

# How to Begin an Education for Ministry Group

## What is needed to begin an EFM group?

- A church or deanery willing to support the efforts of a group to begin.
- Six to twelve individuals who would like to be students in an EFM group. These individuals do not need to be members of the same church or even Episcopalian.
- One or two individuals who would be willing to go through a two-day conference to become trained mentors (facilitators) for the group.
- A place to meet. Most groups meet at a church; some groups meet in homes.
- Make contact with a Diocesan EFM Coordinator to become a diocesan-recognized group, and for assistance in organizing and recruiting.

## What is the time commitment?

Most groups meet during the school year, starting in the fall, and students commit for one year at a time. To complete the entire program takes four years.

## What is the cost of the program?

For students in a diocesan recognized group, the tuition is only \$350 per year (a \$75 reduction). This includes the cost of the EFM textbook. There is no cost to the parish or deanery, although it is helpful if parishes and deaneries supply some scholarship assistance to those who may otherwise be unable to participate in EFM.

## How does a person become a trained mentor?

Training events are held throughout the country, and several times each year in New England. These training events are provided at cost and are usually less than \$250, including meals and lodging for the two nights. To find out dates and locations that may work for you, visit the EFM website at <http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/EFMmentor.htm> and go to Training Information "National Training Schedule."

## Can a person be both a mentor and a student?

A person can be both a mentor and a student if there are two mentors for the group. This provides the accountability that is important in the Education for Ministry program.

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