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



MERCER in the Early 21st Century

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 \$25 per course.

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 offering a systematic study of Christian doctrines such as God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Trinity, Church etc. Participants will 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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To a fully online
School for Ministry
focused on those
preparing for the
diaconate.

MERCER Now – Post Pandemic

Today's classes feel quite different. In mid-March 2020 we moved our classes online and have continued to teach and learn via Zoom, even as the need for physical separation has diminished. Travel time to Mercer has been cut substantially; and we can see and interact with each other in Gallery mode, before, during, and after class. While we will continue online through the 2024-25 academic year, we will be exploring ways to come together in-person. Keep checking our website for details.



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 review 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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NT3 Acts and Pauline Epistles

Time: 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Instructor: Dr. Ian Kinman

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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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.



Almighty God,

through your Son Jesus Christ you called men and women from many walks of life and taught them before you sent them forth in your service: Look graciously, we pray, upon The George Mercer, Jr. Memorial School of Theology, that by your Holy Spirit wisdom and understanding and knowledge may be increased among us, and that through our studies, good and faithful stewards of your mysteries may be prepared and equipped to minister to your people in your Name; for you are gracious, O Lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, both now and unto the ages of ages.. **Amen.**