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Catechumenal Training

Designed to prepare congregations to receive and form adults who desire a relationship with Christ, be baptized or renewed in their faith, and actively participate in a community of faith as a disciple of Jesus.



Ordained Pastor, Paul Hoffman of Seattle, WA has served in the ELCA since 1981. He guided the process of Catechumenal formation at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle over the last eighteen years of his service as a parish pastor. During that time, the parish prayed for and received into its ministry a steady stream of new and renewed Christians.

Led by ELCA Lutheran Pastor Paul E. Hoffman

August 17, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. – August 19, 2017 to 3:30 p.m.

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

**7415 E. Elbow Bend Rd.,
Carefree, Arizona**

This is an intensive two and a half day, morning-to-night training seminar. Costs for attending vary between \$150 for commuters and up to \$325 for single room on site hotel-type accommodations. All fees are included.

During your time in the beautiful desert campus of the Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center, you will worship, pray, study, and form life-changing relationships grounded in the lectionary Scriptures through the various seasons of the liturgical calendar, all under the leadership of Pastor Hoffman, trained lay catechists, and various other diocesan/synodical pastors and priests. Congregations who send a delegation of a parish pastor/priest and three to five lay members to attend and study will return prepared and inspired to begin a catechumenal process that will not only welcome newcomers, but will transform the parish from the inside, out.

This is what attendees from the 2016 training seminar said about their experiences:

- ***"It was the most meaningful conference I've attended in recent memory that takes the whole person into consideration, not just what you do on Sunday."***
- ***"It is not a retreat, it is an intensive workshop."***
- ***"Go! Go! Go! Very powerful tool to bring the congregation closer to the Word of God."***

For more information about the Catechumenate and to discern how it might be used in your parish or congregation, it is recommended that you read *Faith Forming Faith* by Pastor Hoffman, available online through Amazon.com or Cascade Books.

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Deadline for registration is July 26, 2017