

## DS 601 POLITY, MINISTRY AND MISSION OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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Dates: September 25/18; October 9/18; October 30/18; November 20/18; January 10—11/19

Location: VST room tba

**Purpose:** People entering into leadership in the Anglican Church need to have an understanding of how things work in our particular denomination (or at least how they are supposed to work); they have to know something about the nature and limits of the authority they will be granted and the expectations and responsibilities attached to the roles of Bishop, Priest, Deacon and Laity in the Church. This two-credit course will explore the nature, motivations and practices relating to ministry and mission in Anglicanism, beginning with an examination of the basic organization, structure and polity of the Church.

We will explore subjects such as:

Authority, organization, canons, synods, “instruments of unity”

Official roles, responsibilities

Transition from a colonial, expatriate church to a worldwide communion

The “marks of mission” and the motivations for mission then and now

Anglican Evangelism: not necessarily an oxymoron. The place of evangelism and intentional growth

**Competence Objectives:** demonstrate familiarity with specific aspects of Anglican organization, authority, governance, and modes of ministry; discuss the history, development and current place of mission in the life of the Anglican Church; demonstrate an awareness of the importance of canonical guidelines and develop an ability to make decisions in parish situations which require specific canonical parameters; develop a better understanding of what it means to interact with and serve the world around us; develop an ability to articulate why we exist and what we uniquely offer the community around us.

**Prerequisites:** HIS650 Anglican History, Spirituality and Theology; open to Anglican students in the M.Div. program unless by consultation with and permission of the Instructor

### Required Reading:

Anglican Communion Office, *The Principles of Canon Law Common to the Churches of the Anglican Communion*, The Anglican Consultative Council, 2008 (available online at: <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/124862/AC-Principles-of-Canon-Law.pdf>)

Paul Avis, *The Anglican Understanding of the Church*, SPCK, 2000

Paul Avis, *A Ministry Shaped by Mission*, Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2005

Michael Doe, *Saving Power: The Mission of God and the Anglican Communion*, SPCK, (2011)

Book of Common Prayer, *The Thirty-Nine Articles*  
The Canons of 1604 -- <https://www.anglican.net/doctrines/1604-canon-law/>  
Book of Common Prayer: The Solemn Declaration of 1893  
The Canons of their own diocese – usually accessible on Diocesan web page  
The Marks of Mission: <http://anglican.ca/help/faq/marks-of-mission>  
The Anglican Church of Canada, Historical Sketch for Anglican Residential Schools -- *text provided*  
Apology to Native People: A message from the Primate, Archbishop Michael Peers, to the National Native Convocation, Minaki, Ontario, Friday, August 6, 1993 – *text provided*

### **Recommended reading:**

Paul Avis, *Anglicanism and the Christian Church: Theological Resources in Historical Perspective* (New York: Continuum, 2002)  
Richard Bauckham, *Bible and Mission: Christian Witness in a Postmodern World* (Grand Rapids: Baker Publishing Group, 2008.)  
Patricia Bays: *Anglican Diversity: Challenges for the 21st Century*, Chapt. 8: “Authority in the Anglican Communion.”  
David Bosch, *Witness To The World: The Christian Mission in Theological Perspective*, Wipf and Stock, 2006  
Steven J. L. Croft, Ian. Mobsby, Stephanie. *Spellers, Ancient faith, future mission : fresh expressions in the sacramental traditions*; 2010; held by: Regent College  
Duncan Dormer, Jack, McDonald and Jeremy Caddick, eds. *Anglicanism,: The Answer to Modernity*, Continuum, 2003  
Douglas, Ian T., *Beyond Colonial Anglicanism: The Anglican Communion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (New York: Church Publishing Inc., 2001).  
Christopher Duraisigh, *From Church-Shaped Mission to Mission-Shaped Church; Anglican Theological Review, Winter 2010, Vol. 92* – available on reserve in VST Library  
Darrell L Guder, *Called To Witness*, Eerdmans, 2015  
Richard Hooker: *Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity* (full text can be found online)  
John Jewel; *An Apology, or Answer in Defence of the Church of England, 1562* (full text can be found online)  
Kwok Pui-Lan and Jenny Te Paa, *Anglican Women on Church and Mission* (Canterbury Studies in Anglicanism), Morehouse, 2013  
Titus Pressler, *Horizons of Mission*, Cowley, 2001  
Alan Roxburgh, Scott Boren, *Introducing the Missional Church*, Baker Publ., 2009  
Katherine Jefferts Schori, *Gathering at God's Table: The Meaning of Mission in the Feast of the Faith*, Sky Light Paths, 2012  
Daniel Stevick: “Canon Law” in Stephen Sykes, et al (eds), *The Study of Anglicanism*, Revised Ed. (London/Minneapolis: SPCK/Fortress Press, 1988), pp.216-248  
Ian Stuchberry, *This is Our Faith: A Guide to Life and Belief for Anglicans*; Toronto: ABC Publishing, 1990  
Craig VanGelder, ed., *The Missional Church in Context: Helping Congregations Develop Contextual Ministry*, Eerdmans, 2007  
Rowan Williams: *Why Study the Past? The Quest for the Historical Church* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005)

### **Other online resources:**

The Anglican Communion Office. "What Is the Anglican Communion?" Anglican Communion. 2016. <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/identity/about.aspx>.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. "Anglican Church of Canada Organizational / Structural Definitions." The Anglican Church of Canada. <http://www.anglican.ca/help/faq/definitions/>.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. Handbook of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada: 17th Edition, Published 2013. <http://images.anglican.ca/pdf/handbook/handbook-17th-ed.pdf>.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. "About Us" [http://www.anglican.ca/about/the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada](http://www.anglican.ca/about/the%20General%20Synod%20of%20the%20Anglican%20Church%20of%20Canada).

The Anglican Church of Canada. Rules of Order – General Synod. [http://images.anglican.ca/pdf/handbook/104\\_rules\\_of\\_order.pdf](http://images.anglican.ca/pdf/handbook/104_rules_of_order.pdf)

Fresh Expressions [https://freshexpressions.org.uk/Online resources](https://freshexpressions.org.uk/Online%20resources)

Gifts for Mission: <http://giftsformission.anglican.ca>

Canadian Anglican Mission: <http://anglican.ca/gifts/stewardship>

Vision 2019: <http://anglican.ca/v2019>

Mission-Shaped Ministry <http://churchmissionsociety.org>

### **COURSE POLICIES**

1. **Attendance:** 100% attendance is expected. The classes in the Fall term may be taken either in person or via Adobe connect, and the classes in the Inter-term require in-person attendance.
2. **Reading and assignments** Students are expected to read all required assignments before the applicable class and to complete all assignments within the specified dates of the course and term, as given by the Instructor. The assignment will be a **final paper of 10 pages, in the format approved by VST, due by March 1, 2019**, and evaluation will be given after a one hour interview with the Instructor. In the interview, which is to be initiated by the student, the student will be questioned about their paper and given opportunity to clarify things not adequately expressed in writing. **The interview must be completed by March 20 2019**
3. **Academic honesty** Students are expected to adhere to VST's requirements for academic honesty as published in the Student Handbook.

4. **Inclusive language** In speaking and writing, inclusive language is expected when making reference to humans and a variety of metaphors are anticipated when making reference to God.
5. **Late assignments** Submission of assignments on time is a part of academic, professional and pastoral competence and a part of every course at VST. All assignments in courses are due on the dates specified in the syllabus. Late assignments/requests for extensions to be dealt with by the Dean, Dr. Pat Dutcher-Walls.
6. VST is committed to creating a safe space and an inclusive learning environment. If you have a diagnosed or suspected learning disability, chronic condition, mental health concern, or physical requirement which you anticipate may impact your participation in this class, you are encouraged to discuss your needs with the instructor and the Dean within the first week of classes.