

EDUCATION for MINISTRY (EfM)

Report to the 141st Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina

[Education for Ministry \(EfM\)](#) is a program of theological education-at-a-distance for lay people from the School of Theology of the University of the South (*Sewanee*). This four-year program (*in which students enroll one year at a time*) is an intensive theologically reflective study of the Old and New Testaments, Church history, liturgy, spirituality and personal ministry.

In 2022/23 there were 9 active EfM groups in East Carolina. Active 2023/24 groups are located in Morehead City, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Kinston, and Wilmington. Three people within the Diocese participate in EfM Online. In the 2022-23 academic year, 81 East Carolina students were enrolled in EfM. Of these, 12 were first year students.

CONGRATULATIONS to these 11 *Class of 2023* graduates:

from the **Belhaven** area – Cork Leverett, Karen Wahab, Dave Rieves, Mary Skipper and Vicki Paul,

from the **Fayetteville** area – Kerron Elder and Vera Guarino,

from the **Morehead City** area – Charles Pringle and

from the **Wilmington** area – Mary Goodwin, Denise Darden, and Susan Henley.

Well-trained Mentors are the bedrock of EfM's ongoing success. Most of our East Carolina groups have returned to In-Person meetings, with some hybrid combinations.

Mentor Training is now available in person and online. [Here is a link](#) with current Mentor Training requirements, options and registration details. East Carolina is honored to have 11 active Mentors, two of whom mentor online groups. And two East Carolina Mentors are Trainers of Mentors worldwide.

For the most up to date information about EfM in the Diocese of East Carolina, how to join an existing group, or begin a new group, contact Lisa Richey at piergazer@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
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