

Anglican Network in Canada – Who we are

Biblical, Missionary, Uniting

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The Anglican Network in Canada is a national fellowship of Canadian Anglicans who:

- *Share a commitment to biblically-faithful, historically-authentic Anglicanism (sometimes referred to as Anglican orthodoxy) and*
- *Wish to be recognized as in “full communion” with the biblically faithful global Anglican Communion*
- *Find themselves in “serious theological dispute” with their bishop, diocese or the Anglican Church of Canada and are considering whether they can remain under the jurisdiction of a church which has “walked apart” from the global Anglican Communion and historic Christianity.*

Mission Statement

Our members are ordinary Canadian Anglicans with an extraordinary mission:

Through God’s grace, to permeate our Canadian Church and culture with an apostolic Christianity that is in full communion with biblically faithful Anglicanism world-wide.

Vision Statement

Through God’s grace, to provide a national ecclesial structure in case the Anglican Church of Canada or any of its dioceses “walk apart” (the Windsor Report).

This structure will be authentically Anglican, marked by its commitment to:

- the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every aspect of faith and life;
- 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, in Canada, the Solemn Declaration of 1893;
- unity in the Faith of the gospel, according to this understanding;
- evangelism, discipleship, and compassionate service;
- reconciliation with other orthodox expressions of Anglicanism in Canada;
- the transmission of the gospel intact to future generations;
- being generous with resources to other members of the Anglican Communion;

All to the end that the body of Christ may be built up and God be glorified in Canada and beyond

Why we were established

In February 2005, the Primates of the Anglican Communion met in Dromantine, Ireland, and asked the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) to “voluntarily withdraw” from participation in the Anglican Consultative Council until the next Lambeth Conference in 2008 while they (the ACC) consider their response to the questions addressed to them in the *Windsor Report*, and while “they consider their place within the Anglican Communion” (paragraph 14). This request was upheld by the Anglican Consultative Council when they met in June 2005.

The Anglican Network in Canada was launched in June 2005 to provide support and fellowship for orthodox Canadian Anglicans who wish to remain in full communion with the global Anglican Communion, while nurturing spiritual renewal and restoring biblically-faithful Anglicanism in Canada.

At the same time, the Network has built bonds with Primates of the global Anglican Communion to find a way for faithful Canadian Anglicans to remain in the global fellowship if the ACC “walked apart”.

What we believe

Members of the Anglican Network in Canada 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 centered on the classic formularies – or foundational principles of the Anglican tradition in Canada – and includes a belief in:

- The Lordship of Jesus Christ in every aspect of faith and life
- 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 39 Articles, the Ordinal and, in Canada, the Solemn Declaration of 1893
- Unity in the Faith of the gospel, according to this understanding;
- Evangelism, discipleship, and compassionate service;
- The *Book of Common Prayer* as the standard of doctrine and worship;
- The *Ordinal* (with its preface)
- The *Thirty-nine Articles of Religion* (as affirmed by the Lambeth Conference of 1968)
- The *Solemn Declaration of 1893*

What we do

The Network exists to serve individual Anglicans and parishes who find themselves in a state of “serious theological dispute” with their bishop, diocese or the Anglican Church of Canada as a result of departures from historic doctrine and liturgy.

We offer an identity, voice and representation for orthodox Canadian Anglicans both within the Anglican Church of Canada and within the global Anglican Communion.

Specifically, we provide:

- Resources to educate Canadian Anglicans about the crisis in the Church
- Godly Episcopal oversight and pastoral care for clergy and parishes who feel abandoned by their own church and are distressed by the decisions being made within the church which are contrary to scripture and the doctrine of the global Anglican Communion
- Communion connection for those who have been separated from full communion status by the actions of their diocese or bishop or the General Synod of the ACC
- Biblical teaching and clergy care through clergy conferences
- Assistance and advice on media issues affecting clergy and parishes as a result of the issues dividing the church
- Guidance in discerning the best way forward for individual parishes and assistance formulating resolutions for Parish Councils and Vestries when required
- A focus for fellowship with Anglicans in similar isolated circumstances
- Assistance and resources for church planting
- Assistance and legal support and resources for clergy and parishes suffering from actions of a hostile bishop
- Mutual prayer support and fellowship

Our Leadership

Moderator and Bishop	The Right Rev. Donald Harvey, ministering under Archbishop Gregory Venable, Primate of the Southern Cone
Board of Directors	Mrs. Cheryl Chang Mrs. Joyce Lee Mr. Claus Lenk Rev. David Short Rev. George Sinclair Rev. Dr. Trevor Walters
National Director	The Rev Canon Charlie Masters