



Continuing Education Policy for the Episcopal Church in Wyoming

In accordance with National Church Canons (Title III, Canon 7, Section 5 and Title III, Canon 9, Section 1) the Bishop and Commission on Ministry are charged with the responsibility of developing standards and providing opportunities for the continuing education of deacons and priests in their respective dioceses.

The canons state the following:

- Title III, Canon 7, sec. 5. The Bishop and Commission on Ministry shall require and provide for the continuing education of Deacons and keep a record of such education.
- Title III, Canon 9, sec. 1. The Bishop and Commission shall require and provide for the continuing education of Priests and keep a record of such education.

In 2013, the Commission on Ministry here in Wyoming adopted the following Continuing Education policy:

- All resident clergy active in the Episcopal Church in Wyoming will be required to complete 12 hours of Continuing Education per year.
- Clergy who are retired and not actively engaged in ministry are encouraged but not required to complete the 12 hours of Continuing Education.
- Clergy who are canonically resident but not living in the Diocese are exempt from this requirement.

Recommended areas of Continuing Education may include:

Theological Studies such as Scripture, Ethics, Theology, Church History, and Liturgy

Professional Studies such as Leadership Development, Congregational Development, Communications and Finance, etc.

Personal Studies such as Wellness Classes and Directed Retreats.

Vestries throughout the Diocese are notified of this commitment to healthy ministry and encouraged to partner with the Diocese in the development and nurture of their clergy and lay leadership by budgeting funds to assist them in accessing quality continuing education.

Continuing Education Reports forms should be completed and sent by each clergy person to the COM c/o Canon Jessica Reynolds (email: jessica@episcopalwy.org) on or before Feb. 15th of each year.