

Ministering by Word and Example

You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live and work and worship.

Service of Ordination of a Deacon BAS

Description

Ministering by Word and Example is an online¹ course offered by the Centre for Christian Studies for people who are discerning a call to, or preparing for, the diaconate in the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Iona Report² provides the framework for this program, rooting it in a theological vision of vocation, and providing session themes from the areas of recommended competencies for lifelong learning, formation, and training for the diaconate. These competencies “are intended to be a guide for the church to discern the gifts of a person called to the diaconate, and equip and form them with the knowledge and skills they will need to minister effectively.”³

This program engages students in theory, theology, practice, reflection, and action in ways that are useful for ministerial formation in a variety of learning contexts. It

- Explores the foundations for diaconal service in the Anglican tradition
- Develops capacity for Biblical and theological reflection; pastoral and social responses, especially with vulnerable people; and leadership in public worship
- Provides opportunities for discernment of gifts and vocation

Course Format

12 three-hour sessions from October 31 to December 7, 2020

2 times per week

- Mondays 5:00 to 8:00 pm CST AND
- Saturdays 9:30 am to 12:30 pm CST

The Zoom online platform will be used for sessions, allowing for small and large group interaction, special guests, and video. Posted readings, further discussion, and assignments will be made available on a Moodle platform.

Leadership will be offered by CCS program staff along with guest presenters

¹ A version of this course has previously been offered in-person. This is a new design, format, and updated content.

² General Synod, “The Iona Report: the Diaconate in the Anglican Church of Canada.” ACC: Toronto, 2016. Available at: <https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/iona-report.pdf>.

³ Iona Report, p. 20

Cost \$790

Course Content

Sessions:

1. Introduction / Community Building
2. Introduction to Diakonia and the Diaconate
3. Human Awareness and Understanding
4. Practical Training and Experience: Pastoral Care
5. Practical Training and Experience: Roles of the Deacon in Worship
6. Diaconal Ministry in the Public Square: Indigenous Right Relations
7. Diaconal Ministry in the Public Square: Social Ministry & Social Change
8. Anglican Church Polity, Intercultural Ministry and the worldwide Anglican Communion
9. Scripture and Biblical Interpretation
10. Diaconal History / Spirituality and Spiritual Practice
11. Participant Leadership – Diaconal Lenses for Ministry Practice
12. Integration, Review of Learnings, and Closure

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