

Education for Ministry

More than Bible study or an overview of Christian history, ethics and spirituality, Education for Ministry (EfM) is an opportunity to explore your personal call to ministry in the world—where you live, work and play.

EfM is a small-group adult formation experience, developed 50 years ago by the Episcopal seminary at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. Patterned on seminary courses, over a 4-year curriculum, students study The Old Testament, The New Testament, Christian and Episcopal Church history, and Christian ethics and spirituality. The heart of the program is the regular practice of theological reflection, giving the 6-12 group members opportunities to connect their faith with lived experience and discern how to live out their personal calls, whether to lay or ordained ministry.

Each year is comprised of 36 weekly meetings, each 2 hours long, following the traditional school calendar. Preparation takes about 2 hours of individual study of texts and materials. Led by trained mentors, meetings include worship and community-building activities as well discussion of the study materials and practice in theological reflection.

Grace Church in New Lenox is sponsoring an EfM group and is offering seats to church members of the Joliet Deanery. The meetings are virtual over Zoom, as will be most groups across the US.

Cost: \$340.00 per year plus books (\$50 - \$100).

For more information visit the Education for Ministry website:

<https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>

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