Theological Education in the Anglican Communion
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Welcome

This is the first of a regular set of bulletins from the Theological Education department in the Anglican Communion Office. These bulletins are for theological colleges, seminars, courses and diocesan training departments, to help them keep in touch with the latest resources being developed across the Anglican Communion and beyond. Some of the resources are being developed specially for the Anglican Communion website, where they will be available to be downloaded by anyone who needs them. Other resources will be provided through links to other websites.

Please share this bulletin with your colleagues. We hope it will become a valued way in which the theological education community keeps in touch with itself and through which members will share their own resources with the wider network.

Please send in links and resources for the next bulletin, to be published in October.

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Next bulletin will include an update on resources for education for discipleship

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By building educational and training networks of mutual learning and friendship, eg. through assisting theological college and seminary communities across the Communion, North and South, to put in place companionship links, modelled on the diocesan companionship link model. These will allow college-to-college contact so that students and staff learn about and appreciate differences, support and pray for each other, and so strengthen awareness of the Anglican Communion and Anglican identity. If your institution would like to set up such a link please contact Stephen Spencer: stephen.spencer@aco.org

By commissioning study materials on under-resourced areas of the curriculum, to be placed on the ACO website with open access for all, in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. These materials, at introductory/certificate level, can be inserted into locally designed programmes, modules and sessions and adapted to the needs of the local context. They will be developed by regional teams from across the Communion. The first group of topics will include Anglican ecumenical doctrine, gender justice and Anglican identity. Requests for materials on other areas of the curriculum are welcome - contact Stephen Spencer.

By encouraging theological education at every level, from education for discipleship through to preparing bishops for Lambeth 2020. Supporting local groups engaged in theological education by extension is part of this, and publishing the work of global South theologians from across the Communion is another part.

Ministry grids: lists of agreed competencies that are essential for ministry and discipleship within the Anglican Communion. There are lists for vocational deacons, priests (and transitional deacons), bishops, licensed lay ministers and lay people. Click here.

List of Theological Colleges and Seminaries of the Anglican Communion province by province, of Anglican/Episcopal and united colleges and seminaries which provide education and ministerial training for more than one diocese in the Anglican Communion. Click here.

Gender Justice study materials for use by Theological Colleges, Seminaries and Training Schemes in the Anglican Communion:

God’s Justice: Just Relationships between Women and Men, Girls and Boys

Other resources on gender justice


Resources online

The Anglican Way: an agreed statement describing the heart of Anglican doctrine, also available in French, Swahili and Spanish: ‘The Anglican Way is a particular expression of the Christian Way of being the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ. It is formed by and rooted in Scripture, shaped by its worship of the living God, ordered for communion, and directed in faithfulness to God’s mission in the world. .’. Click here.


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