



2017 Archdeacon & Deacon Directors Conference Open Space Report: Working with a Seminary Program

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Is it possible to work across dioceses?

CALL courses

- Specific courses for the diaconate: diaconal approach
- Online courses taught on a specific cycle
 - Platform: Moodle
- 7 weeks long
- CDSP develops a relationship with a diocese
- AED members get a reduced tuition
- Minimum of 7 people

Hybrid model works well

- Meet as a group together
- Rest of course is online

Academic formation could be shared across diocesan lines

Olympia: working through Iona

- Videos
- Gatherings
- Using for non-seminary training and formation
- 3 year cycle but can enter at any place

General Seminary is working with Diocese of PA, tailoring courses for them

- Students pay \$400 per course
- Course is on Webex (synchronous)
- Initial face to face gathering

Issues

- Being together
- Having courses sequenced
 - e.g. scripture needs to precede ethics and theology
- Online learning is very different
 - Design, development, delivery
- Seminaries need to have conversations with deacons in order to structure programs

Deacons are setting the stage for the future of formation with changing paradigms in clergy leadership