

Stretching toward the love of Christ

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I was church shopping about 15 years ago. I am divorced with two daughters, who, at that time, were young adults. I was looking for community, a place to belong. I had the choice of about 6 Episcopal Churches within a 20 minute drive and God led me to Nativity. I had recently graduated from Education for Ministry (EFM), a four year theology course for lay people. Being and studying in a small group community helped me to understand my faith and my ministry much more clearly, including being called to small group ministry. At that same time, Nativity had an EFM group who met weekly and they were looking for a mentor to help with its leadership. Most of the participants in the EFM group were Nativity members so it would be a great way to fulfill my ministry, feed my faith, and get to know some of Nativity's members. I completed the required training and began meeting with the group. I have been mentoring EFM ever since. Although it is important for me to feed my own faith, I have come to see how important it is to share that faith outside of my small group. Working with the homeless ministry and volunteering with ShareCare Faith in Action are two ways that Nativity does God's work outside our church walls.

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