



The Stevenson
School *for* Ministry

Formative Agency in the Diocese of Central PA
December 2021



What is Stronger In CPA?

Presently 5 ordained to the priesthood and 1 ordained to the ministry of Deacon
2 newly ordained to the diaconate, in process for the ministry of priest
3 completing certificates for Lay preaching and lay worship leader
1 Lay pastoral care pastor

17 Formation Faculty who are resources, coaches, mentors, tutors to the Diocese of Central PA

4 Internships/ field placements for supervising ministry through SSFM; Ryan, Martha Ambrose, Kathy, and Ted

52 different participants in Social Justice modules; Racial justice webinars

- 2 courses in 2021 Spring Term
- Three webinars
- 2 courses/modules in Fall Term
- 2 courses/modules in winter term—presently 38 signed up for Advent Series on racial justice

Formation in House Church

10 congregations participating in small group formation

Supports Shaped by Faith initiative

House Church Modules/small group formation

Winter Term: Family Faith Formation and Faith Development in Community



Enrollment 2021 89 unique
students Winter Term A

2 Anglican Studies Courses

Prayer Book Studies: 18 students

Liturgical Theology: 9 students

3 Vocational Courses

Homiletics I: 6 Students

Theology I: 7 Students

GOE prep 4 students (five-week module)

1 Elective/ or/ continuing education

Liberation Theology: 5 students

2 Collaborative Mission Center Courses

White Too Long 12 students

2 Advent Series—Tending the Soul: 52 participants/students and Following
the North Star—38 participants/students



Faculty update

New faculty we welcomed this year:

Dr. Angela Schaffner—Forming transformational small groups, author, speaker, teacher, and psychotherapist.

The Rev. Dr. Angela Cowser—White Too Long module; she is the Associate Dean of Black Church Studies and Doctor of Ministry programs; Associate Professor of Black Church Studies, Louisville Seminary.

The Rev. Carla Christopher Wilson—Webinar leadership and Following the North Star, Advent Series leadership. Carla is social justice staff for the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

The Rev. Paul Frolick, Faith Development in Community, from the College of Congregational Development and is chair of the COM in the diocese of Central NY.

The Rev. Michael Droege, Family Faith Formation, Faculty at Drew University and Vibrant Faith. Michael specializes in youth and family and intergenerational ministry development.

Sharon Pearson, leading Bible Study in small groups, Faith formation specialist, author and former editor Church Publishing.

Alexandra MacCracken –Gestalt Pastoral Care. She is working with Martha Harris for “Tending our Soul”



CMC visioning update

The Rev. Marsha Roscoe will continue to coordinate the CMC and Canon Chris Streeter will also continue to offer formation resources for Shaped by Faith

Parallel webpages for Lutherans and Episcopalians to experiment with learndash LMS, for participation in modules, courses, webinars.

To living out our goals together:

- 1) Deepen Lay Leadership capacities and equipping for ministry
- 2) Vocation of all the Baptized and tending the soul
- 3) Hybrid formation and hybrid church focus

How:

1. Development of House church/ small group ministry—all modules in place through the summer 2022.
2. Continue Social Justice Ministry with courses and webinars partnering with LSS as well as Becoming Beloved I and II and modules.
3. Lunch and Learn (LSS) 11:30 brief worship, and discussion
4. Hybrid church modules with (LSS) Richard Jorgensen and Dave Daubert and (CPA) collaboration
5. Parenting and family faith Michael Droege
6. Spiritual practices/Holy listening (Marsha)

The Value of Collaboration and Experimentation

1) This Winter Term we welcomed:

- 1) The Diocese of the Virgin Island students (6)
- 2) Diocese of Bethlehem (2)
- 3) Diocese of MD (3)
- 4) Diocese of Pittsburgh (2)
- 5) Diocese of Central NY (2)
- 6) Diocese of PA (1) (Lay worship and Lay preacher certificate)
- 7) Diocese of Alabama (1) (Lay worship leader and Lay preacher certificate)

2) Collaborative Mission Center Participation: 54 unique students—15 are Lutheran

3) David Zwifka, as director of Spiritual Formation, we welcomed 22 students for each integrative seminar for the beginning of the 2021-2022 academic year. Next Integrative Seminar will be offered January 7th.

5) We have 2 students in the Anglican Studies program; one student from Diocese of Bethlehem and one student from CPA



Transitions and Explorations

1- Lancaster Seminary is in major transition becoming a part of Moravian University and merging with Moravian Seminary.

Expanded Collaborative Opportunities:

1. Anglican Studies certificate program for two locations (Bethlehem PA and Lancaster PA)
2. Dean Heather and Associate Dean Vanessa want to gather Bishops and have Learn Moravian Seminary Day also for potential Students.
3. Heather and Vanessa are willing to offer SSFM racial justice courses and certificates as a part of their marketing.

This will all need continued tending. The Rev. Dr. Shawn Strout, who was our former Associate Dean and is presently one of our Anglican Studies faculty is willing to work with the new Dean to follow through and keep SSFM in the collaborative conversations.

2- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is a potential to include SSFM Anglican Studies Certificate Program. Contact has just been initiated and will need follow through as well.

3- Beginning conversations with the chair of the Commission on Ministry in the Diocese of DE, The Rev. Jeffrey Ross. They have expressed interest in SSFM and learning more about how we are engaging in formational serving in our and other dioceses.

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Collaborative Mission Center:

- 1- Revised MOU with LSS
- 2- A seat on the Advisory Board—that includes attention to the racial justice collaboration work as well as parish life courses

Associate Dean's work

- 1- Tech Support, Chris Keeney will continue with SSFM for the Technology work with LearnDash and posting courses until a new Associate Dean is appointed
- 2- Associate Dean Michael Nailor will also retire from the position January 1st.
- 3- Strategy is needed for moving forward

Return to face-to-face learning weekends? To live out the vision of both online and face to face learning community formation, this question will need to be revisited when appropriate. We offer digitally live courses with the intent to also offer Face-to-Face formation and Instruction with remote Interaction (to also serve VI students)

Financial

- 1- One stakeholder for SSFM Anglican Ethics for the SSFM Anglican Studies Certificate
- 2- Two explorations are happening right now
- 3- A grid will be provided for funds used from UTO and Bonham grants.
- 3- Next Grant Cycle potentials in 2022:
 - a) Bonham Fund
 - b) I would in 2022 retry with Lilly and have as a part of the grant the work of Shaped by Faith and Collaborate with Canon Streeter
 - c) I would also look toward what organizations offer racial justice grants and I would check out funding sources such as The Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation

2021-2022 vocational Course offerings/calendar

Fall Term August 23- October 29, 2021	Winter Term November 8, 2021-February 4, 2022 (Winter term break December 22 – January 3)	Spring Term Feb 14, 2022 – April 30, 2022 Holy Week Break April 9- April 11	Summer Term May 23-August 8 2022
can Approaches to Ministry (AS, D, P) LTS	Anglican Prayer Book Studies (AS, D, P) LTS	Anglican Ethics (AS, P) LTS	Deacon's Path (Discernmen all Certificate areas)
Anglican Homiletics (AS Requirement, P Elective) LTS	Anglican Liturgical Theology (AS, P) LTS	Anglican/Episcopal Church History (AS, D, P) LTS	Gospel of John (Scripture Elective)
Spiritual Practices (D, P)	Theology I (D, P)	Introduction to New Testament (D, P)	Language elective
roduction to Old Testament (D, P) Scripture (elective)	Church History I (P)	Ethics I (D, P)	Teaching Ministry, every ot year
Canon law (P, D) 5 weeks	Homiletics I (D, P)	Theology II (P)	Becoming the Beloved Community (requirement)
Deacon's in Action (D, P)	Gospel of Mark (Scripture elective)	The Message of Mission (D, P)	Practical Theology Pastoral Care (P) D elective every ot year
Field Placement	Liberation Theology (Theology Elective)	Designing Dynamic Liturgies (elective)	Baptismal Ministry
	GOE Prep (D, P) 5 weeks	Scripture elective	

D – Deacon's course

P – Priest Required Course

AS – Anglican Studies Course

Financial Growth and Sharing our Story



Friends of the Stevenson School for Ministry

Alumnae Association SSFM

Opportunities to contribute:

- Sponsor a social justice course \$200.00
- Sponsor a module for house church \$400.00
- Sponsor an Anglican Studies Course \$2,500.00
- Sponsor a student Scholarship, \$150.00

Vocational Economics Drilldown Scenario Math



Annualized	<i>Scenarios</i>			
	A	B	C	D
Courses offered	20	20	20	20
Avg Enrollment				
CPA + LTS	4	4	5	5
Outside CPA		1	3	5
Total	4	5	8	10
Net Tuition	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$33,000	\$45,000
Instruction	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)
Annual Net Income/(Loss)	(\$38,000)	(\$32,000)	(\$17,000)	(\$5,000)
Percent of cost covered through tuition	27%	38%	69%	90%

Currently vocational tuition income covers roughly 1/3 of instruction cost. Maintaining same offering and continuing to grow student population improves financials and mission success