

**Church History: The Episcopal Church**  
**Study Guide**  
**Iona School for Ministry**  
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**Reading Assignment:** *A History of the Episcopal Church: Third Revised Edition* by Robert W. Prichard. Morehouse Publishing, 2014.

**Questions for Study and Reflection**

1. How did the ecclesiastical conflicts of seventeenth century England influence the early missionary efforts of the Church in the Americas?
2. How did the various colonies approach the establishment of a church?
3. Describe the various church parties and parachurch organizations of the colonial Church of England:
  1. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel
  2. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.
  3. The Latitudinarians
4. What was the role of the colonial commissaries?
5. Who was George Whitefield?
6. How did the clergy and people of the Church of England in the colonies respond to the Revolutionary War?
7. Identify some of the early movements and leaders who sought to organize an episcopal church in the United States.
8. How did the proposed 1785 Book of Common Prayer differ from the adopted 1789 Book of Common Prayer?
9. Who were the non-juring bishops of Scotland and what impact did they have on the American church?
10. Who was Absalom Jones?
11. Identify the first two seminaries of the Episcopal Church. What role did they play in the early Episcopal Church?
12. What were the identifying characteristics of the high church and low church parties?
13. How did the growth of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States impact the ministry and theology of the Episcopal Church?
14. What was the Oxford movement?
15. What was the Cambridge movement?
16. How did the advent of the Anglican Communion change the way Episcopalians saw themselves?
17. What are the four points of the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral?
18. What was the modernist theological movement? How was it received among the clergy? The laity?
19. What were the various reactions to the world wars among Episcopalians?
20. How did the role of deaconesses change in the Episcopal Church?
21. How did the baby boom of the post-World War II era impact the Episcopal Church?
22. What were some ways that the Episcopal Church participated in racial segregation? What were some ways that the Episcopal Church advocated for and participated in racial integration?
23. Identify the major liturgical changes made in compiling the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.
24. Identify the progression of women's leadership in the church during the middle of the 20th century.
25. Who was Bishop Pike?
26. What was the General Convention Special Program?
27. Identify some of the characteristics of the charismatic movement within the Episcopal Church.
28. Name some of the ways the Church responded to the LGBT community in the middle of the 20th century.
29. What was the Taskforce for Reimagining the Episcopal Church?
30. Who are the nine bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas?

## **Additional Reading**

*Not required*

*A loud and ungrounded noise : the antiwar movement in the Episcopal Church during the Vietnam War* by James Michael Abbott

*The voice of conscience: A loud and unusual noise? : the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, 1939-1989* by Nathaniel L. Pierce and Paul L. Ward

*Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory* by David Blight

*Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era* by James McPherson

*Alexander Gregg, First Bishop of Texas* by Wilson Gregg

*The Bishop: A Portrait of Clinton S. Quin* by Alan Lake Chidsey

*The Episcopal Church in Texas, 1838-1874: From its Foundation to the Division of the Diocese* by Lawrence Brown

*The Episcopal Church in Texas: The Diocese of Texas 1875-1965* by Lawrence Brown

*John E. Hines: Granite on Fire* by Kenneth Kesselus