



Why Christian Formation?

Education in the Christian faith is a lifelong process of growing in our relationship with God, self, others, and all creation. Thus Christian Formation refers to the spiritual progress of Christians, and ways to encourage that growth process.

More than just acquiring information, this area of study also includes the experience of God and a developing relationship with Him, the result of one's cooperation with God's grace. Spiritual formation does not exclusively consider the individual, but also includes relationships and worship in the broader faith community (the church).

What are the benefits of offering Christian studies?

- They provide opportunities for long-time members to refresh their memory on the basics of the faith.
- Helps congregations in their health and revitalization process.
- New members and seekers get to ask questions free from pressure and judgment.
- Lay leaders feel better equipped to minister in the church and in mission work.
- Participants are inspired to live out a lively faith in worship, giving and serving.
- Creates a greater sense of community and fellowship amongst members as they learn, share and pray together.

BUILD ON THE SEVEN MARKS OF CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH:

* “The Healthy Churches’ Handbook: a Process for Revitalizing Your Church” outlines the Seven Marks of Health (as a reflection of the life of Christ):

- ✓ Energized by faith
- ✓ Outward-looking focus
- ✓ Seeks to find out what God wants
- ✓ Faces the cost of change and growth
- ✓ Operates as a community
- ✓ Makes room for all
- ✓ Does a few things and does them well

* (The Healthy Churches’ Handbook: A process for revitalizing your church, is by Robert Warren, Church House Publishing, London, 2004, 2012)



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“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” *(Colossians 2:6,7)*



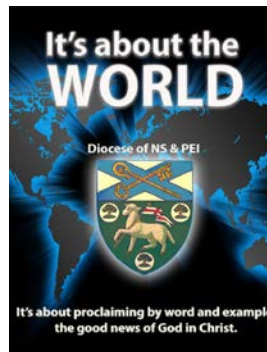
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