

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Report to Diocesan Convention 2025

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1. Mission / Purpose Statement

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a program designed to provide adult Christian formation for lay leaders through study, theological reflection, and community. EfM helps participants discern their call to ministry and equips them to serve as thoughtful, informed, and faithful leaders in their congregations and communities.

2. Summary of Current Year's Activities

EfM continues to be active in Wyoming, though participation has declined from past years. Currently, three groups are meeting on site—at St. Peter's Sheridan, Christ Church Cody, and St. Mark's Casper. Additionally, several online groups are mentored by Wyoming mentors and include participants from other regions.

As Coordinator, I visited several parishes during the year and was met with enthusiasm, though no new groups have yet been established. EfM remains a passion and an important tool for adult Christian formation.

After fifty years of using a similar format, EfM introduced a completely new curriculum this year. The updated program includes 'Wide Angle,' which provides a sampling of all four years for those exploring the program or wishing to continue their formation without committing to the full four-year course.

EfM is a powerful formation program that fosters deep theological understanding and spiritual growth. Parishes are encouraged to explore how EfM can support their congregations in lay leadership development.

3. Financial Report

N/A

4. Plans and Projections for the Coming Year

The Coordinator will continue visiting parishes, promoting EfM, and supporting mentors and participants. The goal for the coming year is to establish new groups and re-engage parishes in offering this transformative program.

5. Membership / Leadership

Nancy Engstrom serves as the EfM Coordinator for the Diocese of Wyoming.

6. Gratitude / Acknowledgments

Gratitude is extended to the current mentors and participants who continue to engage faithfully in the EfM journey. Special thanks to parishes hosting EfM groups for their hospitality and support of this vital ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

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