



FORMATION PROGRAMME

Diocese of Fredericton

Unit Description

TITLE:	Anglican Church Polity: Unity of the Spirit and Bonds of Love: Anglican Structures and the Nature and Mission of the Church
INSTRUCTOR(s):	The Rev'd Canon Eric Beresford
DAY-LONG LEARNING EVENT	
DATE:	Saturday, 16 February 2013
LOCATION:	Margaret McCain Hall # 203 <u>St. Thomas University</u>, Fredericton

OVERVIEW:

The unique nature of the Anglican Church will be explored with reference to Anglican Church structure, theology and practice.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Book of Common Prayer: [Solemn Declaration and Declaration of Principles](#) / [Articles of Religion](#), especially VI, XIX, XX, XXIII, XXVI, XXXIV
- Thomas, Philip H. E. "[The Doctrine of the Church](#)," Sykes, S. et al. eds. *The Study of Anglicanism*. SPCK / Fortress Press, Minneapolis, 1998: pp 249-262
- [An Understanding of Anglican Authority](#), R. Stevenson, 2003
- [In Service of Communion: Final Report of the Task Force on Jurisdiction](#), General Synod, Anglican Church of Canada, 2002

SUPPLEMENTARY READING:

- [The Anglican Communion Covenant \(Final\)](#), The Anglican Communion Office © 2012 Anglican Consultative Council.
- Ramsey, Michael, [The Gospel and the Catholic Church](#), Hendrickson Publishers, Massachusetts, 2010 ISBN 978-1-59856-389-4 *[Available on Kindle and Kobo readers]*

WRITTEN SUBMISSION TOPICS:

In 1000 - 1250 words, ONE of the following:

1. "My parish is all that matters." Discuss
2. "The Anglican Covenant represents a fundamental shift of Anglican Self understanding." Discuss.
3. A topic agreed with the instructor that explores questions related to the polity and / or ecclesiology of the Anglican Church of Canada

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