



## **EFM**

EFM is a theological education program for laity administered by the School of Theology, University of the South, Seawanee, TN. The purpose of the program is to develop an informed and knowledgeable laity, to prepare them for the ministries to which they are called. There are four discrete years of education, to which participants commit one at a time: 1)

The Old Testament; 2) The New Testament; 3) Church History; and 4) Theological Choices. In addition to the assigned weekly readings, structured and facilitated theological reflections, and common lessons addressing universal theological themes, are provided.

The program is facilitated by trained mentors in a small group setting (6-12 participants) that meets each week for 36 weeks. Unarguably, the most valuable product of this program is the intimacy and shared spiritual growth experienced in the group.

St. Peter's currently has one group that meets weekly.

The group discussions are much like the "Little Red School House" in that participants are representing the first three years of the program, and everyone gets to hear what's happening in the years other than their own. Groups are limited to twelve participants. If there are more than twelve, then two groups may be formed.

There are other outreach projects that take place throughout the year. If you would like to find out more, please contact the church office.

### **For more information:**

Please call or email the church office.

Contact information is available below.

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