



Anglican Studies Program at Iliff School of Theology Annual Report for Diocesan Convention, 2024

The Anglican Studies Program at Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver, is a partnership program between Episcopal Colorado and Iliff, Denver's United Methodist Seminary, in order to offer critical formation for Episcopal MDiv (Master of Divinity) students working toward ordination in the Episcopal Church, as well as formation and enrichment for laity seeking to learn more about the Anglican Tradition and to help enhance their ministries. The program hosts denominational courses in Episcopal Liturgy, Ethics, Anglican Spirituality, English Reformation, History of the Episcopal Church, Polity and Canon Law, occasional electives, and an Anglican Colloquium specifically designed to help MDiv students in the program to integrate all the areas of Anglican Study in preparation for sitting for the General Ordination Exams (GOEs), required for ordination.

In cooperation with Episcopal Colorado, the Bishop (Bishop Kym) provides direction for the program in consultation with the Canon for Formation (Canon Greg), which is implemented at Iliff through collaboration with the bishop's appointed director of Anglican Studies, Iliff's President (Lee Butler), and Iliff's Vice president of Academic Affairs (Cathie Kelsey).

The Anglican Studies Program has seen a shift in leadership over the past year as Lyndon Shakespeare returned to Australia this summer, vacating the position of Director of Anglican Studies. The Rev. Dr. Austin Leininger was appointed as Interim Director of Anglican Studies for the 2024-2025 Academic Year and began on September 1st in that role.

Winter of 2024, the program offered Liturgy, Spring of 2024 Lyndon was departing, and no course was offered that quarter. Historically, Anglican Studies courses have only been offered in Winter and Spring, which means that in 2024, only Liturgy was offered through Anglican Studies (students take other courses as well, so none of our students were delayed in their program of study). With the transition of leadership, The Rev. Dr. Leininger has been working with Iliff both on this academic year's classes (we'll be offering Ethics in the Winter, and English Reformation along with an elective course this Spring), and on the transition from the quarter system to the Semester system that will begin in the 2025-2026 school year.

Long-term plans for Anglican Studies, both from the Diocese and from Iliff, include hopes to increase the number of students in the program so that we can offer two to three courses per term rather than just one. Ideally, we would all like for Anglican Studies at Iliff to be a place where laity as well as clergy-in-training can come to learn more about our tradition!

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Austin Leininger
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