

118th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Utah
Report of the Tuttle School Discipleship and Ministry

Tuttle School is a local formation program that works in collaboration with The Iona Collaborative of Seminary of the Southwest. Our mission is to equip God's people for lay and ordained ministry through high-quality theological, pastoral, and spiritual formation. The developed curriculum of the Iona Collaborative provides the students with the courses and curriculum meant to satisfy a wide range of formative needs. Facilitation of in-class sessions is provided by clergy and lay leaders of our own Diocese of Utah.

As Bishop Phyllis reminded us in her letter of invitation, "from the moment of our baptism, we are called to live fully into our life with God through our continued worship, learning, and care for others. As disciples of Jesus, we believe that by deepening our spiritual growth and practice, we are more profoundly equipped to serve others. As we live into our mission and ministry, the church relies on its members, lay and ordained, to train for ministry.

When praying into what service we are called to, we rely on the wisdom and discernment of our faith community to affirm and equip our ministry. The Diocese of Utah offers the Tuttle School as a primary platform for the licensing of:

Lay Worship Leaders, Lay Preachers, and for those interested in completion of the canonical requirements to become a Deacon in our Diocese."

The Tuttle School is a two-year program that covers Old and New Testament, Church History, Theology/Ethics, human awareness/understanding, pastoral care.... and more! Our new Tuttle sessions began in January, 2023 and continue through December, 2024.

Currently, the Tuttle School has 9 students enrolled; faithful students that come from near and far – parish representation includes St. Peters, St. Mark Cathedral, St. James, St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, St. Mary's, and St. Jude's.

Students study at home between monthly sessions, then come together once a month from Friday evening through Sunday noon for their in-class learning. Becoming beloved community happens through times of shared worship, study, prayer, learning/searching, table fellowship and shared meals. In support of distances traveled, many stay at the ECCU for their weekend sessions.

It is indeed exciting to see the Holy Spirit at work as each student is called forth in new ways of serving God and God's people. The work and dedication of these students will build a strong Episcopal presence and proclamation of the Gospel, as they follow the way of Love and the good work and examples of Jesus.

If you are interested in knowing more or joining Tuttle School in the future, ALL ARE WELCOME.

Contact **Tuttle School** at tuttleschool@episcopal-ut.org. Watch the Diocesan newsletter for updates!

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