

EQUIPPING GLOBAL MISSION AGENTS



A Formation Program of the Global Episcopal Mission Network



The Global Episcopal Mission Network is an innovative partnership of dioceses of the Episcopal Church pledging together to make global mission a priority in diocesan life. GEMN offers a comprehensive two year program for diocesan global Mission Agents, designed to encourage mission in Episcopal dioceses. Requirements for certification include attendance at half day Formation Sessions

prior to two annual GEMN Institutes, fieldwork, and selected readings. Consider becoming an important resource for your diocese and the Episcopal Church through GEMN's Formation Program for Diocesan Global

THE FORMATION PROGRAM:

Objectives:

- Explore the theological basis for mission and demonstrate a knowledge of theological reflection.
- Understand Anglican Mission history.
- Understand discernment processes.
- Study approaches to the formation of mission committees.
- Acquire knowledge of available resources for mission and mission networking.
- Know the Episcopal Church's:
 - - Standards for Sending Long Term Missionaries.
 - - Standards for Receiving and Hosting Mission visitors.
- Learn essentials of preparing for short term mission trips.
- Explore a variety of methods for mission promotion and recruitment.
- Encourage youth in mission.

Requirements:

- Attend the half day Formation Sessions directly prior to two annual GEMN Institutes.
- Participate in four workshops per Institute (8 total), three of which must be noted as Formation requisites. (6 total).
- Conduct fieldwork between Institutes.

- Complete required readings and some optional readings from the Formation Program Bibliography and submit an evaluation of each book. Click [here for the Bibliography \(PDF\)](#).
- Attend a diocesan or regional mission event. (optional/encouraged)
- Participate on a foreign or domestic mission team. (optional/encouraged)

Fieldwork:

The Formation Program is a project related to mission awareness or mission activities, local or global, and mentored by a Formation Program graduate. The participant is required to submit an update to the mentor in January, with a final written report due at the next Institute. Examples of appropriate fieldwork:

- - A diocesan mission inventory.
- - Identification of local mission activities.
- - A study of Companions in Transformation.
- - Formation of a diocesan or parish mission committee.
- - Participation on a foreign or domestic mission team.



Why Global Mission?

Jesus said:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."(Matt 28:19)

"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation." (MK 16:15)

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."(John 20:21)

As Ambassadors of Christ, all Episcopalians are called to bear Christ's name, discern Christ's image, and proclaim Christ's good news of salvation, hope and love. We share Christ's work of teaching, healing and reconciliation with the Church in every place. Empowered and nurtured by the Holy Spirit, we must pass the Gospel, and the commission to proclaim it, for this and succeeding generations.

GEMN Formation Program Application 2013



Contact Information:

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The Formation Program for 2013 will take place on **Saturday, May 4th during the afternoon**, the day prior to the opening of the 2013 Global Mission Conference and Educational Institute held May 5-10, 2013 in Bogotá, Colombia. Please note that candidates for certification **may need plan to arrive on Friday, May 3rd** to attend this formation session. GEMN has contracted with Centro Social de Agentes y Patrulleros, our conference center, to make lodging available for the night of May 3rd for those whose travel arrangements require them to arrive on Friday. The cost of the additional night and meals is included in the fee for the Formation Program. See www.gemn.org for registration and conference information.

For more complete information on the GEMN Global Mission Agent Formation Program, including the program requirements, visit our website at <http://www.gemn.org/pages/curriculum.html> or contact Mrs. Gini Peterson at giniireid@bellsouth.net.

Program Registration:

To register, complete the online registration at www.gemn.org or fill in the registration information above. Send a copy of this application, along with a check for \$150 made out to "Global Episcopal Mission Network" with "Formation Program" on the memo line, to the following address:

Mrs. Karen Hotte / GEMN
5 Jenna Drive
Marion, MA 02738

Questions? Please email us at event@gemn.org. Registration deadline is April 19th, 2013.

The GEMN Certificate Program An Annotated Bibliography

Certificate Program participants are required to read a minimum of two books each from the categories “Discernment and Spirituality” and “Practicalities.” Participants are required to submit a brief written evaluation on the GEMN supplied Evaluation Form for each reading. Over the two years participants are encouraged to read more than the minimum required readings of two books per year. As possible, web pages and phone numbers are given so that Certificate participants can order the books they choose to read. Many of these books can be found on amazon.com.

Discernment and Spirituality

Theological/Spiritual Basis

TRANSFORMING BIBLE STUDY: A LEADER’S GUIDE, Walter Wink, (Abingdon Press, Nashville). (A readable “how to” on Bible Study.)

THE ART OF THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION, Patricia O’Connell Killen and John deBeer, (Crossroad, New York.)

ANGLICANISM: A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION, Chapman, Mark, Oxford, UK, Oxford University Press, 2006

CHRISTIANITY REDISCOVERED , Donovan, Vincent J. Maryknoll, NY, Orbis Books, 1978

THE TENTH PARALLEL: DISPATCHES FROM THE FAULT LINE BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM. Griswold, Elizabeth. New York, Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2010

THE NEW FACES OF CHRISTIANITY: BELIEVING THE BIBLE IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH. Jenkins, Philip. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006

General

WHEN THE MEMBERS ARE THE MISSIONARIES: AN EXTRAORDINARY CALLING FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE, A. Wayne Schwab, (Member Mission Press, Essex, New York, www.membermissionpress.org.)

RICH CHRISTIANS IN AN AGE OF HUNGER: MOVING FROM AFFLUENCE TO GENEROSITY, Ron Sider, (W. Publishing Group). (An introduction to the tremendous contrasts of affluence and hunger/poverty in our modern world – from a Christian slant)

EARTHKEEPING WITH JUSTICE: CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, Robert William Stevens, (SIFAT, Lineville, AL. For copies contact Robert Stevens at 941-776-1018). (A shorter introduction to the contrast of affluence and poverty, with environmental implications.)

SERVANTHOOD: LEADERSHIP IN THE THIRD MILLENNIUM, Bennett J. Sims, (Cowley Publications, Cambridge & Boston 1997).

THE TRANSFORMING SPIRITUAL LANDSCAPE: BUDDHIST- CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTERS, Edited by Ronald Y. Nakasone, Dharma Cloud Publishers 2005 for The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ISBN 0-9623086-6-8. (Addresses the belief that globalization and cultural diffusion have intensified the need for interfaith dialogue.)

SERVANTHOOD – LEADERSHIP FOR THE THIRD MILLENNIUM, Bennett J. Sims, Cowley Publications 1997, ISBN 1-56101-145-2. (A challenge to look afresh at what it means to be servants of one another.)

WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO?: FAITH TO HEAL A BROKEN WORLD, Sabina Akire and Edmund Newell, www.churchpublishing.org, catalog # 0-89869-498-1

A WORLD WITH A HUMAN FACE- A VOICE FROM AFRICA, Njongonkulu Ndungane, Archbishop of Cape Town, WCC Publications 2003, SPCK ISBN 0-281-05439-8, WCC ISBN 2-8254-1376-3 (“...a call to South Africans and the international community to work together to overcome social injustice, adverse economic forces and the weight of history to build a just society...”)

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS, see the official MDG website: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals>

WHEN HELPING HURTS, Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert, Moody Publishers, 2009. (A challenge to look at whether what we do in mission is helping or hurting others.)

TOXIC CHARITY, Robert D. Lupton, HarperOne, 2011.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN, William Easterly, New York, The Penguin Press, 2006

THE EGO BOOM: WHY THE WORLD REALLY DOES REVOLVE AROUND YOU , Maich, Steve and Laraine George.. Toronto: Keylaster Books, 2009

Mission

COMPANIONS IN TRANSFORMATION: THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S WORLD MISSION IN A NEW CENTURY, Standing Commission on World Mission, (Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, PA 2003). (The Vision Statement presented to the 2003 General Convention.)

FLING OUT THE BANNER: THE NATIONAL CHURCH IDEAL AND THE FOREIGN MISSION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Ian Douglas, (Church Publishing, New York). (A history of and a reflection on the foreign work of the Episcopal Church.)

KINGDOM BUSINESS: THE MINISTRY OF PROMOTING ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, David R. Befus, (Latin American Mission, Miami, 800-275-8410, www.lam.org). (A Church-related approach to micro-business development.)

HORIZONS IN MISSION, Titus Presler, The New CHURCH'S TEACHING SERIES, Vol. 11. (Cowley Publications, Cambridge & Boston, 2001). (A historical survey of mission and especially Episcopal mission.)

GOING GLOBAL WITH GOD , Presler, Titus.. New York, Morehouse Publishing, 2010

EL PEREGRINO: THE PRACTICAL SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF A MISSIONARY, Robert William Stevens (The Dominican Development Group, Parrish, FL, 1999, 941-776-1018). (The personal story of a lifetime missionary.)

Discernment

LISTENING HEARTS: DISCERNING CALL IN COMMUNITY, Suzanne G. Farnham, Joseph P. Gill, R. Taylor McLean, Susan M. Ward, (Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, PA 2003).

LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK: LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF VOCATION, Parker J. Palmer, (Jossey-Bass, San Francisco, www.josseybass.com.)

Practicalities

Cross Cultural

THE LION SHALL LIE DOWN WITH THE LAMB: A GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN A MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY, Eric H.R. Law, (Chalice Press, . (An introduction to cross cultural differences and working cross culturally.)

CULTURE SHOCK! A GUIDE TO CUSTOMS AND ETIQUETTE. (Graphic Arts Center Publishing Company, Portland, Oregon). (A series of books offering specific culture insights for a variety of countries.)

Mission Nuts & Bolts

VACATIONS WITH A PURPOSE: A PLANNING HANDBOOK FOR YOUR SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TEAM: LEADER'S MANUAL, Eaton, Chris and Hurst, Kim, Colorado Springs, (Singles Ministry Resources, 1996).

WELCOME FORWARD: A FIELD GUIDE FOR GLOBAL TRAVELERS, Susan M. Lang and Rochelle Y. Melander, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, 2005, www.elca.org/globalmission/welcomeforward. (A conceptual view of mission abroad.)

GEM HANDBOOK, "Short-term Mission Visits." Global Episcopal Mission, 1999. (Also available on line at www.GEMN.org.)

THE DEANERY PROJECT ORGANIZER (Unpublished), Robert William Stevens, Ellenton, FL, The Dominican Development Group, 2003, 941-776-1018. (Specific information as to selection, promotion and fund raising for mission teams.)

HEALTH ADVICE FOR LIVING OVERSEAS. CUSO. Ottawa, CUSO, 1999

ON YOUR WAY. Donnelly, Mary Rose. Toronto, Canadian Churches' Forum for Global Ministries, 2010

Stevens, Robert William. WORK TEAM PACKET (Unpublished), Robert William Stevens, (Ellenton, FL, The Dominican Development Group, 1998, 941-776-1018). (Historical, cross cultural and personal help for mission teams.)

SOJOURNING: A LEADER'S GUIDE FOR SHORT TERM MISSION TRAVEL. Shude, Alice. Toronto, Canadian Churches' Forum for Global Ministries, 2002

WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE TRAVEL TOGETHER, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY (800.524.2612)

- A Trip Leader's Planning Manual, v1, Debby D. Vial. 1999
- Reflecting And Acting On Mission Trip Experiences, v2. Barbara Battin. 2006
- Bible Studies For Mission, v3. Alice Winters. 2003

Area Specific

AFRICA: ALTERED STATES. Dowden, Richard.

THE FEAST OF THE GOAT: A Novel, Mario Vargas Llosa, Edith Grossman, (Picardo Press). (An interesting historical novel focusing on the days before Trujillo's assigation and the events leading up to it – a good study of Latin American dictatorships)

THE POISONWOOD BIBLE, Barbara Kingsolver, (HarperCollins Publishers, New York). (Fictional account of a fundamentalist missionary family in the Congo.)

VOICES FROM AFRICA: TRANSFORMING MISSION IN A CONTEXT OF MARGINALIZATION: AN ANTHOLOGY, Andrew Wheeler, ed., (Church House Publishing, London, www.chpublishing.co.uk). (An African response to mission.)

BRAZIL: A GRACIOUS PEOPLE IN A HEATLESS SYSTEM, Zwinglio M. Dias and Joyce Hill, (Friendship Press, New York). (Brazilian Christian Churches and their relationship to African religions in an age of globalization.)

CHINA PASSAGES – AN AMITY TEACHERS ANTHOLOGY, Edited by Lois Cole, The Amity Foundation 1996, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Tel: 852-2723-8011, FAX: 852-2366-2769. (A study in cultural adaptation and of a country undergoing tumultuous changes with rapid modernization.)

MY RIGHT TO LAND – IN THE BIBLE AND IN ZIMBABWE, A THEOLOGY OF LAND IN ZIMBABWE, Sebastian Bakare, Zimbabwe Council of Churches 1993, PO Box 3566 Harare, Zimbabwe. (Complete overview of pre-colonial land understanding and today's understanding- includes a 14 week study guide with one week devoted to "The Church and Her Prophetic Mission.")

LOST BOY NO MORE – A TRUE STORY OF SURVIVAL AND SALVATION, Abraham Nhial and DiAnn Mills, Broadman and Holman Publishers 2004, <http://www.broadmanholman.com/>, ISBN 0-8054-3186-1. (The story of one of the "Lost Boys of the Sudan" it also gives the history of Sudan and of the persecution of Christians.)

WHY HAVEN'T YOU LEFT? LETTERS FROM THE SUDAN, Marc Nikkel, www.churchpublishing.org, catalog # 0-89869-472-8

1491: NEW REVELATIONS OF THE AMERICAS BEFORE COLUMBUS, Mann, Charles C.

DEAD AID: WHY AID IS NOT WORKING AND HOW THERE IS A BETTER WAY FOR AFRICA , Moyo, Dambisa.. Vancouver, Douglas and McIntyre, 2009

Periodicals and Web Pages

www.anglicancommunion.org. Anglican Episcopal World, London.

www.net-share.org. Information about Haiti missions and practical advice.

<http://ctmissionconnect.org/>. The Episcopal Church of Connecticut Mission Discernment Initiative.

<http://titusonmission.wordpress.com>. Titus Presler's mission blog.

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/mission.htm>. The Episcopal Church's mission website.

<http://sifat.org/> Servants in Faith and Technology website

Video

Office of Anglican and Global Relations. Missionary Video Series. (Short Vignettes of current missionary work in the field.)

FAITHFUL TRAVEL, Rick Steves. (Author of PBS "Travels in Europe" explains how faithful travel can be a powerful force for peace and justice). Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Dept. of Communications, 800-638-3522 ex 6009