

Moosonee Diploma for Ministry

The Moosonee Diploma for Ministry is to provide certification for those who wish to pursue locally raised ordained ministry within the Diocese of Moosonee. The Diploma is a necessary element in the formation of persons moving toward locally raised ordained ministry.

Qualifications for the Moosonee Diploma for Ministry

Candidates shall satisfactorily complete courses of study in at least five of the following areas:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Foundational Theology & Anglicanism
- Anglican Liturgy and Worship
- Church History
- Preaching
- Pastoral Care & Christian Ethics
- Evangelism
- Parish Administration & Governance
- First Nations Culture & Spirituality

Courses of study may be completed through a variety of educational resources in the absolute discretion of the Bishop of Moosonee, such as: Thorneloe College, Wycliffe College, Education for Ministry (EFM), Native Ministry Consortium Summer School, Moosonee School of Ministry, as well as through the reading and tutorial method with a supervisor. **All candidates** shall be required to complete courses of study in Old Testament, New Testament and Anglicanism, along with a minimum of 2 other elective courses.

Candidates for locally raised Ordained Ministry

Any person seeking ordination shall be recommended to the Bishop of Moosonee by his or her local congregation, where it is assumed he or she is an active participant. The path to locally raised Ordained Ministry in the Diocese of Moosonee consists of discernment, spiritual formation, a screening process and an educational component.

All courses of study are to be approved by the Bishop of Moosonee. In-house and hands-on seminars will also be provided from time to time by the Diocese in various subject areas and all candidates for ministry in the Diocese are strongly encouraged to attend all appropriate training opportunities offered by the Diocese, such as the annual Watershed Deanery Lay Readers' conference and/or the annual Mahmow School of Ministry. The supervisor for the reading and tutorial method shall be approved or appointed by the Bishop of Moosonee.

Candidates shall also participate in an ACPO or ACPO like session, at the discretion of the Bishop of Moosonee.

Discernment and Spiritual Formation

The discernment process may involve meetings with one's parish priest and the Bishop of Moosonee or his designee, time for prayer and reflection, recommendations from one's parish,

police and social-service checks, and a successful interview or written examination with the Examining Chaplain, all as required and requested by the Bishop of Moosonee.

With the help of a mentor priest and/or a spiritual director appointed by the Bishop of Moosonee, the candidate will develop a rule of life, including daily prayer and other forms of spiritual discipline such as intentional journaling, conversation, and reflection to help the candidate grow into a deeper sense of identity as a deacon or priest. This will also include reflection on various aspect of ministry and experiences of ministry with a view to developing instincts and building the skills required of the ordained.

Awarding of Moosonee Diploma for Ministry

The Moosonee Diploma for Ministry may be granted once a candidate successfully completes the requirements to the satisfaction of the Bishop of Moosonee. Following the granting of the Diploma further study may be undertaken and is strongly recommended. The Moosonee Diploma for Ministry provides a starting point, rather than an ending, for lifelong theological education.