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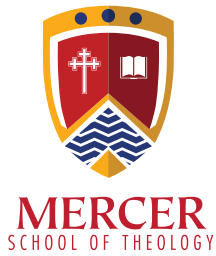


SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY CATALOG

SPRING 2024

The George Mercer School of Theology
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

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

The Spring semester 2024 dates are:

2/17; 3/16; 4/13; 5/18; 6/15.

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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NT1 Synoptic Gospels

Time: 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Instructor: Dr. Ian Kinman

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, socio-political, 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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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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To a “School
for Ministry”
preparing all
for 21st century
ministries



From ROOM ...



to ZOOM

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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OT2 Prophets

Time: 10:30 am – 11:45 am

Instructor: Dr. Donn Morgan

This course introduces the prophetic books of the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Amos, et al.). Special attention is given to historical, literary, and theological issues pertinent to prophecy. Reading and exegeting scriptural texts for contemporary ministry are of central import.

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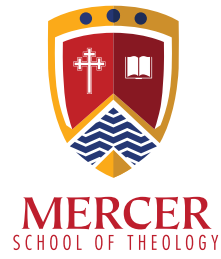
TH2 Systematic Theology

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. 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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AS3 Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

Time: 9:00 am – 10:15 am

Instructor: Right Rev. Dr. R. William Franklin

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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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.



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)