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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Teaching children and adults is often one of the top priorities in every church. **Christian Formation** is anything that helps a person grow with and towards God. For Christians, formation is a lifelong pursuit that includes not only education and learning, but experiences in worship, outreach, and renewal as well.

At Grace in the Desert, we encourage our children and youth to grow as they join in worship and in Sunday School classes. Youth activities, seasonal celebrations, sacramental training, and service to others are among the programs provided. It is our hope to increase the emphasis on youth by taking advantage of programs offered by the Diocese and outings and retreats planned at Grace. Traditional participation in worship is offered through our acolyte program and music ministry.

On Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 2:00 pm The Acolyte Festival for the entire Southern Mission District will be held at Grace.

Listed here are those programs that are offered at Grace in the Desert at the present time by clergy and laity. The predominant number of classes are scheduled from September through June. Others are offered through the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada's, Frensdorff School of Christian Education, <http://frensdorffschool.webs.com/>. These courses are offered on-line or in person at Episcopal Churches throughout Nevada.

In addition a series of links have been provided to introduce additional opportunities.



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Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. During the Service of Confirmation we ask God to "Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them." EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service.

At Grace EFM meets on Tuesday Evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 pm weekly from September through May.

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