

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS: *Christian Formation for ministry in the Diocese of West Virginia*

ETS offers many opportunities for learning and personal growth in the Christian faith:

- **ETS is diocesan-wide:** One Gathering Weekend opens the term for all participants. On-line discussion groups bring together all participants by ministry areas.
- **ETS is local:** Mentor groups conveniently located around the diocese meet monthly for support and sharing.
- **ETS is individualized:** Content areas are available through online modules arranged by ministry areas. Participants work at their own pace.
- **ETS is practical:** Participants develop a ministry project for application in their own church setting, with the support of their local congregation leaders.
- **ETS is spiritual:** Developing and living a Rule of Life, practicing discernment, and honoring the

Baptismal Covenant are key precepts.

- **ETS is a manageable commitment:** Enrollment is for one year only.
- **ETS is for lifetime learning:** Participants may dig deeper in their chosen ministry area, or they may branch out into other areas of study in future years.
- **ETS is basic:** The foundation modules are designed for people with no prior serious religious studies.
- **ETS is advanced:** Modules are provided for advanced study in a number of ministry areas.

The ETS experience begins with the August 20 Gathering weekend at the Bishop Hodges Retreat Center in Huttonsville WV. The Hodges Retreat center offers comfortable modern rooms, outstanding meals and a beautiful rural environment. At the gathering weekend you will hear presentations by some of the best spiritual and theological instructors in our area. You will also become a part of the ETS community. At the end of the weekend you will have the opportunity to explore the various subject areas offered this year, and you will begin to get acquainted with your mentor group.

Mentor groups are small groups, led by a trained mentor, which meet in various

geographical locations throughout the state. They offer support, encouragement, and accountability in a non-threatening Christian environment. All members of a mentor group are encouraged to develop a rule of life. Mentor groups meet monthly throughout the ETS year.

After a period of discernment, the course work begins, with on-line modules specific to each study area. You will also have the opportunity to participate in an on-line discussion group with others on the same course of study.

Completing the module involves reading some posted on-line material, a small selection of books (readily available by mail order or on loan from ETS), and development of a ministry project specific to the subject.

ETS ministry modules are designed to prepare participants, upon completion and with their local clergy recommendation, to apply for licensing in that area by the bishop.

If you have ever experienced the call to a deeper understanding of your faith

If you desire more knowledge and skill for a specific ministry

If you feel the need for participation in a diocesan wide community of faith

ETS is for you
ETS is everybody

**Study areas for the
2010-2011
academic year:**

Foundation Level:

Evangelism

Stewardship

Christian Spirituality

Servant Ministry

Worship

Pastoral Care

Scripture

Christian Theology

Christian Ethics

The Anglican Spirit

Parish Administration

Additional, Advanced Level:

Homiletics

Catechesis (Formation)

Congregational Development

Equipping the Saints invites everyone to answer God's call to follow Christ by providing opportunities to discern gifts and to prepare, form, and educate for the practice of ministry.



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New models for ministry formation in
the 21st century

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