



MERCER
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY



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School for
Ministry Catalog



Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
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From a "School of Theology" forming men for the priesthood ...



THE MERCER STORY

The Mercer School began in the post-WWII period in response to a pressing need for Episcopal clergy to lead new congregations being planted across Long Island. Originally a modified version of a residential seminary program, Mercer has evolved into an educational institution offering a variety of in-person and online programs to support the changing educational needs of twenty-first century ordained and lay ministers.

ONLINE LUNCH & LEARN

This popular program continues with an offering once monthly from February through June. Making the classes available via Zoom allows us to eliminate the commute!

Each course meets for one hour at lunch time on one weekday over a three- or four-week period. Planned topics include The Psalms, "Collecting" our prayers (BCP Collects), "Family Feuds" (church councils), "Witnesses from the Cloud" (Saints), and "Textual tradition of Mary Magdalene."

Check our website periodically for announcements!

CLASSES

The School for Ministry will meet online via Zoom one Saturday each month, from February through June.

The spring semester 2022 dates are: **2/19; 3/19; 4/16; 5/21; 6/18**
Class sizes are limited.

Follow the School for Ministry tab on the Mercer website, or contact Canon Ted Gerbracht, Director of Academic Studies

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NT1 Synoptic Gospels

Time: 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Michael Hull

The course introduces the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). The course looks to their structural similarities and to the meaning(s) of various synoptic pericopes with due regard to their geographical, sociopolitical, and religious contexts to expose and explain themes and issues in the Synoptics. Selected passages from each of the Synoptic Gospels are exegeted in detail.

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From Room to Zoom



TH4 Anglican Theology

NEW

Time: 10:30 am – 11:45 am

Instructor: Rev. Canon Dr. Bruce Griffith

Part 2 of a two-semester course. Attention is directed to the history of Anglican theological content, methodology, and development with readings drawn mostly from Anglican theologians and historians. We continue to examine philosophy and history in the formulations of Anglican perspectives on theological themes such as: the person, nature, and work of Jesus Christ; God’s gracious action in creation and redemption; the revolution caused by the debates of the 19th century; and the place of denominationalism in the formation of doctrine since the founding of the World Faith and Order Conference.

PREREQUISITE: Completion of TH3.

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NT3 Acts and Pauline Epistles

Time: 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Michael Hull

The course introduces the “Gospel according to Paul” and the Acts of the Apostles. It begins with an exposition of St. Paul as he speaks of himself in his letters and as he is spoken of in Acts within his Jewish and Hellenistic milieu. The focus of the course is an introduction to the thirteen letters of the *corpus Paulinum*. Selected passages from Paul’s letters and Acts are exegeted in detail.

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AS3 Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

NEW

Time: 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Instructor: Right Rev. Dr. R. William Franklin,
Canon Ted Gerbracht

Given the call for greater unity among Christian denominations, we will explore progress made by reviewing the history of the Ecumenical Movement in the Episcopal Church. We will start by looking at unity pioneers William Reed Huntington and Charles Henry Brent, and then we will evaluate some examples of ecumenical successes, including full communion with the Old Catholics, Evangelical Lutherans, and the Moravians. Then we will consider possibilities of full communion with some Methodists, Roman Catholics, and Presbyterians. The class will close with an investigation of the Interfaith strategies of the Episcopal Church.

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AS4 Christian Ethics from an Anglican Perspective

NEW

Date & Time: arranged with instructor

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Michael Hull

An introduction to Christian Ethics from an Episcopal/Anglican perspective to: articulate a critical appreciation of the ways in which Anglicanism informs and shapes the moral life of communities and individuals; develop in students a well-informed understanding of the theological resources available for Christian reflection on ethical issues; and develop in students, skills to apply these resources faithfully to contemporary moral questions.

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LT2 The Book of Common Prayer: Rubrics, Rites and Resources

NEW

Time: 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Sean Wallace

The first of two courses on the structure, use and theology of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and all attendant resources. This course will focus on the calendar, lectionary, Daily Offices, Baptism, Holy Week, and Holy Eucharist.

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TH2 Systematic Theology

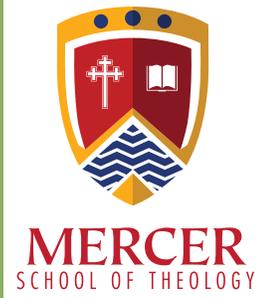
REVISED

Time: 10:30 am – 11:45 am

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Joshua Samuel

The second of a two-course sequence for those without prior theological training and who wish to engage in a systematic study of Christian doctrines such as God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Trinity, Church etc. Using Alister McGrath's *Christian Theology: An Introduction* (sixth edition) which is modeled on the Apostles Creed, this introductory (and preparatory) course will help the participants to read and reflect on themes fundamental to the life and witness of the Church. Taking into consideration the realities of religious pluralism and racism in our society, the course will end with discussion on theologies of religious diversity and Black liberation theology.

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O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— *Prayer for the Diversity of Races and Cultures,*
Book of Common Prayer (1979)