

## OVERVIEW OF NAAC REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES

### *A three-day immersion experience in the forming of disciples*

**Overall Goal of Institute:** “To present a vision for the catechumenal process as both a rite of Christian initiation for adults and a means of forming disciples for baptismal living.”

#### **Objectives:**

1. To provide a process in which participants experience the flow of the catechumenal process including the rites.
2. To provide opportunities in which the participants learn skills and techniques critical to the implementation of the process and the rites.
3. To invite participants to deepen their own faith life.
4. To challenge participants to explore the connection between good liturgy and good catechesis.
5. To deepen their understanding of the “conversion” journey to baptismal living.
6. To offer resources and support that will help renew the worship and faith life of congregations and their members (disciples).

#### **Presenters for Institutes Include the Following:**

**Tom Witt and Mary Preus** of *Bread for the Journey* will provide music for the events.\* Well known musicians from Minneapolis, Mary serves as a Minister of Music and Tom freelances as a musician and IT consultant for congregations and non-profit groups.

**Jessica Duckworth**, Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Faith Formation at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, will be a presenter and workshop leader.

**Richard Eslinger**, Professor of Worship and Preaching and former Academic Dean of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, is a presenter and workshop leader.

**Paul Palumbo**, pastor of Chelan Lutheran Church in Chelan, WA, with many years of experience with the catechumenate in small congregations, serves as worship leader.

**Rick Rouse**, author and Director of the Missional Leadership Academy for the Grand Canyon Synod (ELCA) from Phoenix, AZ, serves as facilitator and presenter.

**Wayne Schwab**, Founder and Coordinator of the Member Mission Network; consultant and trainer; Episcopal priest; serves as a presenter and workshop leader.

**Teresa Stricklen**, Associate Director for Worship for the Presbyterian Church USA from Louisville, KY, is one of our presenters and workshop leaders.

\*Mary Preus will be at institutes in Baltimore and Minneapolis. Likewise the personnel listed will not necessarily be present for all three events and also indicate the ecumenical diversity of NAAC.