

Inquirer's Class: Lesson Three

Who we are: Establishment and organization of the Episcopal Church

- A. Book Discussion
- B. History: The Episcopal Church (continued)
 - a. Colonial Experience
 - b. Founding of St. Peter's Church (1768)
 - c. Consecration of Samuel Seabury (1784)
 - d. First General Convention (1785)
 - e. First American Prayer Book (1789)
 - f. Oxford Movement of 1820s
 - g. Civil War 1860s
 - h. Diocese of Easton – 1868
 - i. Presiding Bishop and staff, Executive Council 1919
 - j. Associated Parishes created – 1946
 - k. Ordination of women – 1976
 - l. Current Book of Common Prayer authorized – 1979
 - m. Ordination of the Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson – 2003
 - n. Blessing of Same Sex Unions – 2013
 - o. Diocese of Easton elects the Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, XI Bishop of Easton -2015
- C. Definition and Mission of the Church (pp. 854-855 BCP)
- D. Ministers of the Church (pp. 854-855)
 - a. Lay
 - b. Bishop
 - c. Priest
 - d. Deacon
- E. Governance of the Church
 - a. Overview, Distinctions
 - b. National
 - c. Diocesan
 - d. Parish