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A word to those attending mentor training:

Why we provide mentor Training.

One of the strongest norms for EfM from the very beginning has been that students benefit most from EfM when there is a trained and skilled mentor with the group. It is essential that our mentors keep their skills up-to-date, to hear and practice new techniques for mentoring and to be accountable to the programme so that students have the best possible learning experience.

Why we insist on regular retraining.

We think that every mentor has something more to learn or a skill that needs to be sharpened. We encourage mentors to seek feedback and to set learning goals and to use training events to achieve those goals. Mentors are the core of the EfM process and we are committed to fine training for their benefit and for the good of the students.

As you prepare.

- Mentor trainings require **18 contact** hours, not including meals. Plan to attend the entire event. Anyone who skips a portion of the training will not be accredited.
- What to bring: Your Bible, your *Reading and Reflection Guide* if you have one, worship resources for brief morning and evening services, a musical instrument would be welcome, paper and pen,
- Please arrive rested and collected and ready to engage the event.
- Wear comfortable clothes and bring things necessary to your own comfort that might not be provided such as a sweater, a favorite beverage or kind of tea... (tea, coffee and snacks are always provided)
- You may check for messages in breaks but cell phones must be turned off during the sessions.
- Some trainers request advance reading before the event. Please complete your reading assignment and bring relevant handouts to the training event.

About the various training options and how can you access them:

For all trainings:

We want candidates for training who have some theological education or two years of EfM. We want them to have some basic skills as a leader and a facilitator. We expect that you are mature and an active Christian in an Anglican or Lutheran context. (We will certainly be open to considering leaders from other denominations but acceptance is not automatic.)

- Basic is for new mentors, mentors returning after an absence of 2 years or more, and trained mentors who have never led a group.

- In-service is for those who have attended basic, been accredited and currently lead an EfM group.
- Formation is for those who have attended at least one basic and two in-service events and have been recommended by a trainer. Formation events focus on a particular area of mentor skill. Talk to your coordinator if you are interested in Formation. After formation you return to in-service for at least one event.
- Alternate events. This is for experienced mentors. With the permission of the Director or the Director of Training you may attend a non-EfM event of at least 18 contact hours that you believe will enhance your skills as a mentor. You must get permission before attending the event and then send a report of the event outlining some of the things you learned. When the report is received your re-accreditation is granted, so be sure to send your report.

There is a list of trainings on the website; you may wish to consider attending training in another diocese if it fits your needs but please let your diocesan coordinator know of your plans. To register for an event in another diocese call the coordinator for that diocese.

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