

Episcopal Diocese of Oregon
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Education for Ministry

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Activities Report

- Weekly EfM Seminars in seven locations (Good Samaritan, Corvallis; Christ Church, Lake Oswego; St Bartholomew's, Beaverton; St. David's, Portland (2 groups); St. John's Bandon; St. Paul's, Salem; Trinity, Bend).
- In person groups shifted to virtual groups on Zoom
- Some groups shifted from beginning in September to a begin in January, break for summer, then continue through the end of the year.
- All mentor training was on Zoom, and arranged through Sewanee.
- There were 70 enrolled participants last year, but due to Sewanee changing it's platform, data are not currently available. Counting just the nearly 3000 hours of combined seminar time for all the groups does not measure the growth in understanding the faith: its Scriptures; its History; its ethics and liturgy and its relations to other faiths.

Expenditures

- Payment on the contract between the Diocese of Oregon and the University of the South, (Sewanee) Education for Ministry \$1800.
- Mentors pay for their own required training for recertification each 18 months.
- Seminar participants pay tuition annually. Tuition would be \$450 if the Diocese did not have a contract with Sewanee, but since it does, the tuition is \$350 per person.

2021 Goals Progress

- Seminars have continued through this very difficult pandemic, in spite of the death of a mentor, and some members needing to quit mid-stream.
- One mentor who is retiring found two new mentors to continue her group
- Mentors have learned a new enrollment system and how to deal with ever changing platforms and technologies, including ebook formats.

2022 Goals

- Two new clergy in Eugene are interested in starting an EfM group.
- Sustaining the groups that are currently continuing