

# Episcopalians on Baptismal Mission (EBM)

## OUR PURPOSE:

EBM will serve as an advocate and a resource for furthering all Christians in living out their Baptismal promises in their missions and ministries in daily life within the Episcopal Church.

## OUR MISSION

EBM is a community of individuals and groups dedicated to the missions and ministries of all the baptized in daily life, including:

- all Christians discerning and living their specific missions and ministries in each area – home, work, the community, the wider world, leisure, spiritual health, and church;
- congregational lay leaders and clergy exploring and implementing ways to "equip the saints for ministry;"
- diocesan and national leaders, supporting clergy and lay leaders in enabling members to live the Gospel in deed and word;
- organizations and other groups within the Episcopal Church facilitating the calling of all the baptized in their daily lives.

We provide a communications link among partners to share programs, ideas, concerns, needs, etc.

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**O Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth,  
who on the cross through wood and nails  
has worked our whole salvation:  
wield well your tools in this your workshop,  
that we who come to you rough-hewn  
may by your hand be fashioned  
to a truer beauty and greater usefulness;  
for the honor of your name. Amen**

Attrib. Eric Milner-White

# EPISCOPALIANS ON BAPTISMAL MISSION

**EBM is community of individuals and groups dedicated to the mission and ministry of all the baptized in daily life. Our vision is a church that sees the Dismissal as its primary focus- where its Liturgy, Pastoral Care, Christian Formation and Communications are directed toward "equipping the saints" for their mission and ministry in their daily lives.**

- People exploring their vocation in daily life.
- Clergy exploring ways to "equip the saints for ministry" through their parish and other ministries.
- Diocesan and national leaders and other groups, committed to enhancing the connection between Sunday and Monday.



## Origins:

After years of participating in the annual consultation of the ecumenical Coalition for Ministry in Daily Life (CMDL), a group of Episcopalians decided to explore organizing a complementary Episcopal entity among those who share the vision of “equipping the saints for ministry” in their daily life. The day prior to the 2006 CMDL consultation in Pasadena, CA, a group of 15 Episcopalians gathered to discuss forming such a group. What emerged was Episcopalians on Baptismal Mission (formerly the Episcopal Partners for Faithfulness in Daily Life). A two-fold purpose was adopted and Steering Group was selected to coordinate our efforts. We continue to meet each year, usually ahead of the CMDL meeting.

Membership is open to all who share our vision and purpose- no dues, but a willingness to help move the church forward.

- **Letter from Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori:**  
*“From Sunday to Monday...describes the hopeful vision of a faith that is integrated into our everyday work and attitude toward life.”*
- **The Church as a Base Camp:**  
*“to serve the climbing team. The hikers don’t exist for the good of the base camp. The base camp exists for the good of hikers.”* Samples from congregations.
- **The “hikers” have several “mountains:”** *work, home, local community, wider world, leisure, church life and outreach, spiritual health.*

**WHENEVER YOU WASH YOUR FACE,  
REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM!**  
**Martin Luther**



Organizing meeting, 2006

## Join the EBM!

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