



**Anglican Network
in Canada**

Constitution

Revised by Synod 2014

ARTICLES OF ANGLICAN NETWORK IN CANADA
*These Articles may also be referred to as the Articles and Constitution of the
Anglican Network in Canada*

ARTICLE 1

The objects, principles and purpose of Anglican Network in Canada (“ANiC”) are:

ARTICLE 1.1 Our Faith

- a) to publicly meet together for worship, prayer and the administration of the Sacraments, and to teach the Holy Scriptures and preach the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus, and to present Jesus Christ Himself in the power of the Holy Spirit so that people everywhere will come to know him as Saviour and Lord and serve him as King in the fellowship of the Church.
- b) to uphold the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired word of God written, containing all things necessary to salvation; to teach the same Word of God; to partake of the Divinely ordained Sacraments of Baptism and the Supper of the Lord, through the ministry of the historic Apostolic orders; and to worship One God and Father through the Lord Jesus Christ, by the Holy and Divine Spirit who is given to them who believe;
- c) to articulate and defend the historic doctrines of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Faith as witnessed to and expressed in the Anglican Communion through the three historic Creeds, the Book of Common Prayer (1662), the Ordinal and the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, by preaching, teaching, producing and disseminating to Anglican congregations writings and other materials based on this faith, in order to provide guidance in the manifestation and practise of their beliefs; to encourage unity of the faith amongst them and to transmit the same unimpaired to our posterity;
- d) to be biblically faithful and to continue in full communion with all biblically faithful Anglican Dioceses, Provinces, networks and regional churches throughout the world as an integral portion of the One Body of Christ composed of the Churches which, united under the One Divine Head and in the fellowship of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, hold the One Faith revealed in Holy Scripture, and defined in the Creeds which were maintained by the undivided primitive Church in the undisputed Ecumenical Councils;

ARTICLE 1.2 Our Purposes

- a) To protect and improve the capacity of Anglican Network in Canada congregations which are registered charities (“Parish Members”), and assist congregations which are seeking charitable status in order to become members of ANiC, by providing expertise on planning, structuring, and improving charitable programs to better address the needs of congregants and their communities.
- b) to receive gifts, bequests, trusts, funds and property, either beneficially or as a trustee or agent, to hold, invest, develop, manage, administer and distribute such funds and property for the objects, principles purposes and benefit of ANiC or its Parish Members, or to transfer same to such other organizations as are “qualified donees” under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, for purposes and activities consistent with the objects and purposes of ANiC and authorized under the provisions of the Income Tax Act; and
- c) to conduct any and all activities and exercise any and all such powers as are necessary for the achievement and furtherance of the objects (letters Patent)of ANiC.

ARTICLE 2

The operations of ANiC may be carried on throughout Canada and elsewhere.

ARTICLE 3

The place within Canada where the head office of ANiC is to be situated is in the Province of Ontario.

ARTICLE 4

Upon the winding-up or dissolution of ANiC, the funds and property remaining after the payment of all costs, charges and expenses properly incurred in the winding-up or dissolution, including the remuneration of a liquidator, payment of any arrears of salaries or wages to employees of ANiC and payment of any debts, shall be distributed to such registered charities or “qualified donees”, as defined in the Income Tax Act, as shall be designated by the Board of Directors of ANiC (hereinafter called the “ANiC Council”). Any of such funds or property which had originally been received for specific purposes shall, wherever possible, be distributed to “qualified donees” or charities registered under the provisions of the Income Tax Act that are carrying on work of a similar nature to those specific purposes.

ARTICLE 5

ARTICLE 5.1 Group Members

ANiC shall have five groups of members (“Members”) as follows:

- a) Group A Member is limited to the Diocesan Bishop as defined under the by-laws of ANiC (hereinafter referred to as the Canons)
- b) Group B Members shall consist of:
 - i. the Bishop coadjutor, if any, of ANiC;
 - ii. every active Bishop or suffragan Bishop, if any, of ANiC and
 - iii. such other person or persons, being a person or persons in episcopal orders working in the ANiC, as the Diocesan Bishop, with the concurrence of the ANiC Council, may nominate.
- c) Group C Members shall consist of:
 - i. a person in episcopal orders who is licensed to any parish or otherwise working in ANiC who is not nominated by the Diocesan Bishop pursuant to Article 5.1 (b)(iii) of these Articles;
 - ii. any Presbyters licensed to ANiC Parish ministry (other than a general permission to officiate) by the Diocesan Bishop;
 - iii. the Chancellor of the Network, if in holy orders;
 - iv. three representatives from each Archdeaconry elected by the Clergy holding the Diocesan Bishop’s general permission to officiate; and
 - v. the archdeacons, as appointed by the Diocesan Bishop.
- d) Group D Members shall consist of all corporate parishes of ANiC as shown on the official list of parishes and congregations of ANiC as maintained by the Registrar of ANiC;
- e) Group E Members shall consist of:
 - i. all members of the ANiC Council,
 - ii. the Chancellor, if not in Holy Orders, and the Registrar in office at the time, and

- iii. other persons who are active in ANiC ministry as appointed by the Diocesan Bishop for a fixed one year term (renewable) provided that the number of such persons so appointed at any time shall not exceed four (4), who are not Group A Members, Group B Members or Group C Members.

ARTICLE 5.2 Voting

Unless otherwise specified in the Canons of ANiC, for all matters to be voted on by Members, Group B Members, Group C Members, Group D Members, and Group E Members shall vote together as a class and Group A Member shall vote as a separate class and a matter is only approved if passed by the requisite majority of each class. Each member under Group A Member, Group B Members, Group C Members, and Group E Members shall be entitled to one vote per Member and each Member under Group D Members shall be entitled to the number of votes as determined as follows:

- a. For Group D Member having an ASA of between 1-50 persons, 1 vote;
- b. For Group D Member having an ASA of between 51-150 persons, 2 votes
- c. For Group D Member having an ASA of more than 150 persons, 3 votes plus an additional vote for each additional 100 persons of ASA

“ASA” means the Average Sunday Attendance of the Group D Member for the previous calendar year as certified by the Rector or Priest in charge of the Group D Member, submitted to and accepted by the Registrar of ANiC. ASA may include regular weekly worship.

ARTICLE 5.3 Number of Votes Per Group D Member

Subject to Article 5.2 the number of votes that each Group D Member is entitled to for each meeting of *Synod* shall be determined pursuant to the Formula in Article 5.2 above. Any dispute with respect to the number of votes a Group D Member is entitled to shall be determined by the Registrar of ANiC and such determination is final. A Group D Member is entitled to send the same number of representatives to attend a meeting of the Synod as the number of votes that such member is entitled to. A Group D member is entitled to one additional vote if such Group D Member authorizes a youth representative from that Group D member to attend the Synod, provided that youth member is between the ages of 16 and 25 years as of the date of the commencement of the relevant Synod.

ARTICLE 5.4 Voting Other

The Canons may specify the majority that is required for different groups of members for approval of certain matters.

ARTICLE 5.5 When a Member Ceases to be a Member of ANiC

A Member will cease to be a Member of ANiC upon the occurrence of one of the following :

- a) the Member terminates its membership by written notice to the ANiC Council;
- b) the death of the Member, if an individual;
- c) the dissolution, bankruptcy, insolvency or winding up of the Member, if a corporation;
- d) removal or termination of a Member of ANiC by the Diocesan Bishop and the ANiC Council, which shall be confirmed by a resolution passed at a Synod as specified in the Canons;
- e) a Group A Member who has ceased to be in the office of the Diocesan Bishop pursuant to the relevant provisions in the Canons;
- f) a Group B Member who has ceased to meet the definition of a group B Member as set out in Article 5.1(b);
- g) a Group C Member who has ceased to meet the definition of a Group C member as indicated in Article 5.1 (c); and
- h) a Group E Member who has ceased to be a member of the ANiC Council or has ceased to hold the office as Chancellor or Registrar, or whose term of appointment has expired, as the case may be.

ARTICLE 6

Article 1.1 (a) to (d) shall not be amended unless such amendment is approved unanimously by all Members at a Synod. Amendments to any other provision of this Constitution shall be made in accordance Article 3.2 (q) of the Canons.

The minimum number of directors on the ANiC Council shall be three (3) and the maximum number of directors shall be thirteen (13) and the actual number of directors shall be fixed by resolution of Members and if not otherwise fixed shall be eleven (11). Except for the director elected by the Group A Member ,the term of each director shall be for two (2) years and a director may be re-elected for two (2) additional terms of two (2) years each, after which the director shall retire for at least one (1) year. One director shall be elected by the Group A Member alone, and the remaining directors shall be elected by Group B, Group C, Group D and Group E members voting together, and the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to fill other vacancies available to be filled.

The first ANiC Council elected after this constitution is adopted will determine amongst themselves 50% of the members to be retired after one year to establish a staggering of terms.

ARTICLE 7

The Canons shall be those filed with the application for continuance until repealed, amended, altered or added to.

ARTICLE 8

ANiC is to carry on its operations without pecuniary gain to its members and any profits or other accretions to ANiC are to be used in promoting its objects.