Commitment

- Enrol annually, one year at a time
- 36 weeks across a 12-month period
- Weekly seminars (~2 hours)
- 3–5 hours personal preparation
- No assessments
- A device with internet access required

Textbooks purchased separately: about $280 (If ordered online)

2026 Course Fees: $200.00

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What is EFM?

EFM is a distance-learning theological education and formation programme, available throughout New Zealand. It comes from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Participants commit, a year at a time, to meet regularly in local seminars led by a trained mentor. Completion of the programme takes four years(classic) or one year(wide angle), during which participants study the Bible, church history, spirituality and ethics. The weekly personal and group reflection provides opportunities to apply what is learnt to daily life and ministry.

PROGRAMME

Year 1 — Old Testament
(Who is Israel?)

Year 2 — The New Testament
(Who Is Jesus?)

Year 3 — Church History
(Who and What Is the Church in the World?)

Year 4 — Ethics & Spiritual Practice
(Who Are We in the World?)

Wide Angle may be taken on its own or as a fifth year. Four cycling themes:
The Journey with God • Following Jesus • Listening to the Spirit • Engaging the World

2026: The Journey with God
2027: Following Jesus

What to Expect

EFM teaches participants how to think theologically and deepens an understanding of a shared christian heritage, develops listening and leadership skills and grows confidence in living out the call to minister Christ's life..

Importantly, it develops skills in theological reflection. By examining their own beliefs and practices, surrounding culture and the tradition of their Christian faith, it helps participants to shape their ministry and its effectiveness.