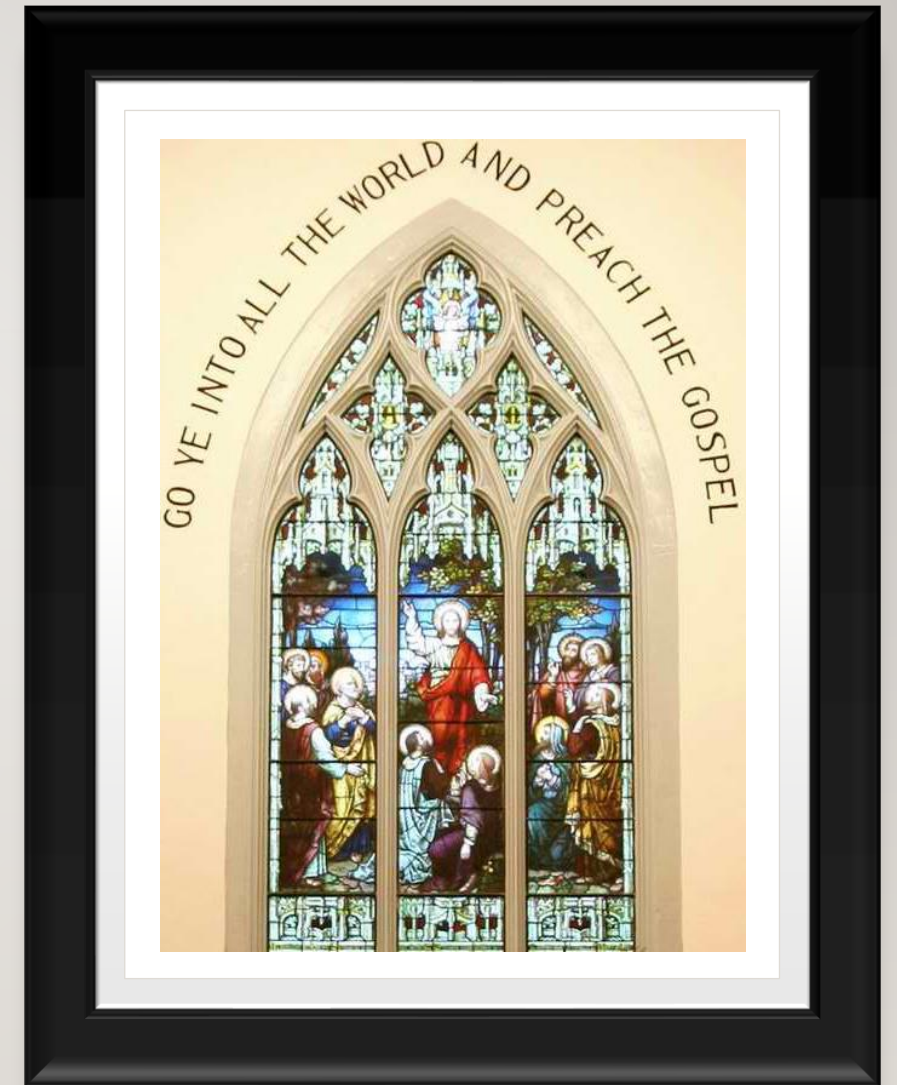
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- Morning Group (virtual) - Mondays from 9/9/24 to 5/19/25, from 9:15 – 11:45 am
- A four year program. Commitment is to one year at a time.
- Expect 2<sup>+/-</sup> hours of reading per week
- Registration fee (at diocesan sponsored rate).
- Participants purchase their own texts, available in print and e-format
- 6-12 members per seminar group + mentor

# IN A NUTSHELL, EfM IS ...

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- Not only Bible study;
- Theological education to support the laity in responding to the call to ministry in daily life;
- Dependent on participants being faithful to the program and setting their own goals and work;
- A place of trust and confidentiality; and
- An opportunity to grow deeper in the knowledge and love of God, while discerning your gifts for ministry in the world.







## INTERESTED? WANT TO SIGN UP?

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