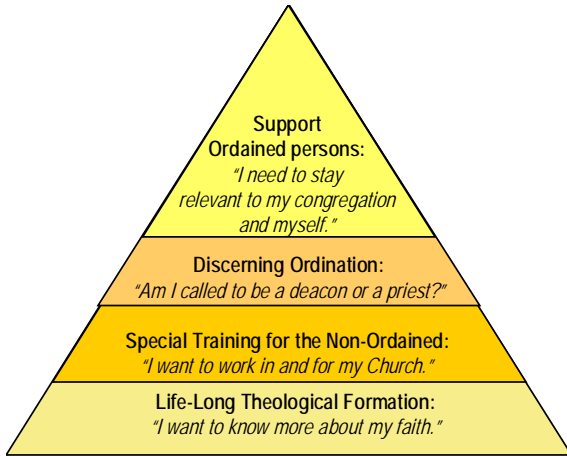


Who is E-seminary for?



What is a Fiber Optic Network?

Iowa was the first state to connect all 99 counties to each other through a Fiber Optic Network. Public Schools, Libraries, and all government buildings in Iowa have access to the Iowa Communications Network (ICN). Your teacher can be anywhere in over 790 ICN classrooms in the state, and you and fellow students all over the state can see, hear, ask questions, and yes, get homework (!) just like being in a lecture hall of a large Seminary.

This new learning tool is being used by public schools, hospitals, and secondary schools and it is now available to supplement the Life-long Theological Education of members of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa.

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 Mission/Vision
 To make theological
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What keeps

YOU

from

God's Call?



Diocese of Iowa

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PROBLEM:

I can't get advanced theological training for my work in my church, because it's just too far away!

SOLUTION:

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ABOUT E-Seminary

*"...so that all may learn and all be encouraged ..."
1 Corinthians*

More than ever, the church needs passionate leaders, both ordained and non-ordained. Those answering the call need to be people who lead from the heart and are convinced of their leadership and the work of mission. This major focus of the Diocese of Iowa, is supported by the offerings of the E-seminary.

Being led to become a priest or deacon is a big step. There **ARE** small steps along the way.

The E-Seminary is being developed to support people who would like to follow God's call within a ministry team, or who are being prepared for ordination independent of a ministry team. E-seminary fills the gaps for those for whom going to a resident seminary is excessively prohibitive. It allows Iowa Episcopalians to take a seminary course or two without having to leave their county!

If you are called to serve God, you can work with the Bishop of Iowa to:

- 1) Discern where God is leading you,
- 2) Get the skills you need,
- 3) Use today's technology to prepare for your ministry.

Offering:

- Continuing Education for all the Baptized
- Training in Specialized Areas
- Preparation for Local Ordination
- Support for Ministry Development Teams

E-seminary provides opportunities to:

Explore continuing education opportunities, including appropriate training for licensed ministry.

Equip for ordination by providing a means of preparation to meet the requirements of discernment to become a priest or deacon. The Bishop, with advice from the Commission on Ministry, will determine the specifics of preparation for individuals nominated for the discernment process independent of a Ministry Team. The period of preparation for individuals will take a minimum of two years with four years more the norm.

Enable Ministry Teams. The E-seminary will provide a supplementary two-year formation process through formal classes that the congregational ministry teams should undertake on completion of the Iowa Ministry Development Curriculum.

Engage in learning and reflection about specific issues; including mission and leadership in our contemporary American context.

Expand understanding of how Christian worship works as a form of ritual and to articulate the meaning of liturgy and its central place in Christian life.

Empower with skills for pastoral care, preaching, Clinical Pastoral Education, human relationships, leadership, theology of intervention (conflict resolution) and training in Safeguarding God's Children, Anti-Racism, and Sexual Harassment.

FAQ:

How much time will I spend in class?

The requirements for each class will be tailored to the needs of the curriculum, but as a general rule, classes will last a semester or less and will take place weekly for 1-3 hours.

When you enroll:

The most convenient ICN classroom to you will be activated for the class in which you have enrolled. When you arrive, the classroom will be equipped with a television screen on which you will be able to see your professor. You will be able to interact with the faculty and your classmates around the state by intercom/video. Your professor may also schedule some face-to-face meetings for that class.

Cost:

It is the intention of the Bishop that cost will not prohibit anyone who is led to leadership in the church from receiving the benefit of training for his or her mission. But the professionalism of the faculty and the cost of delivering the coursework to your doorstep through ICN's network generates a cost per class in the range of \$250.00.

Donations to the E-Seminary (both for general support and for providing scholarships for students who need them) are gratefully accepted (and tax deductible).

More information, including current course descriptions, is available online www.iowaepiscopal.org

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