



FORMATION PROGRAMME

Diocese of Fredericton

Syllabus

Unit topics outlined for the Programme may change from time to time in accordance with need and the availability of instructors. An expanded "Unit Description" will be provided prior to each offering with detail of the unit being offered.

BRIEF UNIT OVERVIEWS

Sacramental Theology

Exploration of the nature of Sacraments as taught by the Catechism with specific focus on the Gospel Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. The written submission will strive to encourage familiarity with current Bishop's Directives and their practical application.

Church Law

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.

The Diaconate

The holy order of deacon is not new to the Church but its use in recent centuries has been limited. This unit will provide an overview of this ministry and its place in the Diocese of Fredericton with reference to a biblical understanding and historical developments.

Local Church History

With focus on the life and times of Bishop John Medley, first Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton, this unit will explore the theological and practical issues of the early days of the Diocese and attempt to relate their significance to current realities of church life in the Diocese and beyond.

Leadership in Ministry

In 1962 Thomas Kuhn coined the phrase "paradigm shift." What he meant was that throughout human history, people have changed the way they view the world. It is as if they change glasses. We are living in such a time – the change from modernism to post-modernism. This means facing the question: How do we lead in a new paradigm? This unit will give a basic introduction to postmodernism and then concentrate on collaborative leadership within our context.

Anglican Church Polity

The unique nature of the Anglican Church will be explored with reference to Anglican Church structure, theology and practice.

Ministries with Youth

With specific emphasis on ministry with youth, this unit will explore the importance of an intergenerational vision of ministry lived out in day to day parish life with reference to worship, education and spirituality of the younger individuals in our congregations.

Christian Education and Ministry with Youth

With specific emphasis on ministry with youth, this unit will explore the importance of an intergenerational vision of ministry as it is lived out in day to day parish life with reference to worship, education and spirituality as it relates to the younger individuals in congregations.

Spirituality and Prayer

An exploration of spirituality (Benedictine, Ignatian, Celtic) with practice and discussion around certain forms of prayer (Daily Office, lectio divina, Gospel contemplation, intercession in pastoral care and public worship).

Current Issues and Trends

This unit will focus on issues and trends influencing the life of the Church and specifically in the context of the Diocese of Fredericton.

Liturgical Studies

An overview of the history of liturgy in the Anglican church with an emphasis on the growth and development of the Anglican Eucharist. Consideration will be given to the principles and potential of current and continuing developments in the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Christian Year

An exploration of the cycles and seasons of the church calendar and its associated lectionary resources. The pattern of lections for both Sunday and daily prayer will form a basis of consideration of some major themes and content of scripture read in a liturgical context.

Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the making of disciples

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