

Thinking about an ESC-WECAN Licentiate in Theology?

Pray About Ideas in this Document

Have you been feeling a nudge from God?

Are you passionate about helping people to know God?

Have people affirmed your gifts in the areas of reading, ministry and listening?



Perhaps God is reaching out to you, inviting you to consider an integral role in your congregation.

Are you listening?

What should you consider? Are you someone who:

- is a baptised and communicant member of the Anglican church?
- has been an active member of your parish for a minimum of two years?
- has a deepening understanding of priestly or diaconal ministry?
- shares about your sense of Call?
- has a significant level of maturity?
- demonstrates the ability to care for people, both individuals and in groups
- has high moral standards?
- has the support of your life partner/spouse, if applicable?
- has a good reputation in the community and in the parish?
- is willing to have a criminal record check done
- can demonstrate a mature spirituality and disciplined prayer life?
- has a good personal support system in place or a commitment to form one?
- is willing to commit some time to figure out God's call to him or her?
- has the time, resources, and capacity necessary for the education and training requirements?
(4 to 8 days a year for online classes)
- will have the time and resources necessary to carry ordained ministry part-time?

If this description fits, you may be ready to enter the Licentiate in Theology programme available through your diocese and Emmanuel and St. Chad Anglican College.

FOR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

Do you have a strong personal faith from which others draw strength and peace?

Do you find hope and peace from God through prayer and communal worship?

Do you have a thirst to know God better?

Are you a team player?

Do you naturally bear witness to God's love and grace?

Are you able to remain calm and supportive in crisis situations?

Do people suggest that you have natural leadership abilities?

Do you express your faith in God through stewardship of time, talent and treasure?

Are you seeking deeper meaning in life?

Whatever your age, the "course" of life experience is a valuable ministry asset!



**If you answered “yes” to some of these questions,
contact your local Diocesan Ministry School Coordinator
or Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy (306) 370 - 8378 /
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to explore God’s nudges.**

The ESC-WECAN Licentiate in Theology

helps those preparing for ministry of diverse kinds, but is especially designed to “equip and the saints for the work of ministry” covering skill sets \ and competencies as outlined by the Anglican Church of Canada.

Ministry Studies Cover:

- ✓ Scripture
- ✓ Theology
- ✓ Spirituality
- ✓ Church History
- ✓ Ministry Contexts
- ✓ Worship
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Pastoral Care
- ✓ Administration
- ✓ Teaching
- ✓ Ethics and Boundaries

PRAYER AS WE SEEK OUR PATHWAY

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

- Thomas Merton

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.” - *Letter to the Romans 12:2*

Pray with God’s Call to People in the Bible

Read about God’s conversation with Elijah: 1 Kings 19: 10 – 20

Consider God’s call to the prophet Jonah: the Book of Jonah

Ponder Jeremiah’s Sense of God’s Call: Jeremiah 1: 1 – 19 and throughout

Pray with Jesus’ Mission Statement: Luke 4: 16 – 21

Listen to Jesus’ call to his Disciples: Matthew 4: 9 or 8:22 or John 21:19

**The place where God calls you is the place where your deep gladness
and the deep hunger of the world meets.** - *Renowned Anglican Scholar Frederick Buechner*



In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.

- *Henri Nouwen*



**Something powerful happens when we involve ourselves in the care of a person in need.
The whole encounter pushes us to look at who we are, what we believe,
why we are caregiving, and how the encounter is affecting us.
Our doing mixes with our being and becoming.**

- *Joan Guntzelman*