

## **ANGLICAN STUDIES PROGRAM, ILIFF SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

Report of the Anglican Studies Program at the Iliff School of Theology to the 132nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado—October 3-5, 2019.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Anglican Studies Program at the Iliff School of Theology serves the Episcopal Church in Colorado by providing dynamic opportunities for comprehensive, graduate theological education.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Iliff School of Theology has joined with the Episcopal Church in Colorado to provide a specific component of the MDiv degree designed to satisfy the canonical requirements for Postulants seeking ordination in the Episcopal Church. Ordinarily, students will have undergone a substantial process of discernment and will have approval of their Commission on Ministry and Bishop prior to enrolling.

Students seeking ordination in the Episcopal Church complete the MDiv degree, incorporating four or more Anglican Studies courses. Some of these may be taken as electives; some will fulfill core requirements of the M.Div. Students who complete four of the Anglican Studies courses (in consultation with the Director of Anglican Studies, regardless of degree program, ordination, or professional plans), will be eligible to receive a Graduate Certificate in Anglican Studies.

Anglican students participate in an ongoing, quarterly spiritual formation/peer reflection group with the Director of Anglican Studies and associated faculty. Students are strongly encouraged to use elective hours for additional coursework in Anglican Studies.

Courses offered under the auspices of the Anglican Studies Program are also open to non-degree students – including lay persons – seeking to enhance their ministries. Clergy pursuing continuing education opportunities also take courses in the Anglican Studies Program.

All Anglican Studies courses and most of Iliff's courses are offered on-line. For that reason, the Anglican Studies Program draws students from dioceses throughout the country. The Anglican Studies Program provides students unusual access and flexibility.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, the Anglican Studies Program continues to evolve and innovate to serve more fully the needs of the Episcopal Church in Colorado and the needs of the broader Episcopal Church for quality, graduate theological education.

### **GRADUATES**

At the 2019 Iliff School of Theology's Commencement exercises, the Anglican Studies Program had two graduates (20% of our students). Kathleen M. Christison received a Master of Theological Studies degree. She hails from Diocese of the Rio Grande. Thomas Allen Cruse received the Master of Divinity degree. He is a member of the Diocese of Colorado.

## COURSES AND FACULTY

Because of revisions to the curriculum at Iliff, which frontloads required courses in the autumn quarter, the Anglican Studies Program is now offering courses in the winter and spring terms only. Courses are taught in a three-year rotation. In the winter of 2020, Director Robbins will offer an on-line seminar on "The Bible in the Life of the Church." In spring 2020, new faculty member, the Reverend Craig MacColl, will teach "The Devotional Life: Historical/Contemporary Perspectives & Practice." Chancellor Larry Hitt taught "Polity of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion" in spring 2019. In 2021, "English Reformations" and "Liturgy" are next in the cycle.

## DENOMINATIONAL PARTNERS

As a result of the long-standing and mutually supportive relationship between the Anglican Studies Program and the Iliff School of Theology, Iliff welcomes Denominational Partners to sit in on approved courses and weekend seminars by the approval of the Dean's Office or by prior arrangement with your church (usually requiring a letter from the Rector or Priest-in-Charge). These courses are NOT offered for credit. Those seeking academic credit must register as non-degree students and register for courses through the Registrar's Office. Denominational Partners are charged a reduced fee of \$100.00 per credit hour. Courses required for ordination or other church appointments/ministries may count towards this category. Please contact the Iliff Dean's Office for more information: 303-765-3183.

## NEWS OF THE DIRECTOR

Professor Gregory Allen Robbins, director of the Anglican Studies Program, was elected to a six-year term on the General Board of Examining Chaplains at the 2018 General Convention. He has completed the first year of that term, and now chairs the sub-committee charged to draft the Church History questions for the General Ordination Examination. Dr. Robbins will represent the Anglican Studies Program at the upcoming 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Patristic Studies in Oxford University, 19-24 August 2019. He will read a paper entitled, "'Finding Similar Things': Anomalies in Eusebius' Sections and Canons."

Respectfully submitted,

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