



# Education for Ministry

at

## St John's Cathedral

4-8 Garden Road  
Central  
HONG KONG



### **Our call to be ministers in the world.**

Many people think that one must be ordained in order to be a "minister". The fact is that all baptized Christians are called to be active participants in the Church's total ministry. The Total Ministry is nothing less than the exercise of the Church's vocation to continue the ministry of Jesus. He reconciled the world to God. We are called to incarnate that reconciliation in our own time and in our own place, through worship, service to others, and by proclamation of God's Word to all people.

### **What is EfM?**

EfM is a comprehensive educational programme involving intensive study of Christianity. Participants learn from their own experience, from other Christians and from the traditions of Christianity found in Scripture and in the history of the Church. EfM was developed at the University of the South, Sewanee, USA.

### **For whom is EfM intended?**

EfM is for those who want to discover more about Christianity and their ministry as baptized Christians. No specific qualifications are needed to join a group, beyond an ability to read English discerningly and make necessary time commitment.

### **What is covered in the four-year Programme?**

#### *Year 1*

The Hebrew Scriptures - an overview of the Bible approached from an historical critical perspective.

#### *Year 2*

The culture of New Testament times; an in-depth study of the Gospels, Jesus, Pauline writings.

#### *Year 3*

The early Church Fathers; the development of theology and Church history.

#### *Year 4*

Church history and theology.

### **What does EfM cost?**

The annual cost of EfM is HK\$2,000. This includes all reading material - a Bible is needed. The Oxford Annotated Bible (NRSV) is the recommended Bible.

### **How can I find out more?**

Come to the Invitation Evening to be held on Wednesday 10th June 2009 at 7.00 pm in the Harold Smyth Room, or contact people are mentioned overleaf.

## Want to know more?

The following people can offer more information:

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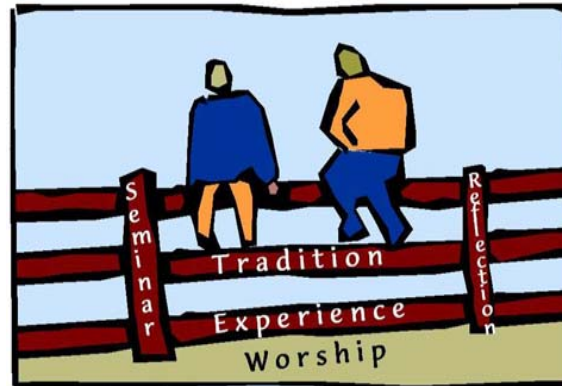
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## The Seminar Group

The nucleus of EfM: a group has between 6 and 10 members who meet weekly from September to June led by a mentor.

Through study, prayer and reflection EfM groups move towards a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom. A two-rail fence can illustrate this process. One rail is the Christian tradition. The other is the collective experience of the group's members. The rails are linked by fence posts which represent the seminar sessions where life and study meet. The fence is grounded in the soil of regular worship which is vital to the life of the group.



## Study

Students have weekly lesson assignments to study with the help of a resource guide. They are responsible for setting their own learning goals. Two to four hours of preparation per week is needed. Seminars provide opportunities for reflection and sharing of insights and discoveries.

## Reflection

Through discussion and guided reflection, the seminars furnish an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of the reading materials.

Through the development of skills in theological reflection, students learn to think theologically - examining their beliefs and their relationship to culture and traditions, making for more effective ministers for Christ.

## Worship

The seminar is supported by a life of prayer and worship, each student taking a turn at leading.

## Mentors

A trained accredited mentor leads each group. John Davison, Benjamin Blain, The Revd Susan Hewitt, Simon Fong, Caren Chan, Evelyn Chan and Hessler Lee are the current mentor team.