

Ministering by Word and Example 2021



Course outline

Description

Ministering by Word and Example is an online¹ course 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

Participants

Suitable for those seeking to explore and strengthen the tools needed for effective ministry as a member of the diaconate. It will be beneficial for those interested in discernment, formation, or for lifelong learning.

Course Format

12 three-hour sessions from October 30 to December 6, 2021

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 staff Marcie Gibson and Lori Stewart, 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

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Cost \$800

Course 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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