



# Anglican Catechist Training School

## ACTS Year 2

### 2024-2025



### Licensing: Catechist II License - Lay Pastoral Catechist

Building upon the foundation laid in ACTS year 1, the candidate receives more in-depth training to assist in providing teach the doctrines of the Christian faith as outlined in the ACNA Catechism as well as is equipped to serve as pastoral support alongside clergy and to engage in planting congregations within the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin.

### Goals for ACTS 2

1. Develop a biblically informed ecclesiology rooted in catholicity.
2. Deepen theological understanding of the Book of Common Prayer, the sacraments, and the sacramental life.
3. Develop a foundation for pastoral ministry and be able to use the Prayer Book and other resources in assisting clergy in pastoral and liturgical ministries, such as praying for healing, serving at the altar, or leading the Daily Office.
4. Continue to become familiar with various pedagogical approaches and strategies for teaching adults and children.
5. Be able to assist the rector in building up the congregation through weekend renewal retreats or by developing outreach to the community.
6. Continue to engage in spiritually formative practices that lead to spiritual *and* emotional maturity.
7. Continue to grow as a disciple and leader in God's Church, learning to hear God's voice and in faith follow his leading to engage in ministry beyond one's comfort
8. Equip leaders to plant churches.
9. Equip lay people to come alongside the clergy in assisting with parish ministry.

**Cost:** \$400 for the year (Can be paid by module.)

### Content of Year 2 Training

- Independent Study with 11 online meetings with ACTS Instructors.
- Completion of monthly Spiritual Formation Mentor reflection and mentor meetings with priest.
- Study and practicum for the various licenses (LEM. PLEM and Lay Reader) independently and with one's clergy (priest or deacon).

- Daily and weekly engagement in spiritual formation disciplines (praying the Daily Office, engaging in contemplative prayer practices, meeting with a spiritual director, etc.) in order to be spiritually formed in a wholistic manner as a disciple of Christ
- Deepening of biblical and theological knowledge through discussion, reading and responding to assigned readings and videos.

### Three Dimensions

1. Developing **Dogma**
2. **Praxis & Leadership Development**—to be done with clergy (includes teaching, preaching, serving at the altar, leading the Daily Office, pastoral care, shadowing the priest, etc.
3. **Spiritual Formation**—mentoring and spiritual disciplines such as the Daily Office, confession, and ancient prayer practices

#### Module 1: Ecclesiology and Liturgy (\$160)

CLASS 1: The Nature and Mission of the Church ~ September 24, 2024

CLASS 2: Liturgy: The Worship of the Church ~ October 29, 2024

CLASS 3: The Dominical Sacraments ~ November 19, 2024

CLASS 4: The Ecclesial Sacraments and a Sacramental Worldview ~ December 17, 2024

#### Module 2: Communicating the Gospel (\$80)

CLASS 5: Effectively Teaching the Faith—Pedagogical Practices ~ January 7, 2025

CLASS 6: Preaching ~ January 28, 2025

#### Module 3: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality and Discipleship (\$80)

CLASS 7: Developing an Emotionally Healthy Life ~ February 18, 2025

CLASS 8: Developing Emotionally Healthy Family and Church Relationships ~ March 18, 2025

#### Module 4: Evangelism and Church Planting (\$80)

CLASS 9: Evangelism: Sharing the Faith ~ April 29, 2025

CLASS 10: Church Planting ~ May 20, 2025

CLASS 11: Final Wrap-up: Debrief and Share ~ June 3, 2025

### Assigned Readings and Resources

Boersma, Hans. *Eucharistic Participation: The Reconfiguration of Time and Space*. Vancouver, BC Regent College Publishing. 2021

McDermott, Gerald. *Deep Anglicanism: A Brief Guide*. Nashotah, WI: Nashotah House. 2024.

Scazzero, Pete. *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*. Grand Rapids. Zondervan. 2017.

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*The Book of Common Prayer* (ACNA, June 2019) Available at [anglican church.net](http://anglican church.net).

*To Be A Christian: An Anglican Catechism* by Catechesis Task Force Anglican Church in North America (2014-06-30). Available in PDF version online at <http://www.anglican church.net>.

*The Didache* (Free online version available [HERE](#).)

ACTS Spiritual Formation Toolkit (provided for the student

**Suggested Service Opportunities:**

- Altar Guild
- Acolyte
- Serve as a LEM (Complete license)
- Serve as a PLEM (Complete license)—Do home visits
- Preach on Sundays (Complete license)
- Lead one of the Daily Office services once a week (Complete lay reader license)
- Lead a catechism class or Bible study
- Lead and teach the youth group
- Plan an evangelistic outreach for your church
- Plan and conduct a retreat for your church
- Mentor others to lead groups.
- Engage in a healing prayer session.
- Usher on Sundays
- Any other assignment the rector gives