## **HOW IT WORKS**

Participants gather for six 5-week classes either over Zoom or in person.

Each class is about 3 hours and involves a combination of instruction, discussion, and experiential learnings.

Homework assignments are based on the subject matter.

Begin with our Foundation Year. Then decide if you would like to stretch yourself through a Practical Year.

There is a one-time \$25.00 application fee.

Each course is \$70.00. Financial aid is available.

#### Explore

See how you can "Grow in Your Fath" at <u>www.diakonia.education</u>

For more information contact Tina Gilson, Growing In Faith/The diakonia Program Steering Committee Chair at <u>tinag963@gmail.com</u>

## FOUNDATION YEAR

Growth begins with small roots, and so do we!

Participants are invited to explore their Faith Foundations through the following courses:

- Christianity in a Lutheran Key
- Introduction to the New
  Testament
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- Lutheran Creeds & Confessions
- Living as a Christian in the World
- Worship Matters



### PRACTICAL YEAR

#### Time to stretch out and grow!

In this second year, participants deepen their faith and knowledge by in depth study.

#### The Road to Service/Faith Development

- Healthy Congregation
  Dynamics
- Christian Caregiving
- Cultural Diversity/Anti-Bias Training
- Church History
- Christian Ethics
- Communicating the Gospel



## ABOUT US

**Growing in Faith** is a ministry program within the ELCA, and a Mission and Ministry Partner of the Grand Canyon Synod. We are committed to fostering learning environments for followers of Jesus to grow in faith.

We believe that lay members of our congregations are integral to healthy discipleship in our churches and communities.

So, we gather followers across congregations to grow in faith together.

Inside you will find an overview of our courses and how the program works.

Visit our website www.diakonia.education "So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." 1 Cor. 3:7

GROWING IN FAITH is a community of followers growing in Jesus through classes, retreats, and mutual care. A two- year curriculum allows folks to move at their own pace to progress through foundational and practical learning.



# Longing To GROW?

Plant yourself in good soil.