

Education for Ministry
September 20, 2021 – May 23, 2022
Mondays, 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., on Zoom for now
with occasional meetings on
Sundays, 2:00-4:30, outside on a screened porch (in place of the Monday meeting)
770-938-9797 x27

What is EfM?

- *A program of theological education by extension designed by The School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee
- *Weekly prayer and worship led by group participants
- *Weekly sharing of one's story, life events
- *Weekly reading from and brief group conversation about the Hebrew Scriptures (Year 1), or the New Testament (Year 2), or Church History (Year 3) or Theology (Year 4)
- *Weekly theological reflection, making connections between our lives, our understanding of God, and scripture
- *Receiving the support and affirmation of a small, committed community to be who we are, to grow in our understanding of and comfort in offering the gifts that we have
- *A safe place to ask and to explore all questions about God, the church, prayer and the life of faith
- *A community that nurtures spiritual, emotional and intellectual growth

Who may participate in EfM?

- *Any adult

When does the EfM group meet?

- *Once a week for 1 ¾ hours on Zoom with occasional meetings, determined by the group members, of 2 ½ hours (the normal length of an EfM meeting), meeting outside; 34 weeks, with time off for holidays

How much is the tuition for EfM?

- *Tuition is \$375.00 for one year. If eight participants are registered for the group, a ninth person may enroll with a reduced tuition of \$175.00; some scholarship money is available
- *The tuition fee covers the cost of the reading materials for the year, the administrative costs of The University of the South to facilitate the program, and provides a small honorarium for the mentors
- *Tuition may be paid online with a Visa, Mastercard or Discover credit card

Who are the mentors?

- *The Rev. Lynnsay A. Buehler, Director of The Julian of Norwich Center. Lynnsay has been an EfM mentor for 34 years
- *Dr. Jo Marie Lyons, a retired pathologist (trained also as a neurologist) who is a member of The Cathedral of St. Philip and serves on the Advisory Board of The Julian of Norwich Center. She is a graduate of the EfM program and has co-mentored with Lynnsay for 31 years

How do I register?

- *Call Lynnsay at 770-938-9797 x27 to receive information about how to register for the St. Bede's EfM group.