

For Immediate Release: July 16, 2026

VST APPOINTS THE REV. DR. CHARLES MEEKS AS DIRECTOR OF ANGLICAN FORMATION

VANCOUVER, BC. July 16, 2026. The Vancouver School of Theology is pleased to announce the appointment of **The Rev. Dr. Charles Meeks** as Director of Anglican Formation, effective **August 1, 2026**.

As Director of Anglican Formation, Dr. Meeks will support the formation of Anglican students preparing for ordained and lay ministry while contributing to the life of the School through teaching, pastoral leadership, and collaboration with dioceses and the wider Anglican Church.

About The Rev. Charles Meeks

The Rev. Dr. Charles Meeks comes to VST from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, where he serves as Ecumenical Chaplain, supporting the spiritual life of the university community through pastoral care, worship, and ecumenical ministry. He also serves as Assistant Curate at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Hamilton.



An ordained priest in the Anglican Church of Canada within the Diocese of Niagara, Dr. Meeks brings together pastoral ministry, theological education, and scholarly research. Throughout his career, he has taught at a number of universities and theological institutions, including Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto and Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, NY, helping to form students through the study of Scripture, theology, and the Christian tradition.

Dr. Meeks earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Houghton University, a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies from Asbury Theological Seminary, and a PhD in Theology from Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto. His doctoral research explored sacramental hermeneutics through the work of Hilary of Poitiers and Robert W. Jenson.

His research and writing focus on historical theology, biblical interpretation, sacramental theology, and the theology of the early Church. He is the author of *Sola Scriptura Sacramentaque: Recovering the Significance of the Sacraments with Hilary of Poitiers and Robert W. Jenson* and has published widely in peer-reviewed journals and theological publications, including the *Scottish Journal of Theology* and the *Journal of Theological Interpretation*. He is currently completing a forthcoming book on Hilary of Poitiers, and is exploring new research avenues on the work of John Wesley and Salvian of Marseilles.

The Vancouver School of Theology is pleased to welcome Dr. Meeks to the faculty and looks forward to the leadership, scholarship, and pastoral gifts he will bring to the formation of Anglican students and to the wider life of the VST community.

"I am humbled and overjoyed to be a part of the good work God is doing at VST! I am particularly excited to serve at the juncture of teaching across a number of disciplines as well as mentoring our Anglican students. This dual vision of theological education that is both rigorous and pastoral is what first drew me to VST, and I can't wait to join this community."

– The Rev. Dr. Charles Meeks

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“What a joy to welcome The Rev. Dr. Charles Meeks to VST as Anglican Director of Studies and Formation. Charles brings enthusiasm for the work and a sense of God’s summons to it. He has depth of experience in student support and scholarship and experience in mission and Christian education at all levels. His impressive gifts and friendly collegial manner will strengthen VST’s mission to educate and form thoughtful, engaged and generous Christian leaders for the 21st century.”

– Richard Topping, VST President & Vice-Chancellor

About VST

The Vancouver School of Theology is called to educate and form thoughtful, engaged, and generous Christian leaders for the church and the world. This work is made possible through the dedication of caring, competent, and committed faculty and staff who bring VST’s mission to life. A change agent and innovator for the church, VST is recognized internationally as a leading theological school and is an affiliated college of the University of British Columbia.

VST celebrates its foundational partnerships with the Anglican Church of Canada, the United Church of Canada, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and welcomes students from many Christian communions, the global church, and other faith traditions through the Inter-Religious Studies Program, as well as Indigenous communities. For 40 years, the Indigenous Studies Program has been integral to VST’s mission, grounding its commitments in relationship and mutual respect.

VST is a two-time recipient of the prestigious Pathways for Tomorrow grants from the Lilly Endowment; a first grant in redefining the critical role of Theological Field Education in preparing clergy, and a second grant supports excellence in congregational leadership. Central to its mandate, VST prepares ministers, priests, and pastors to lead flourishing congregations. VST is accredited by the Government of British Columbia and by the Association of Theological Schools.

VST traces its roots to predecessor schools, beginning with Columbian College, founded in 1892 in New Westminster. Formally established in 1971 through the amalgamation of Union and Anglican theological colleges, VST celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2021 and continues this longstanding legacy of theological education in the region.

The Vancouver School of Theology acknowledges that it is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam) People.

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