

**A Review of *Connect?* by
Bishop Bud Cederholm:**

“Connect” is a gift to parishes who wish to educate, form, stir up disciples in Christ and further God’s mission in the world. It is inviting of persons who are inquiring, seeking, and interested in community. It is an important first step toward understanding and answering Jesus’ call to us. Rooted in Anglican theology and our sacramental life, Connect is an excellent course for persons new to the Episcopal Church. I welcome it as an important part of formation for those preparing for adult reaffirmation of faith through Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Promises.

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What is *Connect?*

Connect? is an adult faith formation program focused on the Eucharist and on what it means to be part of a Eucharistic community. Gathering in small groups around a shared meal, participants consider together Jesus’ invitation to a new life in God’s reign of love and justice.

Who Might Benefit From *Connect?*

All who seek a deeper connection with the Christian story and vision while building authentic, life-giving relationships with the people of Saint Antony’s may benefit from participating in Connect? This adult faith formation program is designed for both new-comers to the Episcopal Church and long-timers alike. It is also suited for those outside the church, those on the fringe of the church, and those who may be considering Saint Antony’s as a place to call “home.”

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Our mission is to
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Do you want to
Connect?
with your faith
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with God

**A 6-week program of
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Connect? is a six-week exploration of what it can mean to connect to a Eucharistic community.

Participants build relationships in small groups that provide support, encouragement to grow, and a sense of connection with the parish.

Connect? invites participants to consider Jesus' invitation to a new life in God's reign of love and justice.

Each group of six to ten participants stays together for the whole course, meeting with a facilitator around a table to share food and discussion.

KLESIS is an adult curriculum of Christian formation that helps participants go from outsiders wondering how they connect with the church to people covenanting together to discern and act on their calling, both individually and in community. This leads to two outcomes:

Spiritual growth inside and becoming who God calls us to be
Community growth outside, with strong vibrant leadership in churches

Why use *Connect*?

Connect? Helps incorporate new members into the parish family

Connect? Encourages conversation and sharing

Connect? Helps people ask faith questions

Connect? Is a point of entry for visitors and new members

Connect? Is an Episcopal program that is centered around the Eucharist

Connect? Helps create community

Topics for Each Week:

1 — Connect with Jesus: An Open Invitation

2 — Connect with God: Praying Freely

3 — Connect with God's Story: The Good News!

4 — Connect in the Eucharist: Becoming Part of the Story

5 — Connect with Faith: Living the Story

6 — Connect with the Parish: Celebration

Each 2-hour session includes the following:

Opening prayer

Family-style dinner around a table

Dinner discussion on a topic

A presentation by the leader

Reflection in table groups

Wrap up in the whole group

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