



## Who we are

*Building Biblically faithful, Gospel sharing, Anglican churches.*

**Parishes** - There are currently 71 parishes, church plants and forming congregations in the Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC), some small, some large. Among these are the largest Anglican parish in Canada, St John's Vancouver, and the largest Chinese Anglican parish in Canada, Good Shepherd Vancouver.

**Clergy** - About 200 clergy members – including six bishops – are licenced in ANiC.

**Jurisdiction** - ANiC parishes and clergy are under the episcopal authority of Bishop Charles Masters, who is under the Primatial oversight of Archbishop Foley Beach of the Anglican Church in North America. In addition, ANiC remains under the temporary and emergency pastoral provision for oversight from the Primate of the Province of the South America.

**Membership** - We seek to obey Christ's Great Commission by making disciples and planting churches. Together with the other dioceses in the ACNA, we have set the goal of planting 1000 new churches. Average Sunday attendance at ANiC churches is around 4800. (By this measure, ANiC is larger than 13 Anglican Church of Canada (ACoC) dioceses – based on 2001 ACoC statistics, the most recent available.)

**Brief history** - ANiC traces its roots to the "Anglican Essentials" movement and its founding theological statement, the 1994 Montreal Declaration, which defined the "essentials" of the Anglican expression of the Christian faith. In 2005, the Anglican Network in Canada was established together with the Anglican Federation as the two constituent partners in Anglican Essentials Canada (AEC).

In November 2007, ANiC announced that it would provide episcopal oversight for Canadian Anglicans clergy and parishes wishing to be part of a Biblically faithful denomination. Under our founding Diocesan Bishop Donald Harvey and the Primatial jurisdiction of Presiding Bishop Gregory Venables, then Primate of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, ANiC received a number of churches into membership. In 2009, the ACNA was constituted and ANiC became a founding diocese of this now 100,000 member Church.

**What we stand for** - Members of ANiC are committed to the historic Christian faith and foundational principles and standards of the Anglican tradition in Canada. We embrace Anglican orthodoxy – the biblically-faithful, authentically-Anglican way of following Jesus and being part of the "*One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church*". This orthodoxy is defined by and centred on the classic formularies – foundational principles of the Anglican tradition in Canada.

We believe in:

- The supreme authority of the teaching of Holy Scripture as understood within the doctrinal formularies of historical Anglicanism, specifically, the **Book of Common Prayer**, the **Thirty-nine Articles**, the **Ordinal** and the **Solemn Declaration of 1893**.
- The triune nature of the one God, and the personal divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The sinfulness of each and every person and the universal need of salvation.
- The sinless life, atoning death, bodily resurrection and ascension, heavenly reign, and future return in glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The essential realities of salvation encompassing the forgiveness of sins through justification, regeneration and adoption into the Father's family, union and communion with Jesus Christ and the personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the practice of holiness, moral transformation into the image of Christ, and the future resurrection of the body for a life of bliss.
- The preaching of the Word of God, the fellowship of the Church, the ministry of the sacraments, and personal prayer – as the principal means of God's grace.

**Affiliations** - ANiC is a diocese in the **Anglican Church in North America**, which is gaining recognition as a faithful, orthodox Anglican Province. We are part of the **Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans** and wholeheartedly subscribe to the **Jerusalem Declaration** statement of faith. ANiC is also a member of the **Evangelical Fellowship of Canada**.