

# DIPLOMA IN LAY MINISTRY CURRICULUM

*This programme may be completed online with the exception of the capstone course noted below.*

**Purpose:** *To offer to those already serving or hoping to serve as Lay Ministers the chance to enhance their ministry through theological education. This is not a certification programme but rather a co-ordinated combination of introductory courses.*

**Goal:** *To provide a theological foundation allowing the student to focus on areas related to his or her personal ministerial goals.*

## Admissions Requirements:

1. Academic Application with Letter of Intent and three Letters of Recommendation.
2. Bachelor's degree or non-traditional applicant with an appropriate background.
3. Official Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions.

This Diploma programme may be done on a part-time or full-time basis.

Cases which involve Advanced Standing, Shared Credits or Transfer Credits are dealt with according to the regulations found in the SAS *Bulletin*, the SAS Website, and the TST *Basic Degree Handbook*.

Courses completed in the diploma programme may be eligible for transfer to a degree programme depending on the academic eligibility of the student and the grade received for the course. Please review article **11.9** of the TST *Basic Degree Handbook* which further explains the policy regarding grades earned in the 60-69 range. Courses receiving these grades are counted towards our diploma programmes but are not transferable to a master's level programme.

The Academic Advisor for this diploma is the **Director of the Institute of Theology.**

**Please Note:** *Students who wish to take courses from other Toronto School of Theology Colleges, or outside of the approved curriculum, must contact the Director before entering their registration.*

INTRODUCTORY COURSES (7)		REQUIREMENT COMPLETE
1.	Foundations of Theology	1.
2.	Introduction to The Old Testament	2.
3.	Introduction to The New Testament (Hermeneutics)	3.
4.	Church History	4.
5.	Introduction to Moral Theology	5.
6.	Sacraments	6.
7.	Lay Ministry in the Diocesan Church <i>(This capstone course is not offered online.)</i>	7.
ELECTIVE COURSES (3)		REQUIREMENT COMPLETE
Emphasis in a particular area will be decided by each student in consultation with the Director in view of his or her ministerial goals.		1.
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**Please Note:** *If you are eligible for a Master degree programme and wish to transfer credits at a later date, please contact your Academic Advisor regarding the details of these limits and stale-dating information.*