

DOCUMENTING OUR MINISTRIES

MINISTRY: ADULT FORMATION PLANNING TEAM

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MINISTRY DESCRIPTION:

Christian formation and education is a life-long process involving the heart as well as the head: coming to know God in Christ rather than just learning about God in Christ. Through Baptism we become part of the Body of Christ. The Promises of the Baptismal Covenant set us free to live into the reality of the risen Christ in our lives, and opportunities for Christian formation and education support this process.

St. Michael's is committed to creating safe places for such formation: places where all are encouraged to explore, question, learn and be nurtured in Christian community. There are many such "places" or program offerings, including those which are offered regularly, such as The Catechumenate, Cornerstone, Centering Prayer, the Wednesday Morning Discussion Group, and Sunday Adult Forums, and special offerings, such as retreats, book discussion groups, Lenten Covenant Groups, and *Via Media* discussion series.

The Adult Formation Planning Team meets quarterly to plan Sunday Adult Forums and special opportunities for formation and education, including facilitating and supporting Lenten Covenant Groups, weeknight discussion series, the monthly "St. Michael's Book Club," and occasional Saturday morning workshops.

Opportunities for ministry in Adult Formation extend beyond the planning stage to include leading or facilitating discussion groups, workshops, or meetings of the Book Club.