



## Register for WV Iona School 2022-2023



The West Virginia Iona School will be kicking off its fifth year of providing high-quality theological education at the diocesan level. The school is appropriate for lay participants as well as those discerning or in formation for ordination. The three-year program provides a mixture of academic classes with practical classes covering all phases for leadership at the parish level.

First year students participate in the Biblical Interpretation course taught by Dr. Vicki Phillips. Second and third year students are enrolled in either Church History and Anglican Studies or Theology and Ethics. This coming year's course will be Theology and Ethics taught by the Rev. Jordan Trumble. (Church History will be taught during the 2023-2024 school year.)

In addition to the academic classes, all students can participate in the practical classes that cover Liturgy, Spiritual Practices, Homiletics, Pastoral Ministry, Theology and Practice of Ministry, and Congregational Life and Leadership.

The WV Iona School meets one weekend each month from September through June. Participants will meet at the Sandscree Conference and Retreat Center for six months this year: September, October, November, April, May, and June. The December, January, February, and March sessions will meet via Zoom. The group gathers on Friday evenings for the first class of the weekend and continue through Saturday evening. Sunday mornings are reserved for group worship and a wrap-up of the weekend.

The WV Iona School meets normally during the second weekend of each month. This year's schedule: September 9-11, October 7-9, November 11-13, December 9-11, January 13-15, February 10-12, March 10-12, April 14-16 (Easter is April 9), May 12-14, and June 9-11.

The fee is \$1250 and is to be split between the student and the participant's parish. To register for this year's classes, visit [www.wvdiocese.org](http://www.wvdiocese.org) and download the registration form. The completed form is to be returned to the diocesan office in Charleston along with the registration fee. Applications are due in August, however, we ask that you apply as soon as possible for planning purposes.

For questions, please contact Rev. John Valentine at [bigjohnwvu@yahoo.com](mailto:bigjohnwvu@yahoo.com), 304-312-6764 or Rev. Al Prichard at [ahprichard@gmail.com](mailto:ahprichard@gmail.com), 304-276-3229.

While the WV Iona School provides the educational experience necessary for ordination to the diaconate or the priesthood, it is important to understand participation in the program cannot be considered a guarantee of ordination. Any aspirant to ordination must undergo the required discernment process at the local level, through the Commission on Ministry, and finalizing with the blessing of the Bishop. However, the program is extremely valuable for developing leadership at any level in the parishes.