



## **Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali** **November 5th to 7th**

***Bishop Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali** has led the church in both Pakistan and England, serving in the latter as Bishop of Rochester for fifteen years. He was the General Secretary of the Church Mission Society and was Bishop of Raiwind in Pakistan. He is also a faculty member at the London School of Theology and holds Fellowships at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Some of his primary areas of expertise include inter-faith relations, bioethics, ecumenism, and the mission of the church.*

### **EVENTS ITINERARY**

## **Friday, November 5th**

### **Humble Conviction in the Halls of Power**

**12 noon, Parliament Hill**

While faith is personal, it is never private. How, then, does the person of faith called to political leadership contribute to the true good of the country? Moreover, what place does religion have in our public discourse today? Drawing on his years of experience in the House of Lords, Dr. Nazir-Ali will address how to lead with virtue and skill amidst the contemporary challenges and opportunities our western democracies present.

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### **The Anglican Church: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**

**7:00 pm, Travelodge Hotel and  
Conference Center, 1376 Carling Ave**

Much of our contemporary confusion in the church is a result of not knowing the stories that shape us. On the other hand, remembering yesterday's witness can bring us clarity about how to act in a complicated present and can animate hope in the God who's shown his faithfulness through history. This address will offer a retrospective on global Anglicanism in the past 125 years, discuss the present context of our church, and look ahead to the church we will inhabit, and share, in years to come.

*This is the keynote address of the ANiC Synod. Synod members, as well as members of St. George's Anglican Church Ottawa will be given priority seating. Members of the public are also welcome for the remaining available seats.*

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## Saturday, November 6th

### Talking about God in Post-Christian Culture

**Brunch, St. Alban's Anglican Church  
454 King Edward Avenue**

Though its history and desirability are up for debate, the decline of a "Christian culture" is increasingly evident in the West. The challenge in talking about God today is that there is an impulse for people to reject what they think they already understand. Along with a persistent secularization, our inter-connected world has brought a plurality of other religious voices into range, further challenging the Christian sense of privilege in public discourse. How, then, do we speak about God with awareness, creativity, and effectiveness in our cultural climate?

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### Faith and a Secular Age: Implications for Christianity and Islam

**7:00 pm, Saint Paul University, 223 Main Street**

In western culture we live in a time when the "conditions of belief" have changed such that religious faith and practice is no longer the rule, but the exception. Even so, in our globalized world we hear a plurality of resurgent religious voices vying for our attention. This address will consider the respective histories of these two prominent religions with a view to understanding how we might live together amid the common challenges presented by our secular age.

### The Amphitheatre

 **UNIVERSITÉ SAINT PAUL  
SAINT PAUL UNIVERSITY**  
Faculté de théologie / Faculty of Theology

## Sunday, November 7th

### Community & Faith: Anniversary Eucharist Service

**10:30 am, St. George's Anglican Church  
152 Metcalfe Street**

For 125 years, St. George's Anglican Church has been a community of Christian witness at the heart of the nation's capital, gathering weekly to hear the word of God proclaimed, to break bread and lift the cup.

*For this anniversary celebration, Bishop Nazir-Ali will be the guest preacher as the parish of St. George begins its next chapter of seeing 'broken lives transformed into world-changing disciples'.*

### The Coming Global Christianity: Mission, Persecution, Growth

**7:00 pm, St. George's Anglican Church  
152 Metcalfe Street**

Through the work of mission, Christianity has long sought to be a "globalized" faith. In recent years, though, we've seen the unprecedented growth of a vibrant Christianity in the southern hemisphere, challenging our horizons of the possible. Along with this, Christianity has maintained a faithful, even increasing, presence in areas where the church is under severe persecution. Drawing on his recent work with marginalized Christians internationally, Bishop Nazir-Ali will relate the stories of inspiring Christian witness around the world, giving us an opportunity to respond to this expansive vision of God's love for the world.

*These reflections will be offered in the place of the sermon at our Evensong service.*