



Adult Christian Formation at St. Patrick's Fall 2015

What is the Adult Christian Formation (ACF) program at St. Patrick's like?

ACF at St. Patrick's is in the Episcopal tradition.

In keeping with the long-standing tradition of the Episcopal Church, we do not indoctrinate; we explore. Whether we are talking about scripture or theology or mission, a wide range of perspectives is welcome. In fact, respectful, open-minded differences of opinion or interpretation are often enjoyed because the exploration of different views can lead to refreshed faith and deeper understanding.

If you want to

find out more about being an Episcopalian, attend the **Inquirers** class;

learn more about how and why Episcopalians read Scripture, come to **Getting Personal with Scripture**;

dive into Scriptural exploration, come to **Acts 1-12**;

join a discussion about living in this world as Christians, come to **The Roundtable**.

As Episcopalians, we are interested in learning about other faiths because we live in an increasingly multi-cultural world. Loving our neighbors includes everyone. Learning about the spiritual practices of others can help us to improve our own, as our retreat program illustrated. Our spring Wednesday Night program will offer various opportunities, including videos, to gain insight into the faiths of others.

ACF isn't strictly academic.

Rather than relying solely on programs developed by others, we draw on the talents and wisdom of our own members to create programs to satisfy our spiritual desires. **Dreams: Listening to God** and **Doing Art Looking Up** are examples of non-academic offerings designed to nourish the spirituality of our members.

ACF is specifically Christian.

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts, a course developed by Kenneth Haughk, offers us an opportunity to understand the gifts we are given through the Spirit for the building of our community and the Kingdom of God.

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Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. 1  
Thessalonians 5:11

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