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## REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES OFFERED IN 2012

Looking for a way to move your congregation from a paradigm of maintenance to one of mission, from membership to discipleship? **"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 Phoenix, Baltimore, and Minneapolis.

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 congregational resource manual on the catechumenate soon to be published by Augsburg Fortress will be introduced 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 *Bread for the Journey*, a well-known ELCA music group.

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 with funds provided by the Lily Endowment Inc.

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