

Come and See

A day to learn about vocation and ministry (both lay and ordained)

Saturday, April 27, 2024 Fulford Hall, 1444 Union



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God calls us by name

"There is no greater joy in life than to follow Christ. No greater adventure, no greater purpose, no better way to live. But follow Christ does not mean that we always know exactly what to do, and how our lives will unfold. Following Christ is embarking on a journey, and listening to the promptings of the Spirit, in prayer, in Scripture and through our brothers and sisters in Christ, so that we discover and grow into our calling. God calls all of us. God calls all of us to be disciples and to be church, and we hold this call in common. But God also calls all of us by name: specifically, individually, uniquely. This is when we speak of vocation: the specific path that our response to God's love and grace will take in our own lives.

These vocations will be as different as there are people. Every journey of vocation is invaluable and needs to be told, shared and cherished by the church. Together we discern the right paths and support one another on the way. Vocation has multiple threads – from being a friend, worker, parent, sibling, church member, carer, volunteer and many others, to taking up specific responsibilities in life, work or church.

A call to ministry can be held alongside other vocations, or it might be a disciple's main vocation. In the New Testament 'ministry' is a public and commissioned role which God calls some individual disciples to and which is recognised by the Church. The Anglican Church is encouraging all Christians to think about their vocation, and, as part of this, whether they may be called to licensed lay ministry or ordination."

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Vocation means what you are called by God to be and do. For some, this is a specific calling to ministry. For others, it could mean serving God through faithful discipleship in everyday life. Our mission is to be a Christian presence in every community. God calls people to a wide range of ministries, lay and ordained, in our church and in our everyday lives.

Everyone has a vocation. What may God be calling you to be and do?

What to Expect?

- Engaging workshops led by seasoned mentors, offering insights into discernment, prayer, and vocational exploration.
- Networking opportunities with fellow Christians on similar journeys, fostering support, community, and friendship.
- Inspirational talks from individuals who have answered their callings, sharing their stories of faith, courage, and fulfillment.
- Interactive sessions designed to help you uncover your talents, passions, and values, guiding you towards a fulfilling vocation.

Please register by **April 12th**Go to www.montreal.anglican.ca

Lord, you call us by our names.

Help us to be confident in our own unique identity. To find opportunities to develop our specific gifts and our passions. Enable us to hear and recognise the call of Jesus in our lives, and those of others.

Help us to find appropriate and life-giving ways to spread your Good News in a way which draws others to you and helps them experience your radical and extraordinary love.

Agenda April 27th, 2024

8:30am Registration - Coffee & Croissants

9:00am Welcome & Opening Prayer

9:10am Opening Address

The Rev Canon Jesse Zink - What is Vocation

9:45am Workshop I

(Participants can sign up for 2 workshops)

10:45am Coffee Break
Workshop II

(Participants can sign up for 2 workshops)

12:00pm Break and light snacks

12:15pm Bishop's Commission on Ministry

Presentation on Process for Ordination + Q&A

12:50pm Closing Prayer

Workshop Subjects:

The Presbyterate

The Diaconate

Spiritual Directors

Lay Readers

Religious Life

Fresh Expressions/Non-Parochial Ministries Chaplaincy (Hospital, University, Prison, Military) Spiritual Practices for Sustaining Yourself through Ministry

