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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

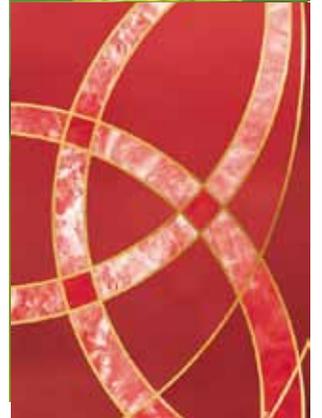
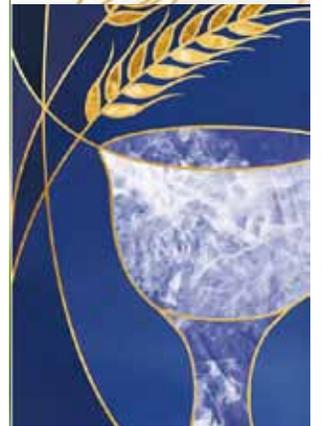
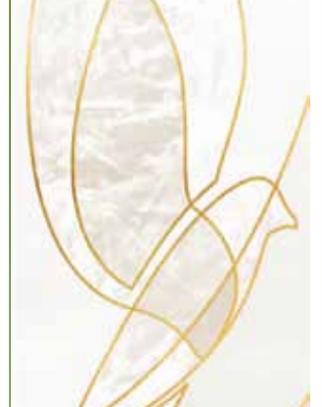


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School for Ministry
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Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
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From a “School
of Theology”
forming men for
the priesthood ...



THE MERCER STORY

The Mercer School began in the post-WWII period to encourage men employed full-time to become Episcopal priests to fill the need for pastors for churches growing in the new communities springing up during the postwar period. The model for the School was a four-year version of the curriculum offered in three-year courses of study offered at residential seminaries. The level of work and commitment were comparable to that of any advanced degree professional academic program.

CLASSES

Through mid-year 2023, the School will meet online via Zoom on one Saturday each month, from February through June.

The **Spring** semester dates are: **2/18; 3/18; 4/15; 5/20; 6/17.**
Class sizes are limited.

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

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CH2 Anglican Christianity

Time: 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Instructor: Canon Ted Gerbracht

A broad historical overview of Anglican Christianity. We will briefly look at early British religious history and then gradually widen our scope as the English Church followed British traders, entrepreneurs, adventurers and missionaries around the globe, planting the seeds of what would become a loose Anglican Communion and a unique American Episcopal Church.

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TH4 Anglican Theology

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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To a “School for Ministry” preparing all for 21st century ministries



From Room to Zoom

Until a global pandemic disrupted academic life, we gathered around a table seminar-style, or for larger classes in a horseshoe arrangement. Some students interacted with their instructor via video conference. Lay learners and men and women preparing for ordination engaged in the class side by side. In some classes lay students significantly outnumbered ordinands. As in the early days of Mercer, tuition for classes is funded by the Mercer Scholarship fund, with laity paying a nominal fee.

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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OT2 The Deuteronomist History and the Writings

Time: 10:30 am – 11:45 am

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Michael Hull

The course introduces the books of Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, as well as the Psalms and Proverbs including synopses of their outlooks, ideologies, and theologies. The course pays close attention to their literary traditions, historical and cultural contexts, and thematic structures. Selected passages are exegeted in detail.

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AS4 Christian Ethics from an Anglican Perspective

Time: to be 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.

NOT OFFERED IN SPRING 2023



To virtual classes in response to the COVID-19 virus pandemic



Mercer now

Today's classes feel quite different. In mid-March 2020 we scrambled to move our instructors and classes online over seven hectic days. After months of Zoom fatigue, wrestling with IDs and passwords, and fussing with sound and video settings, both teachers and students have become "Zoom proficient." But travel time to Mercer has been cut substantially; we still can move easily from class to class, and we can see and interact with each other in Gallery mode, before, during, and after class. Currently, all tuition costs are fully funded by the generosity of the Mercer Scholarship Fund.

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

Time: 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

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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AS5 Mission in the Anglican Tradition

NEW

Time: 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Joshua Samuel

"The Church exists by mission as fire exists by burning," (Emil Brunner). As mission is vital for the life of the Church, we will approach study of mission systematically with special focus on the Anglican tradition. The course will begin with the basics, namely the understanding of mission in Scripture and the early church. We will then consider interpretations of mission in relation to the Anglican church's approach in the colonial era and in postcolonial contexts. The final part of the course will look at key elements and expressions of mission in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement in the United States, focusing on topics such as evangelism, church planting, and social justice.

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The School for Ministry invites your suggestions and feedback about our programs.

In addition to our scheduled meetings as a school, watch for the return of our popular mid-day short "Lunch and Learn" courses.

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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)