



NAAC TO OFFER REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES IN 2012

“GO, BAPTIZE, MAKE DISCIPLES” is a new training institute for pastors, worship leaders, and educators (e.g. directors of spiritual formation) being offered in 2012 in three regions of the country: the West—Phoenix, the East—Baltimore, and Midwest—Minneapolis. These events are for both experienced practitioners and those new to the catechumenate.

As congregations seek to find ways to train and equip believers to live a life of discipleship, the catechumenate—an ancient/future process of faith formation and baptismal living practiced by Christians for centuries—is being reclaimed by today’s church. You are invited to bring a team from your congregation to explore this gift of the early church and how to introduce it to your faith community. A new, ecumenical congregational resource manual on the catechumenate soon to be published by Augsburg Fortress will be introduced at the events and copies provided to all participants.

Choose from three beautiful locations: Spirit in the Desert Conference Center in Carefree, AZ (Feb. 24-26), Bon Secours Spiritual Center near Baltimore, MD (April 13-15), or The Oak Ridge Conference Hotel near Minneapolis, MN (May 18-20). Music at all three venues will be provided by musicians from *Bread for the Journey*.

These three training institutes are offered by the North American Association for the Catechumenate (NAAC), an ecumenical organization serving mainline Protestant congregations in the US and Canada. It is made possible by a worship renewal grant from the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship (Grand Rapids, MI) with funds provided by the Lily Endowment Inc.

For more information contact Pastor Rick Rouse, Project Director at rwrouse@comcast.net (612-710-7959) or Devra Betts, Registrar at devra@holyspiritlc.org (702-232-8383). You may also go to the NAAC website at www.catechumenate.org to download a brochure and/or register online for the institute of your choice. Also check with Devra about scholarships.