



Theological Education in the Anglican Communion

# Resources Bulletin

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## South Asia in the spotlight: The first TEAC webinar for 2022

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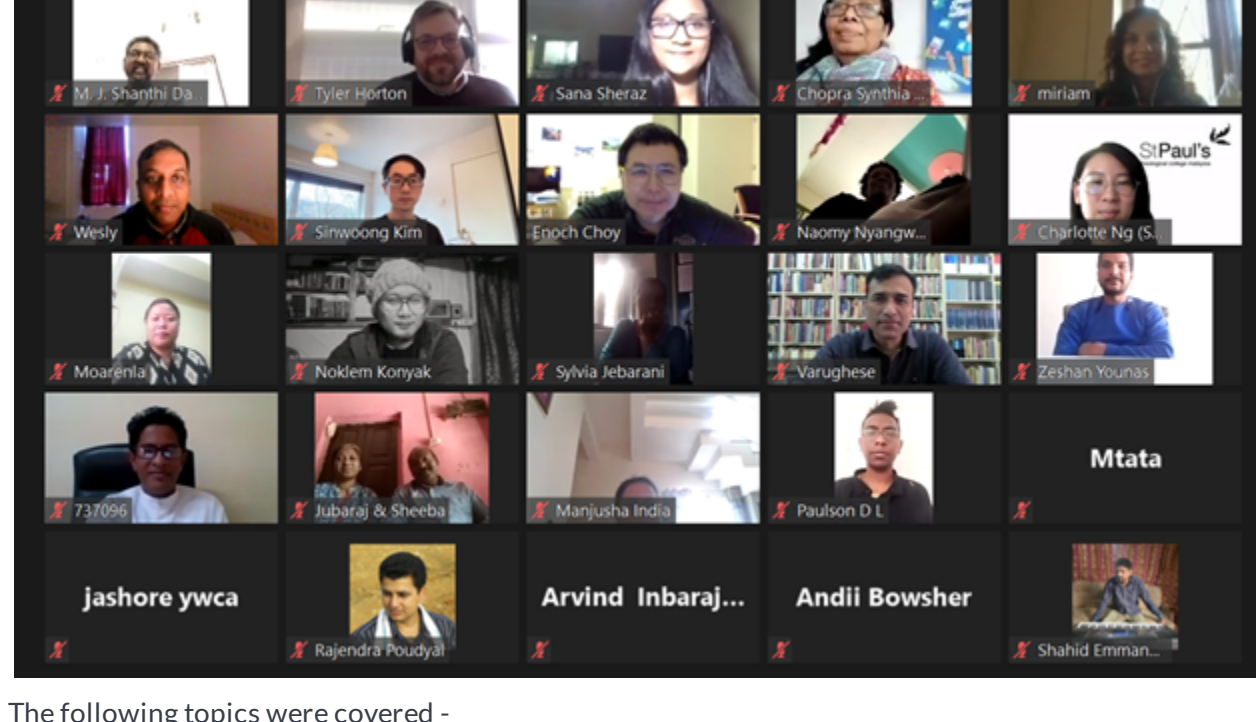
The first of this year's TEAC webinars took place on 10th February focusing on theological education in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. There were 120 registrations with 80 participants on the day and others viewing the recording afterwards, available at [Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide - YouTube](https://www.cccw.cam.ac.uk/2022/01/26/south-asia-challenges-and-opportunities-for-theological-education/)



The webinar was organised in collaboration with the Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide (CCCW) with three speakers from South Asia – Revd Prof Israel David from the United Theological College, Bangalore, India; Miss Lubna Younas Dewan, Principal of St Thomas Theological College, Karachi, Pakistan; and Revd Rasika T B Abeysinghe, Lecturer at Theological College of Lanka, Piliimalalawa, Sri Lanka. Each speaker presented informative and reflective papers that outlined a range of challenges and opportunities in their respective contexts, one in which theological education is undertaken within ecumenical institutions. The papers are available here -

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

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The following topics were covered -

1. The Covid-19 pandemic throwing up some sharp challenges, as well as opportunities, for the theological institutions and churches to reflect and act upon;
2. The importance of the multi-religious setting within which theological education is provided in all three contexts (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka), though with different religions in each context (Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism). These will continue to shape theological education and theological institutions and churches need to explore creative ways to engage with these religious traditions and philosophies;
3. The importance of contextualisation for theology, worship and liturgy in these contexts - in spite of the many recent developments in indigenisation, many institutions and churches still have highly westernised forms and structures which do not often sit comfortably with the experiences of the people within their local contexts;
4. The need to take theological education outside the boundaries of seminaries and theological colleges, and take it widely, as well as incorporating grass root perspectives in the curriculum and the way theological education is done. Together with this the role of praxis in theological education needs addressing;
5. The importance of caring patterns and community health protocols, changes in examinations, online learning, and dealing with the increase in students using inauthentic online resources in their research;
6. Utilising the numerous opportunities to develop theological education further such as through increasing role of women in theological education, particularly in Pakistan, and the growing importance of multilingual learning offered in these contexts, which can lead to new and creative ways of doing theological education;
7. The importance of hope in the context of doing theological education, a hope built on care, compassion and courage, to serve our communities and our environment - caring for both those involved in theological education at various levels and for the wider church and wider community; compassion for the vulnerable and those lacking resources; and courage in continuing to journey within theological education, keeping our hope in God, *Theos*.

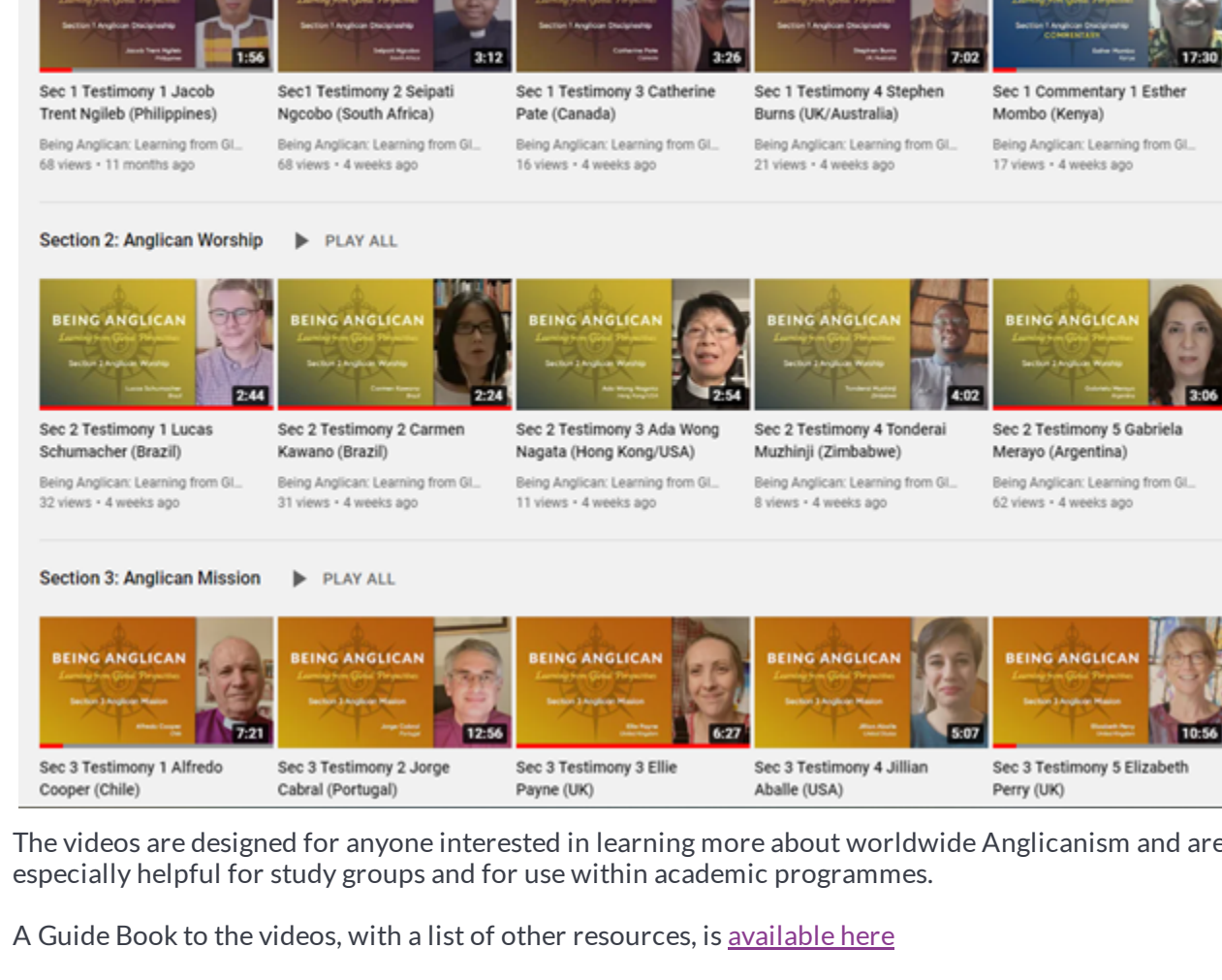
In addition to theological educators, postgraduate students and church and mission leaders from the Anglican Communion, a number of ecumenical participants from other church denominations also participated in the webinar. Participants actively participated and contributed richly to the conversations.

The next webinar will focus on the Americas including the Caribbean on **26th May 1000-1200** (Costa Rica) / 1600-1800 GMT. The sub-Saharan region of Africa will be the focus in October. The webinars are open to everyone from across the Anglican Communion and you are warmly invited to attend.

## New study materials launched *Being Anglican (Part 2): Learning from Global Perspectives*

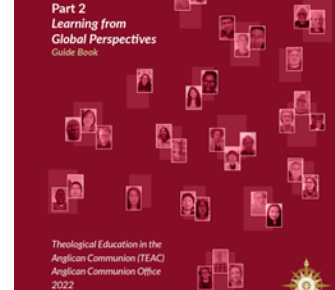
This new set of study materials was launched at St Mellitus College, London, on 22 February. It was introduced by Prof of Candler School of Theology, Rev Dr Marcus Throup of St Mellitus College and Muthuraj Swamy, Paulo Ueti and Stephen Spencer of TEAC.

There are 43 short videos which are [available here](https://www.anglicancommunion.org/theology/theological-education/being-anglican.aspx)



The videos are designed for anyone interested in learning more about worldwide Anglicanism and are especially helpful for study groups and for use within academic programmes.

A Guide Book to the videos, with a list of other resources, is [available here](https://www.anglicancommunion.org/theology/theological-education/being-anglican.aspx)



The Revd Dr Will Adam, Director of Unity, Faith and Order and Deputy Secretary General of the Anglican Communion has said: "The Being Anglican video project is a very impressive achievement and it is really good to hear voices from all around the communion. The testimony is really warm and a joy to see. It also puts very clearly, just by looking at it, that the Anglican Communion is broad and global. It also brings voices (and not just printed words) from all over the place together."

To find out more visit [www.anglicancommunion.org/theology/theological-education/being-anglican.aspx](https://www.anglicancommunion.org/theology/theological-education/being-anglican.aspx)

## Être Anglican Partie 1 Apprendre avec Notre Histoire

Annnonce de la publication en ligne de Être Anglican Partie 1 Apprendre avec notre histoire. Ce matériel d'étude porte sur l'histoire qui se cache derrière l'anglicanisme contemporain et est conçu pour être utilisé comme un cours pour de petits groupes ou pour une étude individuelle. Également disponible en anglais, portugais et espagnol.

Disponible sur [www.anglicancommunion.org/theology/theological-education/being-anglican.aspx](https://www.anglicancommunion.org/theology/theological-education/being-anglican.aspx)

## Young Anglican Theologians update

YOUNG ANGLICAN THEOLOGY

Save the date! The Young Anglican Theology Project is excited to announce that our online launch event will be on the 12th May, 12noon UTC. All are welcome to attend. More details and event registration will follow soon.

Visit our [new website](#) and [Facebook page](#) to learn more about the project and get involved.

## Ecological Theology and Ethics

In response to the environmental crisis TEAC is now hosting the production of study materials on ecological theology and ethics. This is in partnership with USPG and drawing on an international group of theologians and educators, at introductory / certificate level. The resource will be in several languages and 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 around the world, designed especially for courses and colleges that have limited library resources. It is hoped that a first edition will be published on the ACO website later in the year.

## A new Anglican Communion Commission for Theological Education

The Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council recently decided to set up a new Anglican Communion Commission for Theological Education. The committee considered the centrality of learning to discipleship and the life and health of the churches of the Anglican Communion, not least in this Season of Intentional Discipleship, and so

- approved the creation of a Commission with a mandate to build a self-sustaining community of theological educators across the Anglican Communion through online networking and the shared development of online resources, to support the learning of the whole people of God as part of the Season of Intentional Discipleship;
- asked the Secretary General invite nominations of commissioners from the Primates of the Anglican Communion;
- asked the Theological Education department at the Anglican Communion Office to facilitate the setting up of the Commission, opening a general membership for theological institutions and for individual members. A membership fee would be invited from institutions in order to develop a financial base for the Commission, eventually to make it self-sustaining and self-extending;
- and for the Commission be formally launched at the next meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC18) in 2023 with a five-year mandate.

## MA (African Christian Diaspora route)

Church Mission Society (CMS) offers a fully online MA with an African Christian Diaspora focus which is accredited by the University of Durham. It is a 3 year programme and costs £5,250 for the entire programme. We can offer a bursary grant for up to 50% of the fees for Anglican students. The programme is led by Dr Harvey Kwiyani. Please see the link below for more details:

<https://pioneerchurchmissionsociety.org/courses/common-awards-ma-theology-ministry-mission>

Africa Route

Advanced Topic in Church History  
Reflective Practice: Leadership and Collaboration  
Christianity and Indigenous Religious Traditions  
Mission and Ecclesiology in Contemporary Context  
Research and Reflection: Resources and Methods  
Global Pentecostalism  
Dissertation in Theology, Ministry and Mission

Year one  
Year one  
Year one  
Year two  
Year two  
Year two

If you are interested in applying please contact [harvey.kwiyani@churchmissionsociety.org](mailto:harvey.kwiyani@churchmissionsociety.org) or [cathy.yross@churchmissionsociety.org](mailto:cathy.yross@churchmissionsociety.org)

## New book on Theological Education by Extension (TEE)

*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](https://www.increaseassociation.org/tee-for-the-21st-century/) ([inlanguage/literature.org](https://www.increaseassociation.org/tee-for-the-21st-century/))

## Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations

The Rev Dr David Marshall is a Church of England priest with wide experience in theological education, especially in the field of Islamic studies and Christian-Muslim relations. He has also worked internationally in interreligious relations on the staff of the Archbishop of Canterbury and at the World Council of Churches. Now working freelance in Switzerland, he is keen to connect with churches and seminaries around the world and especially in Muslim-majority contexts, to learn from their experience and possibly to offer teaching or other support. His CV and some of his publications can be found here:

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*Stewards of Creation – A hope-filled ecology*  
*A 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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