



# TEAC

Theological Education in the Anglican Communion

## Resources Bulletin

November 2021

### Survey Request

What online resources do you need for your programmes? TEAC is now looking ahead and beginning to plan its work for the next phase of its life. To help us do this we need to hear from you about the kind of online resources that you need and cannot find. TEAC is hoping to fill some of these gaps with the help of working groups of theologians and educators from across the world. [Please fill in the very short survey by the end of November](#) to assist us with this. Thank you.

### Being Anglican (Part 1) – Learning from our History

New study materials launched this month

This month sees the launch of Part 1 of TEAC's study materials on being Anglican. These are all about the history lying behind contemporary Anglicanism and are designed to be used as a course for small groups, in English with Portuguese, Spanish and French translations to follow. Part 2 of the study materials, 'Learning from Global Perspectives', currently being completed, is a collection of short video testimonies from across the Anglican Communion with additional video commentaries from a range of scholars, on different aspects of Anglicanism. This will be launched early in 2022.

Today Anglican churches are found in over 165 countries of the world with an estimated membership of around 86 million people. The Anglican Communion links 42 of these provincial and national churches together, including four united churches from the Indian sub-continent, with some independent churches and dioceses across the world. Even though these churches are autonomous and different from each other they have much in common, which comes from a shared history, from ongoing relationships with each other and from a shared mission. This course looks at three broad elements of church life that they have in common:

- at Anglican spirituality - at the spiritual understanding and practices from the past that have helped to *bring to life* Anglicans' relationship with God
- at the corporate structures and relationships they have inherited from the past and which they share and extend in the present
- at the rich and diverse mission of proclaiming the kingdom of God that is increasingly shaping their future

These study materials, divided into 20 interactive sessions, present a collection of stories about all kinds of Anglicans and key ideas that have shaped this branch of the Christian church. The stories do not and could not describe all of Anglican experience but they cover a broad range of it. Participants are invited to read and reflect on these stories and see how they enrich, challenge and change the way they understand Anglican ways of being Christian.

The study materials can be [found here](#).

### Young Anglican Theologians Update

The Young Anglican Theologians project (YAT) had elections in May, following the invitation sent out earlier in the year. A new core group was elected, of members from across the Anglican Communion. Since then there have been discussions about questions of identity, purpose and governance, with the following outcomes -

#### Identity

The Young Anglican Theologians project is a gathering of young people (aged 18-40) across the Anglican Communion that seeks to connect, encourage, and empower young Anglicans with a passion for theology. One doesn't need to be an 'official' theologian (ordained, academically qualified or experienced) to join in.

#### Purpose

YAT aims to

- Encourage young Anglicans to find their own voice.
- Make theology more accessible and inclusive by empowering young people to tell their stories from the grassroots.
- Use their gifts in writing, speaking, performance, art and sculpture to communicate and contribute to theology in the life of the whole Church.

#### Governance

YAT is steered by elected members of the core group including regional editors. Having recognised some overlapping mission with other Anglican Communion networks, we are working towards partnerships with some of them. There is an ongoing conversation with the Anglican Communion Youth Network.

#### Launch

We plan to have our soft launch in May 2022. The launch will be preceded by a social media launch. Invitations to join are still open to all young people across the Communion. Are you good with languages? Are you creative? Do you write theology, or creative work? Do you want to edit contributions and encourage others? Do you live on social media? Or do you love web design? Do you know someone who would like to join?

To get involved email [younganglicantheology@gmail.com](mailto:younganglicantheology@gmail.com)  
Cathrine Ngangira and Fr Thomas Sharp

### TEAC Webinar Plans for 2022

TEAC is arranging a second series of Zoom webinars for theological educators across the Anglican Communion. This series will look at different regions of the world in turn, beginning with Asia & the Pacific region on Thursday 10th February, 0900-1100 GMT. Theological educators from the region are being invited to offer their perspectives on current challenges and opportunities. The sub-Saharan region of Africa will be the topic on 24th March 0900-1100 GMT, and the Caribbean and Latin American region on 19th May 1600-1800. The webinars are open to everyone from across the Anglican Communion and you are warmly invited to attend.

### Bishops' Conversations

The bishops' conversations being organized by the Lambeth Conference team have now completed four of their six sessions. A summary of each month's conversations from the 25 groups are being produced by the TEAC team and these offer rich insight into what is currently pre-occupying the minds of our bishops and what the future direction of our churches will be. The summaries, which are becoming more detailed each month, can be found through the following links -

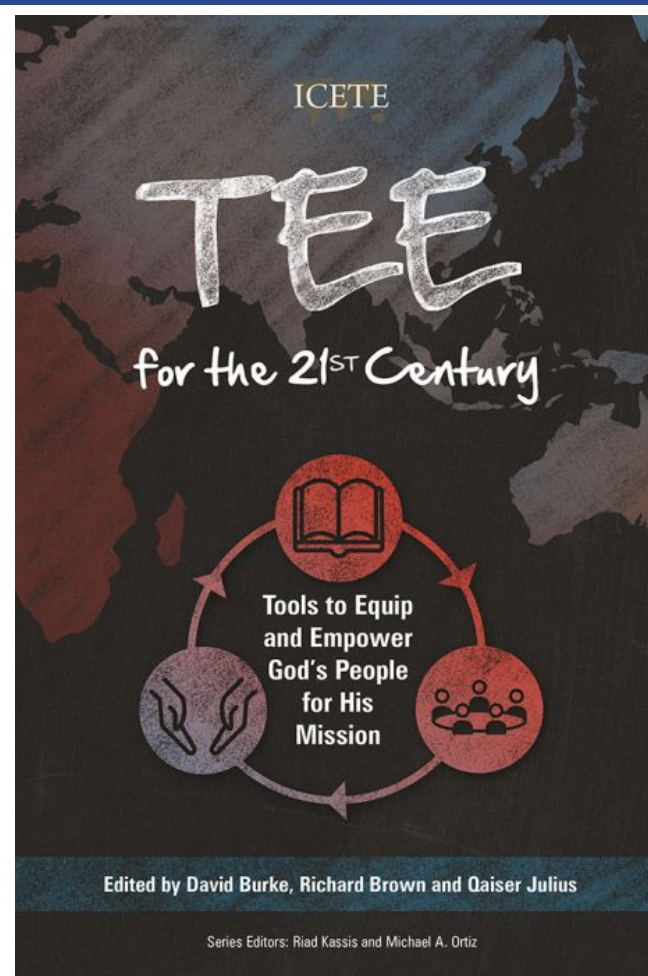
- [How the pandemic is impacting communities around the Anglican Communion - A summary of last month's reflections from Bishops' Conversations - July Sessions - The Lambeth Conference](#)
- [What does it mean to Proclaim Good News? A summary of last month's reflections from Bishops' Conversations - August sessions - The Lambeth Conference](#)
- [A Summary of the Bishops Conversations from September - The Lambeth Conference](#)

### New Book on Theological Education by Extension (TEE) Just published

Theological education is at a global crossroads. Although many traditional programmes struggle to maintain student enrolment, today's environment gives exciting opportunities to serve the global church in ways that are multi-level, accessible, and educationally effective.

*TEE for the 21st Century* utilizes missiological, educational and sociological perspectives to explore theological education by extension (TEE) as a powerful contemporary tool for equipping the global church for its global mission. Multi-authored by a global team of discipline experts, brought together by the Increase Association, this book speaks to the real-life training needs of today's church. Addressed to leaders, teachers, and practitioners, it offers a robust framework for critically evaluating the impact of TEE on the formation of whole-life disciples in a wide variety of contexts and locations. With a proven track record across Asia, Latin America, and Africa, TEE has a role to play in the future of the church, empowering every member to fulfil their God-given calling to ministry and mission.

More details at [TEE for the 21st Century \(langhamliterature.org\)](http://TEEforthe21stCentury.org)



### Ecological Theology and Ethics

In response to the environmental crisis TEAC in partnership with USPG and drawing on an international group of theologians and educators is now facilitating the production of study materials on ecological theology and ethics, at introductory / certificate level. The idea is that this resource will offer a set of accessible video talks, with accompanying notes, providing an overview of key topics and questions with lists of further online resources. The materials will be presented in a way that allows them to be incorporated into existing modules and programmes of theological institutions around the world. They will be designed especially for courses and colleges in institutions that have limited library resources. It is hoped that a first draft will be published on the ACO website in mid 2022.

### TEAC Webinar Papers from 2021

Papers from all of this year's webinars are available in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. To download, please [click here](#).

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*Stewards of Creation - A hope-filled Ecology Seminary Serving the Local Church*  
*Education for Discipleship in a COVID World*  
*Studying Anglican Doctrine*  
*Reading the Bible in Context*  
*Education for Discipleship*  
*Introducing TEAC*

Available at

<https://www.anglicancommunion.org/theology/theological-education.aspx>

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