

The Anglican Sojourners Fellowship

**Presentation to
ANiC Synod
November 2012**



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From Orphans to Sojourners

- **An orphan is like a refugee or a displaced Person**
- **A Sojourner is a citizen with a passport living abroad - or even an ambassador on a mission**

The difference is not isolation but belonging



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Who are the Christians Who Have Lost Belonging?

- **Faithful Anglicans living in isolation**
- **Christians from other denominations**
- **Our society creates Orphans**

Christian Orphans are a mission field



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Living Stones: 1 Peter 2

A “bridge” rather than a “church”

- A “path” not a “place”
- Connecting and restoring identity
- An “outfitter” for the journey of faith



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Foundations for the ASF

An Integral part of ANiC

- Drawing on its foundation of Faith in the Gospel
- Caring for orphan Christians
- Extending the reach of ANiC parishes
- Committed to internal self-sufficiency

Providing & Building Community

- Creating virtual and regional fellowship “circles”
- Growing lay leaders
- Planting innovative Church communities

Membership Requirements:

- Non-Exclusive
- Self identification
- The Jerusalem Declaration

“So there will be one flock, one shepherd”



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A Virtual Community

Technology is the foundation

- Website (Launched in July)
- Video conferencing

Technology is a tool not a master



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The ASF Statement of Purpose

A Virtual Fellowship of faithful Christians:

Living in isolation

Connected to the Anglican Communion through ANiC

Committed to:

- Sharing the Gospel
- Building up the Church
- Supporting one another as Disciples



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Challenges

- **Constant Prayer**
- **Reaching the Orphans**
- **Building shared leadership**
- **Establishing partnerships with local ANiC churches**
- **Expanding web-based resources and ministries**



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An Invitation

We invite ANiC parishes and individuals to share in our ministry as they are called by the Spirit of the Church

ASF Interim Steering Committee:

- Jeri-Lynn Woods (Castelgar, B.C)
- The Ven. Paul Crossland (Brandon, Man.)
- D'Arcy Luxton (Elora, Ont.)
- Mark Larratt-Smith (Picton, Ont.)

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Please join us for breakfast tomorrow!

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