



FORMATION PROGRAMME

Diocese of Fredericton

Information for Instructors

Overview

The Diocesan Formation Programme is designed to provide units of study in Anglican Formation for those pursuing ordination to 1) the (vocational) diaconate, and 2) the priesthood studying by way of distance education programmes. The programme, in conjunction with institutionally delivered components, will create an opportunity for guided study in the local (diocesan) context and provide opportunities for community sharing and the building of mutual accountability among its participants. Ordained individuals in the first years of ministry requiring post-ordination training credits may be encouraged to participate in specific units to further those requirements.

The Programme

Those preparing for ordination to the (vocational) diaconate require a minimum of 6 units
Those preparing for ordination to priesthood via distance education programs require a minimum of 10 units

Units will be offered as instructors and resources are available during three identified annual "semesters" of study

September - November
January - March
April - June

Unit structure

Month 1 - Reading of required texts as set by the instructor(s)

Month 2 - One or two day-long learning days with a proposed schedule:

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Lecture/instruction
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Group discussion/interaction/integration
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lecture/instruction
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Group discussion/interaction/integration
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Community time
3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

(One session mid October/mid February/mid May OR two sessions one early and one late in October/February/May)

Month 3 - Participant preparation of a written submission of not less than 1000 words
(Due without exception on the final day of the semester)

Required of instructors

1.
 - a) Set required reading assignment. These should be provided (digitally if possible) for participants by the 1st day of the semester or information on obtaining them given at least one month in advance. Supplementary reading can/should also be recommended.
 - b) Provide at least two options describing the topic for the written submission to be included in the unit description (a third option of a topic proposed by the participant and approved by the instructor).
2.
 - a) Determine if there will be one or two day-long sessions required
 - b) Set the dates, locations and arrangements for space, lunch etc
3. The location will need to make a celebration of Eucharist possible at the end of the day. Make necessary arrangements for that event including programme participants in the planning and execution as much as possible.
4. Finalize details of the Unit (reading assignment, submission topics, location) to be shared with participants via the "Unit Description" before its beginning (1st day of Month One). Adjustments to the Unit Description should be discussed and negotiated with the Diocesan Archdeacon.
5. Provide instruction/lectures followed by direction for sessions of group discussion/integration of the material under consideration. Opportunities for discussion and integration are very important and should not be overlooked in favour of extended instruction/lecture time.
6. Require participants to identify the choice of submission topic or approve topics by the end of the (last) day-long learning event. Remind participants of the deadline for submissions.
7. Expectations regarding the required submission should be shared during the day-long session. The format may be a customary "paper" or other such submission acceptable to the instructor. Receive written submissions by the final day of the semester. Review the submissions and grant an 'acceptable' or 'unacceptable' designation providing evaluative comments to the author. Copies of the submission may be required for those seeking institutional credit. When evaluation is complete, forward comments on all unit submissions to the Bishop for recording of programme credit.

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