# A Vision for Adult Christian Formation at St. Peter and St. Paul 1/21/16

#### Our Parish Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Parish Vision:** God has a vision for us as a Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, active in: Worship of God, Discipleship for all ages, Serving Christ in the world.

## What Discipleship means for Adults in this parish:

- An experience of the unconditional love of God,
- A whole-hearted commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
- An understanding of God and the Christian life grounded in the Bible and the Creeds,
- A regular life of prayer and connection with God the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives,
- Living faithfully to God in a secular world, with courage and conviction,
- Providing Godly influence in our families and communities,
- Loving others as Jesus loves us,
- Embracing all aspects of the Christian life, including devotion, scripture, training, mentoring, spiritual growth, prayer, pastoral care, service, stewardship and evangelism.

## How will we grow disciples of Jesus Christ?

- Meeting people where they are in their Christian journey,
- Loving people the way Christ loves us: with grace and truth, justice and mercy, acceptance and accountability, a warm embrace and a higher calling,
- Teaching and engaging the basics of the Christian faith, the Bible and the Christian life, through personal relationships and experiences that model and practice discipleship,
- Equipping parents to lead healthy Christian families,
- Equipping adults for other ministries in the parish and the world.

### What is our basic programmatic framework for Adult Christian Formation?

- Sunday School classes & groups,
- Evening classes & groups,
- Bible Studies,
- Retreats,
- Special events and programs.

#### **Ministry Development Goals:**

- Review and revise the Adult Christian Formation Program to align with the mission & vision.
- Build a leadership Team and an effective cadre of volunteers,
- Work in concert with Daughters of the King and Brotherhood of St. Andrew to maximize effectiveness of our effort.

## **Programs currently offered for Adult Education:**

Sunday School Classes and Groups:

Women's book group

Mixed book group

Lectionary Bible study

Growing Christian families (for parents of young kids)

Rector's class

Evening Classes and Groups:

Tuesday night classes and dinners

EfM (Education for Ministry)

Daughters of the King (meet periodically for prayer and study)

• Bible Studies and groups:

Tuesday Women's Bible Study (10 AM)

Wednesday Women's Bible Study (10 AM)

Anglican Rosary Prayer group (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month)

Men's Fellowship and Support (Lunch 1PM Wed. offsite)

Continuing the Conversation 20s and 30s (meets monthly after church)

Wednesday Men's Bible Study (Noon offsite)

Thursday Men's Bible Study (7 AM)

Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study (Every other Saturday 7 AM)

• Retreats:

Men's Retreat each October (Sponsored by Brotherhood of St. Andrew)

Women's Retreat

Parish Retreat

Retreat Quiet Days (Periodically at St. Peter and St. Paul)

• Special Events and Programs:

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Outside speakers (Often in conjunction with other groups)

Collaboration with Youth and Children's Ministries:

Lenten Intergenerational Program

Advent Wreath Making workshop

Speakers for parents and family issues

Israel Pilgrimage (Planned for Feb 2017)