



NAAC TO OFFER REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES IN 2012

“GO, BAPTIZE, MAKE DISCIPLES” is a new training institute for pastors, worship leaders, and educators (e.g. directors of spiritual formation) being offered in 2012 in four regions of the country: the **Southwest**—Phoenix, the **East**—Baltimore, **Midwest**—Minneapolis, and **Northwest**—Spokane. These four events are for both experienced practitioners and those new to the catechumenate.

As congregations seek to find ways to train and equip believers to live a life of discipleship, the catechumenate—an ancient/future process of faith formation and baptismal living practiced by Christians for centuries—is being reclaimed by today’s church. You are invited to bring a team from your congregation to explore this gift of the early church and how to introduce it to your faith community. A new, ecumenical resource manual on the catechumenate published by Augsburg Fortress will be introduced at the events and copies provided to all participants.

Choose from four beautiful locations: Spirit in the Desert Conference Center in **Carefree, AZ (Feb. 24-26)**, Bon Secours Spiritual Center near **Baltimore, MD (April 13-15)**, The Oak Ridge Conference Hotel near **Minneapolis, MN (May 18-20)** or The Immaculate Heart Retreat Center near **Spokane (Aug. 3-5)**. Music at all four venues will be provided by Tom Witt and Mary Preus of *Bread for the Journey*. **Drop dead registration deadlines are 30 days before each event.**

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