

The Institute for Ministry and Theological Education
Report to 107th Annual Council

The Institute provides **education opportunities for adults** seeking to fulfill their baptismal covenant.

We accomplish this by providing a variety of learning experiences. We provide both one-day and multi-session educational formats in the Atlanta metropolitan region and in the convocations.

We believe in the importance of **formation of parish leaders**, particularly in the area of Christian formation. We offer a two-year certification process, "Foundations in Christian Faith Formation Certification Course". To date, we have graduated two classes, one in 2010 and one in 2013.

We encourage and **practice collaboration** with others where interests, needs and supports intersect. We sponsor programs with the Stewardship committee, the Commission on Anti-Racism, the Commission on Spiritual Growth, the Ecumenical Lay Associates and the Community of Hope International.

We **foster awareness and connections** in the convocations by asking parishes to host our programs and classes. We have been hosted at St. Patrick's, St. Stephen's, St. Bede's, St. Philip's, St. Bartholomew's and Amerson House, St. Catherine's, St. Martin's, St. David's and Christ Church Norcross. Another way we facilitate connections is by including worship, fellowship and 'table' time discussion at all programs.

We provide classes for **deacons' continuing education**, and Clergy Contact hours as determined by the Bishop.

Since the Luke Timothy Johnson launch program in the fall of 2007, the Institute has concluded more than 25 programs and two Foundation courses. Our student mailing list (adults who have registered for a program) now totals 800+.

Currently the Institute's Advisory Board is building full membership and planning programs for 2014. Already two new classes are forming:

"What is God calling you to be?", a 14-week training for lay chaplains

"Introduction to Hebrew", a 6-week study, including the Book of Ruth

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