

A way for dioceses and congregations to work together

LifeCycles provides a congregational and diocesan membership. The diocesan membership assists dioceses in developing their own process for local ordination, training people for licensed ministries and developing teams for congregational leadership. The training materials, examples from several dioceses, discernment and assessment tools, retreats and programs to prepare congregations are included.



LifeCycles is a process born of experience and scholarship. It is continuously being developed and improved by a collaborative team from the dioceses of Northern Michigan, Wyoming, Nevada and Vermont, the Episcopal Divinity School and LeaderResources.

Join a learning community!

LifeCycles is not a program you buy—it is a global learning community that you join. This is an “open source” library of downloadable resources – developed by the users whose contributions are incorporated into the materials. Two Cycles (36 sessions each) are complete; an additional two Cycles are in development. A website, training events and conferences provide opportunities for interaction. A trained *LifeCycles Companion* is essential for the successful implementation of *LifeCycles*. For a schedule of trainings go to www.LeaderResources.org or call 800-941-2218 to schedule a training in your area.

Annual Memberships for Congregations

ASA	~	Fee/yr.
1-25		\$200
26-75		\$300
76-200		\$400
201-800		\$500
800-2000		\$600
2000+		\$700

Annual membership based on average Sunday attendance (ASA) including children, youth and adults at primary worship services.

A **Diocesan membership** provides materials for the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Developers, orientation for congregations and training materials to prepare candidates for ordination and licensed ministries. Startup materials are complete; other materials are being developed. Call for rates.

A companion program, *Journey in Faith*, is a five-year experiential adult education program that is based on *LifeCycles*. It is ideal for answering the “What to do after EFM?” question or for those wanting an adult J2A program. It includes a pilgrimage and mission project as well as prayer, study and integrative activities.



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Christian transformation in community

Ministry Development that Transforms Churches

Forming Ministry Teams to serve the church and the world



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LifeCyles — an integral approach to ministry development

How can churches become centers of vitality and growth?



LifeCyles prepares and supports people in doing ministry. When people

become who God created them to be, they and their communities come alive! Churches that were dying find new life. Problems that seemed insurmountable find creative solutions. People who were passive recipients of ministry find joy in service.

LifeCyles groups experience the spiritual and liturgical practices they will share with others,



learn how to read and interpret the Scriptures, how to find wisdom from those who have gone before and how to ask the tough questions to move beyond nominal belief to deep faith. Those who are preparing for

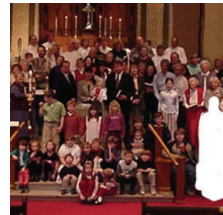


ordination or licensure receive training in the specific skills they need.



Over 50% of all Episcopal churches have less than 70 members?

What will you do when you can no longer afford a priest?



LifeCyles provides congregations and dioceses with a complete process of formation for ministry. It helps you identify and call people to ministries, form and train them for commissioning or ordination and support them in their ministry. It holds up the model of ministry teams while offering dioceses flexibility in setting up their own processes. Multiple examples are provided as “templates” to get you started.

LifeCyles provides a way to revitalize congregations and empower all of the baptized to exercise their ministries in their congregation and communities. Congregations move from being a community gathered around a minister to being a ministering community.

Integral Approach

LifeCyles uses an integral approach to ministry development that recognizes that we must pay attention to four areas of ministry development:

- ◆ Personal Transformation
- ◆ Skills Development
- ◆ Congregation and Community Formation, and
- ◆ Systems Change

LifeCyles is multi-faceted, providing opportunities to practice leadership and liturgical skills, experience



prayer methods and scholastic techniques as well as engaging in dialogue and activities. It has four Cycles focused on Scripture, theology, ethics/history and world religions. It offers focus units on a wide range of topics and training for specific skills. It engages the whole congregation in the ministry development process.

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