



FORMATION PROGRAMME

Diocese of Fredericton

Unit Description

TITLE: **Church Law:** The Legal Structure of the Diocese of Fredericton

INSTRUCTOR(s): **Professor David Bell et al**
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DAY-LONG LEARNING EVENT

DATE:

Saturday, 01 November 2014

LOCATION:

McAllister Room, Ludlow Hall, Fredericton

(Ground floor, Faculty of Law, 41 Dineen Drive, UNB-Fredericton)

OVERVIEW:

This unit examines the legal underpinnings enacted for the Church in New Brunswick by the Anglican Church Act 2003 and the ways in which the Diocesan Synod acts under that authority to create canons and regulations for the governance of the Diocese and its parishes. It looks also at how Diocesan canons interact with the canons of the General Synod and of the synod of the ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- B.L. Craig, [Apostle to the Wilderness - pp 153-170](#)
- C. Spinney et al, [Summary of the Anglican Church Act \(2003\), Constitution & Canons and Regulations of the Diocese of Fredericton](#)
- Diocese of Fredericton, [Canon Six: Parish Governance](#) and [Canon Seven: The Clergy](#)
- Province of New Brunswick, [The Anglican Church Act, 2003](#)
- Anglican Church of Canada, Canons [IV](#), [XIV](#), [XVII](#), [XVIII](#), [XIX](#) and [XXI](#)
- Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, [Constitution and Canon 2](#)

ASSIGNMENT: Complete, before the session, the [Legislation Quiz](#).

SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCES:

- Diocese of Fredericton, [The Constitution and Canons](#)
- Anglican Church of Canada, [Canons of the General Synod](#)
- Network of Anglican Legal Advisors (Anglican Communion), [Principles of Canon Law Common to Churches of the Anglican Communion](#)
- Ogilvie, Margaret, [Religious Institutions and the Law in Canada](#), Irwin Law, 2003 ISBN: 1552210693
- Kenneth Pennington, [A Short History of Canon Law from Apostolic Times to 1917](#), The Catholic University of America
- Alan Hayes, [Anglicans in Canada](#), Chapter 3, pp 82-113
- R.G. Leggett, [Jus Liturgicum: A Preliminary Opinion](#)

WRITTEN SUBMISSION TOPICS:

In at least 1000 words ...

1) Discuss the importance of legal documents and principles in the everyday church life. How does church law help order life in the Diocese of Fredericton?

OR

2) Creation or amendment of canons in the Diocese of Fredericton practically requires approval by the clerical and lay members of the Diocesan Synod, voting separately: Constitution, S. 8(2); Canon II, S. 9(1). Other religious groups, including newer Anglican dioceses, make no such distinction between clerical and lay members of their governing body/synod. Is such a distinction better retained or abolished?

OR

3) Topic of own choice, as approved by instructor.