



# The Episcopal Church in Wyoming

## CONTINUING EDUCATION POLICY

(adopted 2013)

In accordance with National Church Canons (Title III, Canon 7, Section 5 and Title III, Canon 9, Section 1) the Bishop and Commission on Ministry are charged with the responsibility of developing standards and providing opportunities for the continuing education of deacons and priests in their respective dioceses.

Earlier this year, the Commission on Ministry adopted the following policy:

- ▶ All resident clergy active in the Diocese of Wyoming will be required to complete 12 hours of Continuing Education per year.
- ▶ Clergy who are retired and not actively engaged in ordained ministry are encouraged but not required to complete the 12 hours of Continuing Education.
- ▶ Clergy who are canonically resident but not living in the Diocese are exempt from this requirement.

Recommended areas of Continuing Education may include:

*Theological Studies* such as Scripture, Ethics, Theology, Church History, and Liturgy;

*Professional Studies* such as Leadership Development, Congregational Development, Communications and Finance; and

*Personal Studies* such as Wellness Classes and Directed Retreats.

Vestries throughout the diocese will be notified of this commitment to healthy ministry and encouraged to partner with the diocese in the development and nurture of their leadership by budgeting funds to assist clergy and lay people in accessing quality continuing education.

Continuing Education Reports forms should be made part of the Annual Meeting of each congregation and each clergy person is required to send (email) a report to Jessica Reynolds [jessica@episcopalwy.org](mailto:jessica@episcopalwy.org) on or before Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.