



Cranmer Theological House

*Theological Education in the Anglican Way
Diocese of Mid-America of
The Reformed Episcopal Church*

SEMINARY SUNDAY

October 15, 2023

Beloved in Christ,

I am writing in anticipation of Seminary Sunday (October 15, 2023). As many of you know, each year on the Sunday closest to Oxford Martyrs' Day (Oct. 16), we have our annual Seminary Sunday, where we promote, pray for, and give to our diocesan seminary, Cranmer Theological House.

Cranmer Theological House is an incredibly special community of study, worship, and preparation. We have seminarians, deacons, priests, deaconesses, and laity that all utilize the excellent education that is offered there. Moreover, in times when seminaries are becoming increasingly flexible on issues of orthodoxy, or in some cases, downright hostile towards them, Cranmer Theological House and its faculty are still committed to Biblical authority, Creedal orthodoxy, and our theological heritage found in the historic Anglican formularies. If someone attends Cranmer, you can rest assured that they will be taught historical Christianity and the Bible.

I graduated from Cranmer House in 2017 and could not be happier with my education there, especially with the flexibility of the format. When you study at Cranmer House, you will utilize weekend-based classes, which allows students to stay at their home church for continued formation, keep their day job, unlike many other seminaries. I was able to continue working and not take on any seminary debt, serve in my local church, plant a church, and even get married all while studying because of the flexible format. This is an incredible plus.

Likewise, Cranmer House has an amazing faculty that earned doctorates from Oxford, Cambridge, Middlesex, Lancaster, Brite Divinity School, and other fine institutions. As impressive as their degrees are, what is equally impressive is that they are all involved in regular pastoral ministry. It's not only academically nourishing and rigorous, but also incredibly pastoral and practical. There is not a single day that goes by that I don't utilize the education that I received at our wonderful seminary.

Beloved, I ask that on this Seminary Sunday you make an effort to pray for Cranmer Theological House, the faculty, staff, and all the students engaged in their studies. Pray that God would continue to bless this institution and its students. Moreover, you should encourage people who have a ministerial calling to seriously look into Cranmer House for their educational needs. Not only do they have the Master of Divinity for priestly formation, but also a ThM, MA, MTS, and several certificates for the deaconesses, permanent deacons, continuing education, and laity.

Finally, we do ask that you consider giving to your seminary financially as well. If you look at the cost of Cranmer House compared to other seminaries, it's night and day. Cranmer House offers an outstanding education for a fraction of what seminaries cost. This is because people like

you invest in your current and future bishops, priests, deacons, deaconesses, and lay catechists. Thank you for the love and investment in your church and seminary! The Gospel continues to go forth because of your faithfulness.

Blessings in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Templin" with a small cross at the end of the line.

The Rev. Michael K. Templin (M.Div. 2017)

Cranmer Theological House 2023 Enrollment

Master of Divinity (MDiv) – 9 students
Master of Arts in Religion (MAR) – 12
Master of Theology (ThM) – 4
Master of Theological Studies (MTS) – 3
Master of Arts in Religion: Deaconess Studies (MAR) – 5
Diaconal Certificate – 11
Deaconess Certificate – 10
Anglican Certificate – 12
Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary - 5

Total is 71

(3 more are in the application process)