



MONTREAL
DIO

COURSE CATALOGUE

FALL 2026

Compassionate,
Courageous and Creative
Christian Leadership



Welcome / Bienvenue



Welcome to Dio! We're so pleased that you're interested in joining our learning community this fall. At Dio, we are passionate about forming compassionate, courageous, and creative leaders for Christian witness in a rapidly changing world. Our online courses—in English and French—are designed to offer new resources to lay and ordained Christian leaders, wrestle with the pressing questions of life in the 21st century, and prepare students to carry forward the gospel in a changing world. We look forward to having you with us this semester!

Yours in Christ,
Jesse Zink
Principal

Bienvenue à Dio! Nous sommes ravis que vous souhaitiez vous joindre à notre communauté d'apprentissage cet automne. À Dio, nous avons à cœur de former des leaders chrétiens compatissants, courageux et créatifs, capables de témoigner de l'Évangile dans un monde en profonde transformation. Nos cours en ligne, offerts en français et en anglais, visent à offrir de nouvelles ressources aux responsables laïques et ordonnés, à réfléchir aux grandes questions qui façonnent la vie au XXI^e siècle et à préparer les étudiants et étudiantes à poursuivre la mission de l'Évangile dans un contexte en constante évolution. Nous nous réjouissons de vous accueillir parmi nous ce trimestre !

Fraternellement,
Jesse Zink
Directeur

The Big Course

The Big Course is an opportunity to gather together online to consider a topical and pressing question related to Christian witness. No background is necessary, there's no homework, and it's the best price of all—free!

Magnificent Humanity: Reading Pope Leo's Encyclical on Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence is transforming our world at a remarkable pace, raising profound questions about human dignity, work, truth, freedom, community, and the future of society. How should Christians respond?

This three-session explores *Magnificent Humanity*, Pope Leo XIV's landmark 2026 encyclical on safeguarding the human person in the age of artificial intelligence. Written for Catholics, Christians, and "all people of good will," it offers a theological and practical reflection on the opportunities and dangers of AI while addressing broader questions of economic justice, education, political life, peace, human relationships, and the common good.

Designed for those who want to connect faith with today's pressing issues, this course offers an opportunity to engage one of the most significant Christian responses to the challenges and possibilities of our technological future.



Date: Wednesdays, 7pm to 8:30pm ET
September 9, 16 and 23, 2026

Fees: Free

Delivery: Online (Zoom)

Instructor:

The Rev. Dr. Jesse Zink
Principal of Montreal Dio



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Open Enrolment

Open enrolment courses are designed to deepen faith, expand understanding, and nurture leadership for a changing church. Open to all, these courses do not require homework or written assignments. All that is needed is a desire to learn and engage together in community. For our non-workshop courses, we encourage congregations to register as a group and to then gather in a home, church hall, or online to share in the learning experience together and use the questions we provide to continue the conversation beyond the class.

Exploration de la foi

Exploration de la foi est un programme en français conçu pour approfondir la foi, mieux comprendre la Bible et découvrir la théologie et la vie de l'Église Unie du Canada. Les modules peuvent être suivis individuellement à titre de cours ouverts à tous ou complétés dans le cadre du programme menant à la formation de célébrant ou célébrante laïque. Que vous souhaitiez enrichir votre réflexion personnelle, participer plus activement à votre communauté de foi ou entreprendre un parcours de formation, ces cours offrent un espace d'apprentissage, de dialogue et de croissance spirituelle.

To learn more, visit montrealdio.ca/courses or contact us at info@montrealdio.ca | 514-849-3004.

Preaching Workshop: Preaching Difficult Texts

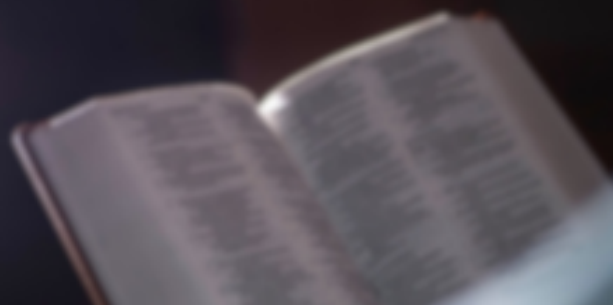
The Bible contains some famously hard texts (“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off...”). The lectionary readings suggested for fall 2026 for Anglicans, Lutherans, Catholics and the United Church turn out to showcase quite a few such difficult passages.

What’s a faithful preacher or a thoughtful listener from the pew to do?

Expect honest conversations about the questions preachers often avoid: What if justice never comes? What if the Bible seems wrong? How do we preach responsibly on Indigenous land or from texts with a history of antisemitism? What if faith is far less comfortable than we expected?

For three Tuesday evenings online, Dr. Matthew Anderson will uncover an uncomfortable text you will face every Sunday up to and including The Reign of Christ - and give practical advice on what to make of it.

An Open Enrolment Course



Date: Tuesdays, 7:30pm to 9:00pm ET
September 22 - October 6, 2026

Fees: \$90 Regular/Friends of the College \$75

Delivery: Online (Zoom)

Instructor:

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Anderson

Gatto Chair in Christian Studies at St.
Francis Xavier University



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Witness in the World: Theologies & Practices of Invitation

What motivates Christians to share their faith? How might this be done in ways that are both humble and confident? How do we grapple with legacies of colonialism and coercion in our invitation? This 5-week fall course will explore themes with a special interest in the daily life of congregations and communities of faith. In turn, we will explore:

- (1) theologies of Christian invitation
- (2) histories and ongoing legacies of coercive and colonial evangelism
- (3) practices of individual invitation
- (4) the role of a congregation's community witness, and
- (5) the invitational opportunities of weekly worship and preaching.



Date: Tuesdays, 7:00pm to 8:30pm
October 20 - November 17, 2026

Fees: Regular: \$90/person, \$200/group
Friends of the College: \$75/person,
\$170/group

Delivery: Online (Zoom)

Instructor:

The Rev. Morgan Bell

Director of United Church Studies



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Workshop: Suicide Prevention

Each academic term, through the Montreal School of Theology's In Ministry Year program, Montreal Dio offers a series of professional development workshops for students preparing for ordained ministry. Whenever possible, these workshops are also opened to clergy, lay leaders, and members of the wider community who wish to refresh their skills, deepen their knowledge, or engage with current issues in ministry.

Recognize and Guide People with Suicidal Thoughts to Facilitate Access to Help

This practical workshop equips participants to recognize the signs of suicidal thinking and respond with confidence, compassion, and care. Participants will learn how to identify individuals at risk, recognize language that may indicate suicidal thoughts, respond calmly and appropriately, ensure immediate safety when necessary, connect individuals with appropriate support services, and care for their own well-being while accompanying others. While not a substitute for professional mental health training, this workshop provides valuable tools for pastors, church leaders, and anyone involved in caring ministries.



Date: Thursday, 8:30am to 2:30pm
December 3, 2026

Fees: \$100 (Limited to 12 participants)
Delivery: In Person, at the Presbyterian
College
(3495 Rue University)

This formation is offered in partnership with
the Suicide Prevention Centre of Montreal

Introduction à La Bible

Premier Testament

Il s'agit d'un cours d'initiation au Premier Testament ayant pour but de familiariser les étudiants aux différents genres littéraires et d'explorer quelques approches herméneutiques. On y introduit également aux contextes de rédaction. Le cours souhaite faire ressortir l'importance du contenu vétéro-testamentaire pour bien saisir les racines des christianismes contemporains.

Deuxième Testament

Ce cours est une initiation au Deuxième Testament. La christologie biblique est le champ principal d'étude de ce cours. Le cours ne se limite pas pour autant aux quatre Évangiles une attention est également portée au corpus épistolaire. L'objectif est de saisir qui le Jésus Christ, selon les témoignages et la foi en se dernier, exposés dans l'ensemble de la tradition néotestamentaire.



Premier Testament : Les mercredis de 18h à 21h du 16 septembre au 7 octobre 2026

Professeur : Francis Daoust

Deuxième Testament : Les mercredis de 18h à 21h du 14 octobre au 4 novembre 2026

Professeur : Martin Bellerose

Coût : \$125 par cours
En ligne (Zoom)



Denominational Courses

Our online denominational courses are credit-bearing courses designed for candidates preparing for ministry as well as for those seeking continuing education or a deeper understanding of the denominations we serve. They are available either fully online or in a hybrid in-person/online format and are open to students at other theological colleges in Canada.

Explore the history, theology, worship, and practices of the Anglican and United Church traditions while learning from experienced faculty within a rich, diverse, and ecumenical theological community.

United Church History and Theology

This course offers an overview of the history and theological values and convictions of the United Church from its origins to the present. It will support learners to:

- Describe key events and turning points in the formation and history of the United Church of Canada.
- Describe the theological commitments and beliefs of the United Church from its formation to the present.
- Apply the United Church of Canada's understanding of authority of scripture and a historical-critical approach to Biblical interpretation to pastoral ministry.

A 3-credit hybrid course



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Date: Wednesdays, 1:30pm to 4:30pm ET
September 9- December 2, 2026

Fees: Visit the website for details

Delivery: Hybrid (At Dio/on Zoom)

Instructor:

The Rev. Morgan Bell

Director of United Church Studies

Anglican History and Theology

This course is a broad overview of the history and theology of Anglicanism, with particular focus placed on theological debates in the Anglican tradition.

The first half of the course covers key themes in Anglican history, including the contested nature of Anglicanism, the ecumenical involvement of Anglican churches, the legacy of establishment, and the public witness and engagement of Anglican theologians, church leaders, and lay people. The second half of the course focuses on the contemporary expression of Anglicanism as a global faith, with attention paid to recent debates in the global Anglican Communion over sacraments, Scripture, and sexuality. Students will conclude the course with a broad understanding of the historical trajectory of the Anglican tradition and how that is worked out in the world today.

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FAQ's



Are these the only courses offered by Montreal Dio?

No. In addition to the courses listed in this catalog, we offer a range of degree programs and other learning opportunities. You can explore the full range of offerings on our website: montrealdio.ca/programs/

Do I need to be in Montreal to take these courses?

No. All these courses are offered in online or hybrid formats, making it possible to participate fully from anywhere.

Who are these courses intended for?

These courses are open to individuals interested in theological learning, ministry formation, and faith development, whether for personal enrichment or as part of a broader vocational path.

Do I need previous theological training to enroll?

Not necessarily. Many of our courses are designed to be accessible to learners with a variety of backgrounds, while others may build on prior experience.

What is Friends of the College?

It's a community of people who support Montreal Dio's mission. Membership is open to anyone and includes discounted rates on many courses and events, invitations to special events, and participation in the College's Annual General Meeting. To become a Friend, visit our website: montrealdio.ca/friends or contact us.



ABOUT DIO

Montreal Diocesan Theological College—widely known simply as “Dio”—is an ecumenical theological college in the heart of Montreal. Originally founded by the Anglican Church of Canada, since 2021 Dio has offered a United Church Studies program and is recognized as a *testamur*-granting institution of the United Church of Canada. In conjunction with McGill University and the Montreal School of Theology, we prepare students for Christian ministry in a range of traditions and are accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

We offer online courses because we believe that students should not have to come to downtown Montreal to be part of our learning community. Our online courses serve the formation needs of the church as a whole to help all of us deepen our witness to the good news made known in Jesus Christ.

Le Séminaire diocésain de Montréal—plus largement connu sous le nom de « Dio »— est un séminaire de théologie œcuménique situé au cœur de Montréal. Fondé à l'origine par l'Église anglicane du Canada, Dio offre depuis 2021 un programme d'études de l'Église Unie et est reconnu par l'Église Unie du Canada comme établissement habilité à décerner les attestations requises pour la formation ministérielle. En collaboration avec l'Université McGill et la Montreal School of Theology, nous préparons des étudiants et étudiantes au ministère chrétien dans diverses traditions ecclésiales. Nos programmes sont agréés par l'Association of Theological Schools aux États-Unis et au Canada.

Nous offrons des cours en ligne parce que nous croyons que nul ne devrait avoir à se déplacer au centre-ville de Montréal pour faire partie de notre communauté d'apprentissage. Nos cours en ligne répondent aux besoins de formation de l'Église dans son ensemble et nous aident, ensemble, à approfondir notre témoignage à la Bonne Nouvelle révélée en Jésus-Christ.

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