




Vocational Formation for Deacons


A journey that responds to Love and is accountable to the
church and to vocation



Communal learning Competency focus

Discipleship Competencies


- Interprets the biblical text and applies its truth to life situations.
- Demonstrates a vibrant spiritual life through the implementation of spiritual disciplines including prayer, Bible study, holiness of life, and communion with God.
- Models the role of an effective teacher and communicator, facilitator of response to community needs to serve the poor, lonely, sick, suffering, hungry...Living in the Spirit of the beatitudes.
- Functions as a resource person in discipleship curriculum.
- Bible study and Bible teaching that relates to mission and ministry in the world.
- Evaluates current mission programs and issues in light of church history and theology and cultural needs.
- Leads the church in planning—church to world and world to church



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Ministry competencies


- ▶ Exercises the administrative skills of strategic organizing, leading, and evaluating the work that leads to achievement of defined goals and the mission of the church.
- ▶ Recruits, trains, and supervises individuals to fulfill the purposes of the church in the world.
- ▶ Assesses the needs of the community in which the church resides, as well as in the world, collaborates to design appropriate actions to meet those needs, and effectively markets the church's ministry in the community.
- ▶ Develops and administers budgets for ministry programs and organizations.
- ▶ Provides pastoral care and appropriate referrals for the sick, hurting, and grieving in the world; serving the poor, the lonely, the lost.
- ▶ Demonstrates godly humility and sacrificial love for those in the church.



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Evangelism focus

- Leads the church in planning and conducting cross-cultural mission.
 - Builds relationships with unbelievers that lead to opportunities to share the Gospel.
 - Interprets the culture and plans appropriate strategies for sharing the Gospel in that culture.
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As a Deacon you are to Study the Holy Scripture

- ▶ Anglican Approaches to Scripture
- ▶ Hebrew Testament I and II
- ▶ Synoptic Gospels I and II
- ▶ Gospel of John (Optional)



To Seek Nourishment from the Scriptures and to model your life from them

- ▶ Spiritual Direction—spiritual development
 - ▶ Daily offices, rhythm of prayer—spiritual development
 - ▶ Prayer Book Studies I
 - ▶ Orientation and Reorientation
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Make Christ and His Love known By word

- Homiletics
- Church History I and II
- Theological reflection course being developed by Duncan Johnston
- Ethics I and II



Make Christ's love known by your example

- ▶ Anglican Practical Theology—human awareness and understanding
- ▶ CPE---human awareness and understanding
- ▶ Multicultural training (during Orientation and Reorientation)
- ▶ Eliminating Racism Training (Leadership Days)
- ▶ Organizing for social change (Adaptive leadership opportunities with John Roberto and Leading through change leadership days) –human awareness and understanding

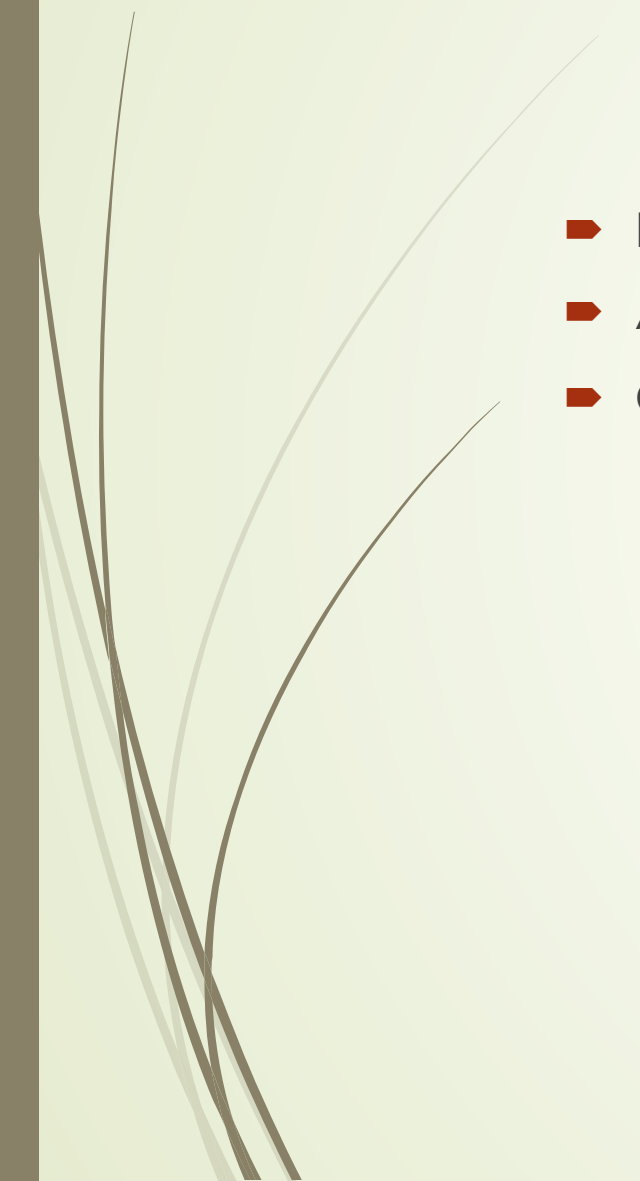


You are to interpret the needs of the world to the church

- ▶ The Message of Mission (The Book of Acts and practical application)
Diakonia
- ▶ Discipleship to Apostleship Diakonia
- ▶ Field work –Mission and ministry Development Diakonia




Assist in Public Worship

- ▶ Prayer Book Studies II
 - ▶ Anglican Liturgical Theology
 - ▶ Celtic Spirituality—Spiritual development and discipline
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Certificate for the Diaconate

- ▶ What courses do I need to complete the certificate?
- ▶ Do I need a certificate for ordination?
- ▶ Do I need to take GOE's?
- ▶ Do I have canonical exams for deacons?
- ▶ How long will this take?
- ▶ How do the courses support the expectations from the Commission on Ministry?
- ▶ How does the faculty work with examining chaplains and with the Commission on Ministry and Bishop?



Suggested course of study for competency

Year One (10 week hybrid on line courses)

Semester I

Anglican Approaches to Scripture

Hebrew Testament I

Church History I

Prayer Book Studies I

Orientation and Reorientation


Semester II

Hebrew Testament I

Synoptic Gospel I

Church History II

Prayer Book Studies II



Suggested course of study for competency Year Two

Semester I


- ▶ Option I CPE

And/Or


- ▶ Anglican Pastoral Theology
- ▶ Ethics I
- ▶ Message of Mission
- ▶ Homiletics

Semester II

- ▶ Disciples becoming Apostles
- ▶ Theological Reflection
- ▶ Ethics II (option)



Suggested course of study for competency Year Three

- ▶ CPE if not taken earlier
 - ▶ Field Work,
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Present courses

➤ 10 week courses first semester include:

- Anglican Approaches to Scripture
- Hebrew Testament I
- Prayer Book Studies I
- Church History I

In addition to 10 week courses:

- Internships required is now determined by the Bishop and COM....
- Ministry formation and theological reflection during Orientation and Reorientation
- Spiritual direction independent of courses



Suggested courses for second semester

- ▶ Hebrew Testament II
- ▶ Synoptic Gospels I
- ▶ Church History IIHistory of the Episcopal Church
- ▶ Ethics I

- ▶ Optional courses depending on background Prayer Book Studies II
- ▶ Orientation and Reorientation



Suggested courses for third semester

- ▶ Prayer Book Studies II
 - ▶ Anglican Pastoral or Practical Theology
 - ▶ The Message of Mission
 - ▶ Homiletics I

 - ▶ Orientation and Reorientation
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