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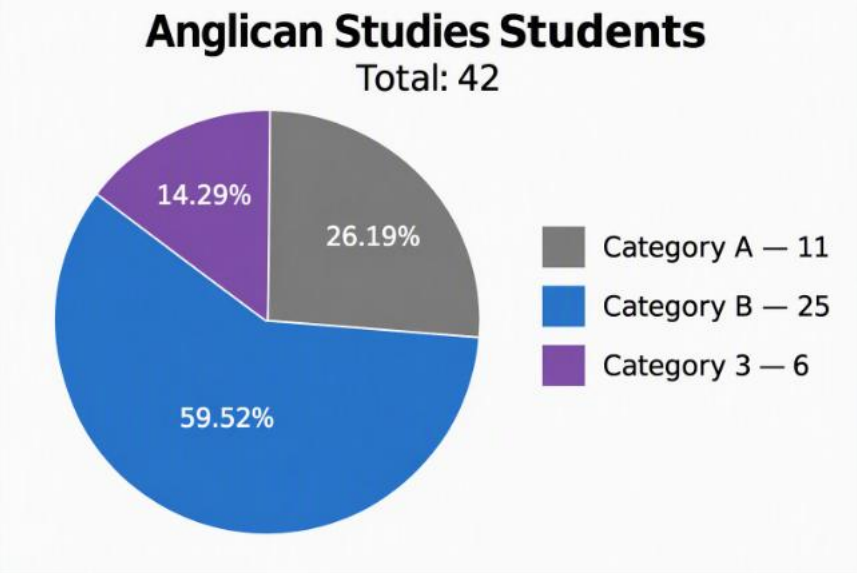
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Canon for Leadership Development Synod Report 2026

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Anglican Studies Participants 2026

2026 Recap: The Anglican Studies program is about to complete its fourth year of courses. Over the course of four years, 112 students have participated in the program. This year, we've had 42 students take at least one course. We also onboarded two new instructors.



42 men and women participated in at least one AS course this year

25 ordinands

6 clergy

11 lay leaders

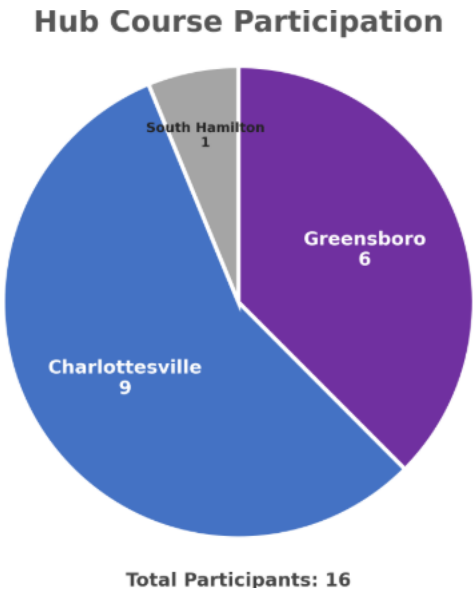
Course Update: This is our first year offering Anglican Polity, which is taught by Bishop Alan. Students are not just learning about our polity but witnessing it firsthand by attending a local vestry meeting, a diocesan council meeting, and this year's synod. Like our other Anglican Studies Courses, this course has been approved by Gordon Conwell for advanced standing. Any Gordon Conwell students taking this course are eligible to receive advanced standing for the course, allowing them to apply it towards their graduation requirements.

Gordon-Conwell Anglican Hub 2026

We are completing our last year of the first three-year rotation of Anglican Hub courses through Gordon Conwell. This year we moved our DC hub to Charlottesville, VA to reduce travel for the DC Hub participants. These courses are taught by Anglican Clergy and gather in person three times over the course of the semester. During these 24-hour intensives, students in each hub participate in the daily office, meals together, and a Eucharist service in addition to the course seminar.

Hub Locations:

- Christ Our Hope Offices - Greensboro, NC
- Center for Christian Study – Charlottesville, VA
- Gordon Conwell Campus - South Hamilton, MA



We are actively planning (and recruiting) to restart our three-year rotation of Anglican Hub courses through Gordon Conwell in the fall of 2027, with a few minor tweaks. We will be swapping out Theology 1 for Pastoral Ethics. Theology 1 will now be taken online directly through Gordon Conwell allowing for more consistency and an easier transition from Theology 1 to Theology 2 (which was taken online directly through GC during the last cycle of courses).

Come and See Leadership

We were able to offer two opportunities for leaders to attend the Commission on Ministry and the Come and See Retreat this year; one last April at Christ Church Plano, and one in August at Bon Secours Retreat Center. Both portions of the events continue to be a valuable time for the bishop and his staff to get to know new clergy, those discerning ordination, and other leaders curious about the Anglican way. In April, we had 9 applicants participate in the Commission on Ministry and in August we had 15 participants. After completing three Commission on Ministry events, we have created a list of more concrete prerequisites to help aid rectors as they

discern whether an inquirer is ready to be endorsed to participate. That list will be part of an updated Rector's Credentialing Guide that will be made available by the end of the year.

Current Individuals in the Discernment Process: 55

- 33 ordinands discerning the diaconate
- 16 applicants awaiting the results of their background checks
- 6 deacons discerning the priesthood

Ordinations

This year we celebrated eleven ordinations; eight diaconal ordinations and three men to the presbyterate. Looking ahead, we anticipate more ordinations at the deanery retreats in early 2027.

Diaconal Ordinations – 8

- 5 men
- 3 women

Priestly Ordinations – 3