

CHARTER FOR: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FORMATION PORTFOLIO
St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church & School
Temecula, CA

The goal of Christian Formation is found in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Mission Statement: "...we want to welcome people into the Body of Christ and equip them for worship, ministry, and service."

For Christian Formation, *equip* is the focus word. A variety of opportunities are offered to all ages to deepen one's knowledge and love of God, strengthen one's faith, and discuss in a reasonable manner. Christian Formation has no boundaries. It is involved anywhere people interact and come together in the Spirit of Christ, be it fellowship, hospitality, or any sort of outreach.

This portfolio supports the following:

1. Nursery: The nursery is available for the youngest members of our congregation during the 10:15 service. It is staffed by two volunteers.
2. Children's Chapel Sunday School: Open to children age 4 through elementary school (Grade 5). The Sunday School curriculum is coordinated with the lessons used in the liturgy.
3. Sunday School for Middle School & High School: Meets once a month on the third Sunday of the month. Youth Sunday takes place the first Sunday of each month.
4. Adult Forum: Usually meets on Sunday at 9:15 between the two services. Topics and discussions vary as need and mood requires.
5. Bible Challenge: Participants this year are reading the entire New Testament, one chapter a day, five days a week. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month after the 10:15 service to discuss the readings.
6. Benedictine Way: A group that meets once a month on a Sunday at 5:30 pm to study the Rule of St. Benedict and how the ancient rule applies to our lives in the year 2017.
7. Book Discussion Group: This is a lively and informal book lovers group that meets every first Monday of the month from 12 noon – 1 pm. Book selections vary by member interest.
8. Centering Prayer: This is a silent method of becoming more aware of the indwelling presence of God. It asks the practitioner to pray silently for 20 minutes twice a day. The group meets once a week.
9. St. Thomas of Canterbury School: Provides a comprehensive and developmentally appropriate program of Christian influenced early education to the children of our community and surrounding areas.

Bishop's Committee Member for Christian Education and Formation: Jon Floth

Committee Members:

- Nursery: Beth Vega
- Children's Chapel Sunday School: Jenny Alcazar and Barbara Mina
- Sunday School for Middle School and High School: Kathy Foxen

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- Adult Formation: Jon Floth, Lynn Dordahl (co-chairmen), Barbara Bundy, Bill Liesman
- Bible Challenge: Jon Floth
- Benedictine Way: Barbara Bundy
- Book Discussion Group: Bill Liesman
- Centering Prayer: Pam Bowen
- St. Thomas of Canterbury School: Cary "Klip" Klippert