# SMALL GROUPS at all saints church

Small Groups are an opportunity for friends and parishioners of All Saints Church to gather, deepen connections and widen service within the church and community – by emphasizing caring for each other.



# small groups

## Affinity Small Groups:

**Artists Guild**: Open to anyone who loves the arts, loves to share, and loves to learn. For everything from sharing our own artistic stories, to teaching our crafts, to field trips to explore outside artistry. Second Saturday of each month, 10 a.m., OCC Conference Room.

Bicycle Ministry: Coming Soon.

**Brothers on a Journey:** All men are welcome, wherever you find yourself on your own life journey. We are a supportive men's group that meets every Monday, 7 p.m., Hybrid, on Zoom and in the Senior High Room.

**Diaspora Small Group:** This group meets weekly on Zoom and includes All Saints members and friends from throughout the country who don't reside in the immediate Pasadena area. Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

*Fiction Fun!*: A monthly book group exploring what it means to live lives of faith by reading and discussing contemporary and classic works of fiction. All are welcome to join us; reading experience is not necessary. Fourth Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Guild Room.

**LGBTQ+ Small Group** : We are a diverse group of LGBTQ+ people who meet weekly to share our stories and experiences, and to build a supportive community within All Saints. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Learning Center 1&2

**Senior Saints Book Group**: A book reading group focused on seeking insight from spiritual writers and discovering how one's understanding of the spiritual dimension can transform aging. Second Thursday of each month, 12:30 p.m. Seminar Room.

**Senior Saints Writing Group:** A writing group whose mission is to help you create your best work, whether it's a memoir, a story, a poem, or a novel. You creative spirit will be nurtured and respected. Every third and fourth Thursday at 12:30 p.m., Seminar Room

**Sunday Lunch - Café and Community**: Come meet new friends for a casual lunch once a month after church. We meet at various spots around town on one Sunday of the month. RSVPs helpful, but walk-ins are welcome! Facilitated by Juliann Budimir.

**Theater Ministry:** All Saints Theatre Ministry, in partnership with local theaters, strengthens the bonds in our community, educates in different genres of theatre and provides thought provoking discussions with cast and directors through the offering of night-out events throughout the year. Contact Melissa Hayes at mhayes@allsaints-pas.org for more info, or current offerings.

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### Affinity Small Groups (cont.):

**Together at the Table:** This group is a series of gatherings offering folks at All Saints an opportunity to meet new people. A gathering could be a dinner, brunch, lunch or a picnic. This is a ministry with one single goal: to have fun, enjoy food together and build community.

**Urban Walkers**: This small group gets us out in the fresh air, using our own two feet as we can explore Pasadena and the greater LA area. Together! Our Goals: exercise, camaraderie, exploring, encourage one another, reflection. Facilitated by Robb Grimm.

**Women of Spirit:** Our Women's Community group is a sacred circle. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month from 6-8:30 p.m. in the OCC Conference Room, September through June. Potluck dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., a book discussion follows at 7:00 p.m.

**The Writers Group**: Novels, poetry, memoir, performance art. Read what you've written, get critiqued and hang out with some very creative people. Every other Thursday at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

#### Support Groups:

**The Circle of Life:** The Circle of Life is a support group for those living with the declining health of someone they love. Please contact Amanda McCormick for current meeting times.

**Grief and Loss Support Group:** A facilitated support group open to anyone who has experienced a loss. Meets hybrid on Zoom and the Small Lounge every Monday at 7;00 p.m.

Living with Cancer Group: A support group for those living with cancer or caring for some someone living with cancer. Meets on the second Monday of the month. at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

#### **Spiritual Formation**:

**Episcopal 101:** This class is a series of presentations, discussions and small group meetings designed for anyone wanting to go deeper into the history, theology and core values of the Episcopal Church. The five session hybrid (in person and online) course is held once a year on Thursday evenings in early spring. The program concludes with the opportunity to receive the sacramental rite of Confirmation..

**Escuela de Ministerios:** The program, taught in Spanish, consists of 4 modules including, theology and the Holy Scripture, history of the Church and Anglicanism, theological reflection and pastoral practice. Contact Alfredo Feregrino: aferegrino@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2713,

**Getting Connected Class:** This five-week class is designed for anyone — from brand new explorers to longtime seekers — interested in exploring the essence of All Saints Church and getting more connected through active engagement. Each class consists of a presentation by a staff member and lay leader followed by a small group experience. Together we consider the core values of All Saints Church and develop a sense of belonging as we build connections to individuals, ministries and groups.

**Reclaiming the Bible:** This is "bible study" with a difference. Our goal will be to heal and move beyond the misunderstanding, confusion, hurtful interpretation, oppression, and other ways our bible has been used against us. Jesus is the Word of God, and God's Word is one of love, hope, and reconciliation. This is the bible we'll strive together to come home to in this small group study. Sunday, 4 p.m. on Zoom.

**The Way of Love:** The Way of Love is the modern interpretation of following the way of life Jesus presented. We will follow a curriculum developed by the national church during which we will explore how we can fit God into our busy and chaotic lives through scripture, prayer, worship, relationships, service, and rest. Two sessions a year. Contact Amanda McCormick for current times.

For more information: contact Amanda McCormick at amccormick@allsaints-pas.org.

