1 credit
Dates: March 13--15, 2020
Bethlehem Retreat Centre, Nanaimo
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Purpose and content:

This course aims to instruct Anglican MDiv and other ministry-stream students in the meaning and practice of the Eucharist in the Anglican tradition.

Students will reflect upon Anglican understanding of sacraments, the history and theology of the Eucharist, examine their own place in that tradition, and develop their own Eucharistic/liturgical spirituality.

We will examine various criteria relating to liturgical leadership and create opportunities for participants to explore their own liturgical “style.” We will practice and reflect upon the movements, gestures and other aspects of ceremonial related to Eucharistic practice.

Because formation is not simply about the information being offered, participants will experience a live-in retreat, with time for solitude, silence and contemplative reflection, as well as observing a discipline of corporate prayer, study, and community life.

Course Competencies

People who feel called to preside must demonstrate adequate knowledge of the subject. They must also show an ability to be aware of and sensitive to context, and capable of communicating the meaning of the Eucharist through meaningful actions/gestures as well as words. Participants will become more aware of themselves as leaders – their assumptions, motivations, sense of calling and presence.

Participants will understand the basic shape, essential elements, movement and direction of the Eucharistic liturgy. They will become familiar with the terminology of the Eucharist relating to parts of the liturgy, church, ornaments, vestments, vessels, linens, etc. They will acquire a familiarity with the set-up and preparation of the altar and sanctuary.

They will design a teaching or instructional Eucharist, creating a commentary on the various parts of the liturgy.

Prerequisites: Open only to Anglican students in the M.Div. degree program or the Diaconal Studies diploma program unless by special permission of the Instructor.
Required Text:

The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Anglican Tradition; H.R. McAdoo, Kenneth Stevenson. 
Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry: World Council of Churches: the chapter on Eucharist (provided via Canvas)

Recommended Text:

Eucharist: Symbol of Transformation. William R. Crockett

Both the required and the recommended text will be available in UBC bookstore.

Other required reading will be posted to the Canvas site.

Assignment:

The written assignment is a seven page paper, which is to be discussed/assessed with the Instructor during a one-hour interview (which is initiated by the student). Students are also assessed on the basis of their participation in the teaching and discussion sessions, whether they meet the requirements regarding Competencies, and in light of VST’s Readiness for Ministry criteria.

Retreat Centre Fees:

Each student attending this retreat is responsible for paying a $50 retreat accommodation fee. The charge will be applied to the student’s account as a separate charge at the point when the student registers for the course. After the end of the Add/Drop period, there will be no refund of the accommodation charge if a student withdraws from the course. Under the usual policy on Fee Refunds and Withdrawals, tuition charges for the course will still be eligible for a refund but the accommodation charge will not.