

Education for Ministry (EfM) 2016–2017

What is EfM?

EfM is a distance learning program offered by the School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, TN. It is designed for lay persons to study and reflect on the Bible, Church History and Theology in small groups; it helps participants discover and exercise their gifts for ministry wherever they live and work.

If I join EfM, what will be expected of me?

Students are expected to attend class whenever possible, to read the material assigned for their year, and to participate in group discussion. There are no papers or exams.

There are two groups at Holy Comforter: Friday 9 am–12.30 pm and Sunday 4–7 pm. Classes meet every other week, from September to late May/June.

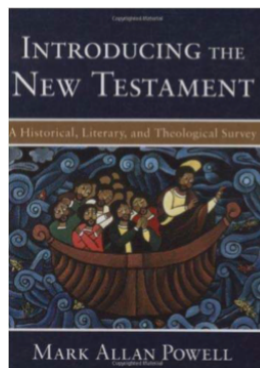
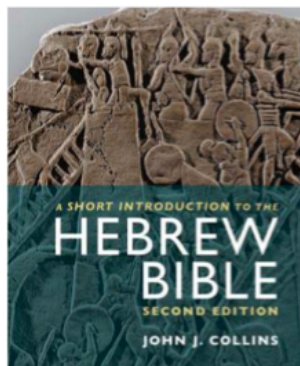
Although EfM is a four year program, you commit to one year at a time. Since Holy Comforter is an institutional sponsor, the cost to you is \$350 per year.

What does the curriculum cover?

Year One: Hebrew Bible

Year Two: New Testament

Year Three: Church History



Year Four: Theology, Ethics, and Interfaith Encounter

Theology: A Very Brief Introduction by David Ford

Mysteries of Faith by Mark McIntosh

The Christian Moral Life by Timothy F. Sedgewick

My Neighbor's Faith by Jennifer Howe Peace et al

In addition, two books are read in common by all students. The *Reading and Reflection Guide* provides the focus and theme for the year. **The theme for 2016–17 is “Living Our Journey Into God.”**

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