



Anglican Network in Canada

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Handle with prayer

News – ANiC and AEN

Welcome the Rev David Chapman into ANiC

The Rev Chapman was accepted as a new priest in ANiC by Bishop Don on November 30 and is to receive his official Letter of Recognition and License to Officiate from Bishop Charlie on Jan 30 at St. Timothy's Anglican Bible Church in Montreal (10 a.m. service). David is currently doing his PhD at McGill and will be working on a church plant in downtown Montreal.

Settlement in progress for two Ottawa parishes

A proposed settlement over the church buildings of the ANiC congregations, St. Alban's and St. George's Ottawa, has been negotiated with their former Anglican Church of Canada diocese. Both churches are now in the process of holding votes to ratify the settlement. The parish of St. George's will vote to ratify on Sunday, January 30th. The parish of St. Alban's will vote on Saturday, February 12th.

Church Planting: ANiC Plant and Grow Conferences

Don't forget, regional church planting conferences are being organized in different areas across the country. Church planting continues to be an urgent focus of ANiC as it concentrates on mission to broken and hurting people and all others who need the Lord. Sowing seeds for new congregations remains part of ANiC's involvement in ACNA's *Anglican 1000* movement; the challenge from Archbishop Robert Duncan to plant 1000 new churches by 2015. Clergy, laity and prospective church planters at any stage of the planting process are invited to participate in ANiC Plant and Grow conferences. More [church planting information](#) is on the ANiC website.

Plant and Grow Conferences: (Dates & locations may change as plans develop)

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| Victoria, BC | February 19 | Contact the Rev Sean Love |
| Langley, BC | March 5 | Contact Bishop Ron Ferris |
| Brandon, MB | late-February (TBD) | Contact Phil Varcoe |
| Burlington, ON | March 2 | Contact the Rev Ray David Glenn |
| Ottawa, ON | April 2 | Contact the Rev Dan Endresen |
| Montreal, QC | April 30 | Contact the Rev Dan Endresen |
| Moncton, NB | March 14 | Contact the Rev Dan Endresen |
| Marlborough, MA, USA | June (TBD) | Contact the Ven Michael McKinnon |

Inaugural conference of the Asian Mission in Canada (AMiC), March 21-22

Organized by Bishop Stephen, this year's AMiC conference will explore the theme *Discerning contemporary culture: Challenges and Christian ministry in a permissive age*, and has extended the **early-bird discount deadline to Feb 28**. Great speakers include Dr Brian Stiller, the Rev Warren Lai, the Rev Ken Shigematsu, the Most Rev Dr John Chew (to be confirmed), the Rev Dr David Pao, Dr Toni Dolfo-Smith, Mr Daniel Komori and Dr James Houston. [See AMiC website](#) for details.

Asian Mission in Canada (AMiC) mission trips to the Far East

Pray about how you can support [AMiC's outreach trips](#) to Chinese disabled orphans, and to Karen refugee camp in Thailand. You may consider going yourself, or praying for or sponsoring those who do go. Initial information night is at Church of the Good Shepherd, Vancouver, **this Sunday, January 30th**. Application deadline is March 1st, 2011.

The Rev Andy Leroux to speak at Abilities Church

The Rev Leroux, formerly of St Ninian's ACoC parish in Toronto and recently welcomed into ANiC as rector of Toronto's new LivingHope Christian Church, will be speaking on January 30 at 6pm at the Abilities Church in Toronto. Abilities Church describes itself as an inclusive church that focuses on the equal incorporation of people with disabilities in the life of the church body. [See flyer](#) for the Rev Leroux's speaking engagement.

Church plants and projects

St. Paul Anglican Bible Church, ANiC project in Stoney Creek ON asks us to "Pray for hearts to be open to our vision and mission of *Reaching out to hurting people* as we develop relationships and build community. Join our Prayer Partners [e-mail list](#) for regular up-dates and specific prayer requests." www.StPaulABC.ca.

Eternal Hope Church (Carleton Place, ON) also asks for prayer over the life of their church. You can visit them at www.eternalhopechurch.ca

St James' church plant in Lennoxville, PQ says, "*Check out our updated blog and help spread the word. Please pray for our developing church to be built on Jesus as we enter week #9*". See: www.stjameslennoxville.com.

Please contact Marilyn Jacobson to update on plant and project progress, prayer needs and new content on your websites so that ANiC members can be informed and pray for you specifically.

Prayer for CMJ Canada and the Rev Sharon Hayton

Christ Church Ministries Jerusalem (CMJ), originally called the Church's Mission to the Jews, is a 200 year-old Anglican Mission Society that began in England and established Christ Church Jerusalem in the 1830's. To learn about the interesting history of CMJ read [here](#).

Recently, the Rev Sharon Hayton, rector of The Open Gate, Victoria, was installed as the Chair of CMJ Canada, which launched in 2009. Sharon would appreciate prayer for this special ministry at these beginning stages while the foundation is being established. CMJ Canada has started with the goal of focusing on Education, Evangelism and Encouragement. Sharon is especially hopeful for the development of the education aspect of CMJ Canada and is working together with Bishop Trevor on the establishment of this part of the ministry. The ministry's first volunteer, Margaret Mercer from The Open Gate, is currently working at CMJ Israel's retreat centre on the Sea of Galilee called, "Beit Bracha" (House of Blessing). Please pray for the Lord's hand to be over the Rev Sharon and the development of CMJ Canada.

Calendar of upcoming events – for your interest and prayer support

Jan 25-31 – Anglican Communion Primates Meeting (Dublin, Ireland)
Jan 30 – Bishop Don visits Christ the King, Toronto, to welcome the Rev Robin Guinness to ANiC
Jan 30 – Bishop Don to visit LivingHope Christian Church (Scarborough, ON)
Jan 30 – Asian Mission [short-term mission meeting](#), Good Shepherd (Vancouver, BC)
Jan 30 – the [Rev Andy Leroux speaks](#) at Abilities Church (Toronto, ON)
Jan 30 – Bishop Charlie welcomes the Rev David Chapman at St Timothy's (Montreal, QC)
Feb 9-12 – [theAM winter conference](#) in Greensboro, North Carolina
Feb 19 – Victoria, BC [church planting workshop](#)
Feb 25-27 – Good Shepherd (Vancouver, BC) [revival conference](#)
Feb (TBD) – Brandon, MB [church planting workshop](#)
March 2 – Burlington, ON [church planting workshop](#)
March 5 – Langley, BC [church planting workshop](#)
March 14 – St John, NB [church planting workshop](#)
March 21-22 – [Asian Mission inaugural conference](#), Vancouver, BC
March 29-31 – ANiC's 2011 pastors' retreat near Abbotsford, BC
April 2 – Ottawa, ON [church planting workshop](#)

April 30 – Montreal, QC [church planting workshop](#)
June (TBD) – Marlborough, MA [church planting workshop](#)

Other News – Canada

Bishop of New Westminster hopes to replace clergy, absorb parishes

In a [statement](#) on the Diocese of New Westminster's website, ACoC Bishop Michael Ingham commented on the appeals taken to the Supreme Court of Canada by the four BC churches defending ownership of their church properties. Ingham issued a plea to the leaders and trustees of the parishes to meet with him to discuss an "orderly transition of ordained ministry". He appealed to the members of the ANiC congregations to return to the Anglican Church of Canada, saying that "No one need choose between their faith and the buildings they love."

Roman Catholic Church extends invitation to Anglicans in Canada

In addition to the disaffected members of the Church of England who have moved to Rome, the [Church of England Newspaper reports](#) that the invitation from Rome has been extended to Anglicans in Canada. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto has invited Anglicans interested in "the implementation of Anglicanorum Coetibus", by the Roman Catholic Toronto Archbishop Thomas Collins; appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to serve as the Vatican's "delegate" to Canadian Anglicans seeking to join the Pope's Personal Ordinariate. However, the article notes that, "further secessions from the ACC are likely to go to the Anglican Network in Canada—part of the Anglican Church in North America—rather than to the ordinariate... Following the [Anglican Catholic Church of Canada's] decision to accept the pope's invitation, 12 of the church's 42 congregations withdrew rather than go over to Rome."

News – Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)

Diocese of Fort Worth will appeal trial court decision

The Diocese of Fort Worth [has announced](#) its intention to appeal the trial court decision which ruled in favour of The Episcopal Church's (TEC) retention of the diocesan church properties. According to the announcement the Hon. John Chupp, who ruled in this matter, signed an order drafted by TEC attorneys, but struck out points with which he did not agree. Ultimately the ruling was made in favour of TEC on the basis that the Anglican Church is a hierarchical structure. In November 2008, Fort Worth withdrew from TEC as an entire diocese. The grounds for appeal state, *"the plaintiffs have offered no evidence, either in the courtroom or in their voluminous filings, supporting their claim that the Diocese was not entitled to withdraw from The Episcopal Church," "Nor have they demonstrated a legal right to our property, which is protected by Texas statutes regulating trusts and non-profit corporations."*

Christ Church Savannah: "the case to end all cases"

In the American Anglican Council (AAC) newsletter, special note has been made of Christ Church Savannah as "the case to end all cases" in the state of Georgia. In a [press release](#) of Christ Church Savanna, David Reeves, governing board chairman of Christ Church said, *"We are gratified that the Supreme Court will hear our appeal... Since this case will have ramifications for all Georgia churches, regardless of denomination, we think it is appropriate for the highest court in our state to rule on these issues"*.

Also according to the press release, two amicus briefs (friend of the court briefs) have been filed by The Presbyterian Lay Committee (PLC) and The American Anglican Council (AAC), asserting that, *"this ruling will have an impact on all Georgia churches, regardless of denomination, which assume they have local ownership and control of their properties."*

Growing Deanery of the Convocation of Confessing Anglicans (CANA)

In a [recent press release](#), ACNA announced that on January 15th, three military chaplains were ordained as priests and one as a transitional deacon by CANA Bishop Martyn Minns at The Falls Church, Va. Bishop Minns expressed great joy in celebrating the ordinations saying, *"This is a joyous occasion for the Anglican Church in North America. We are blessed to bear witness to the Chaplaincies' continued growth, and we look forward to the way in which Christ will work through our newly ordained chaplains"*. The Deanery for the Chaplaincy is the canonical residence for priests and deacons who serve as Chaplains in ACNA through CANA (a jurisdiction of ACNA). ACNA is pleased to celebrate that *"the Deanery was established in October of 2007 beginning with one chaplain serving in the United States Army. Within one year, the Anglican Church had 25 chaplains and later celebrated its 40th chaplain ordination in July 2009. The Deanery has more than doubled in size since that time."*

Other News – USA

TitusOneNine – Jan 16 2011 – [Notice on the Death of Dr. Robert Crouse](#)

AEC blog – Jan 16 2011 – [RIP Father Robert Crouse](#)

International

Forty percent of primates absent from Primates Meeting in Dublin

[The Anglican Communion News Service \(ACNS\)](#), official website of the Anglican Communion, reports that only 23 of 38 primates are attending the Primates Meeting in Dublin.

Over the last several weeks editorials and letters from conservative and liberal Anglican leaders around the world have been published regarding the abstentions of Global South primates and others from the once-every-two-year meeting of the Primates taking place in Dublin this week. Some included pleas to the orthodox primates to attend the meeting, others showed sympathy for the decisions to not take part.

The Global South primates, in a [January 21 statement](#), expressed concerns about the lack of *"intentional prior consultation and collegial engagement"* in planning the meeting, particularly in the context of the *"intractable miry situation"* in the Communion. They further said that *"Unless and until there is an unequivocal commitment to honour the agreed basis of Lambeth Resolution 1.10 and implement the decisions of previous Primates' Meetings (2005, 2007, 2009) expressed in the respective Communiqués, especially that of Dar es Salem 2007"*, meeting now would further erode the credibility of the Primates' Meeting and it was *"strenuous to expect any significant, meaningful, credible and constructive outcome of the Dublin Meeting."*

Canon Chris Sugden, a respected conservative leader in the Church of England, [told Reuters](#) that *"There are only so many times you can appeal to people to turn up and make their voice heard"*. He also wrote in an [article in Evangelicals Now](#), that the absence of so many from the Dublin meeting *"calls into question the ability of the Archbishop of Canterbury to fulfill his role as gatherer of the Communion."*

15 Primates did not attend the meeting this week:

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean – The Most Revd Gerald James (Ian) Ernest
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East – The Most Revd Mouneer Anis
The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) – The Most Rt Revd Nicholas Dikeriehi Okoh
The Church of the Province of Uganda – The Most Revd Henry Luke Orombi
Church of the Province of South East Asia – The Most Revd John Chew
Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America – The Most Revd Hector Zavala
The Church of the Province of West Africa – The Most Revd Justice Ofei Akrofi
Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo – The Most Revd Henry Kahwa Isingoma
La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico – The Most Revd Carlos Touche-Porter
The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) – The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo
The Anglican Church of Kenya – The Most Revd Eliud Wabukala

The Church of North India (United) – The Most Revd Purely Lyngdoh
The Anglican Church of Tanzania – The Most Revd Valentino Mokiwa
The Episcopal Church of the Sudan – The Most Revd Daniel Deng Bul Yak
L'Eglise Episcopale au Rwanda – The Most Revd Onesphore Rwaje

The Anglican Communion News Service reported that seven primates officially stayed away due to concerns with TEC, while the other eight were listed as having other reasons. However, an [editorial written](#) by the Anglican Communion Institute questioned the way in which the Secretary General and the Communion Office chose to present the reasons for the absences of some of the orthodox Primates. Regarding the Primates who had earlier advised Archbishop Williams they would not attend the meeting if the Presiding Bishop of TEC were present, the editor wrote: *"Of the fourteen Primates who made this representation, it appears that only one will be attending any part of the meeting. In this light, the defensive explanations of why Primates are not attending offered by the Secretary General and the Communion Office (eg visa problems, diary conflicts, etc) must raise eyebrows. Why should we think that those who publicly stated two months ago why they were not planning to attend now really wanted to come, but forgot they had another appointment?"*

VirtueOnline reports that both [Archbishop Mounseer Anis](#) of Jerusalem and the Middle East and [Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali](#), former Bishop of Rochester, have called for a conciliar meeting of orthodox primates to resolve the Anglican crisis.

Related articles:

Church of England Newspaper – Jan 26 2011 – [15 Archbishops skip Dublin primates meeting](#)
Evangelicals Now – Feb 2011 – [Global South Primates RSVP...Sorry we cannot come](#)
Reuters – Jan 23 2011 – [Primates shun Anglican talks over US gay bishops](#)
Global South Anglican online – Jan 21 2011 – [On the Dublin meeting, GSA Editorial](#)
Anglican Journal – Jan 19 2011 – [Archbishop Hiltz reflects on upcoming meeting of... primates](#)

The Church of England continues to lose members to Rome

In November 2010 five Anglican Bishops and three Anglican Religious Sisters [were welcomed](#) into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

An [article in the New York Times](#) said the Vatican upset many Anglicans, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, in 2009 when it created a new structure encouraging Anglicans to convert to Roman Catholicism because, *"it appeared to upend decades of interfaith dialogue by implying that the Roman Catholic Church sought to encourage the conversion of Anglicans, especially those uncomfortable with the Church of England's ordination of women and openly gay priests."*

Father Keith Newton, a former CofE bishop recently ordained as a Catholic priest and the head of the Personal Ordinariate of England and Wales, was reported in the Telegraph UK as having said *"he hoped (Anglican) churches could be shared between the different congregations"*, but London's bishop the Rt Rev Richard Chartres was quoted in the same article saying there was "no possibility" and the Archbishop of Canterbury as having said "working out shared use of the buildings" would be a "challenge".

Telegraph – Jan 24 2011 – [Pope's offer was an 'insensitive takeover bid', say senior Anglicans](#)
New York Times – Jan 15 2011 – [Vatican welcomes first Anglicans converting under new rules](#)

Other News

Telegraph – Jan 19 2011 – [Former Archbishop of Canterbury's grandson dies from... overdose](#)
Church of England – Jan 18 2011 – [New Secretary for Inter Religious Affairs for Church of England](#)

Soul food

Youth ministry training

A full-day seminar geared for those in youth ministry will be held in Richmond, BC on February 12. The seminar, Effective Youth Ministry, is lead by Ken Moser, former St John's Shaughnessy

Vancouver youth pastor and current assistant professor of youth ministry at Briercrest College and Seminary (Saskatchewan). For more information, email Ward Gasque at koinos.seminars@gmail.com or Ken Moser at kmoser@briercrest.ca.

Please pray...

For our **bishops and clergy** and their families – especially those battling illness

For **ANiC projects, church plants and parishes**, and for their proclamation of the Good News of Jesus to those in their communities who desperately need new life in Him

For **ANiC legal counsel and for the judges in the Supreme Court of Canada** and other provincial courts where cases involving ANiC churches will be heard.

For other ongoing legal challenges faced by ANiC parishes, including:

- For **St George's & St Alban's (Ottawa)** and their former Anglican Church of Canada diocese as they hold votes to ratify a settlement agreement.
- The ongoing litigation involving **St Aidan's (Windsor)** and the ANiC parishes that were formerly in the **Diocese of Niagara** – and their mounting expenses
- For the four **ANiC parishes in the Vancouver** area that are seeking leave to appeal their case to the Supreme Court of Canada

For all the **congregations** involved in court proceedings and disputes. Pray for a continued focus on, and blessing upon, their ministry in the midst of this turmoil. Pray for peace for the **wardens and trustees** who are on the front lines and bear the burden of risk and responsibility.

For the **leaders and parishioners of the ACoC dioceses** pursuing eviction of and legal costs against ANiC congregations and wardens

For donations **to the ANiC legal defense fund** to defend clergy, Trustees and parishes in disputes with their former dioceses

For funding of the **ARDFC's** [malaria prevention project in Kenya](#)

For **persecuted Christians**, especially in Pakistan, Iraq, Egypt, Somalia and other Muslim lands

For **the Sudan** and especially for a peaceful outcome of the **January 9th** referendum on independence for the South. Pray for lasting peace, and for wisdom for Church leaders. Pray also for our ANiC parishioners – especially at St John's Surrey – with family and friends in the Sudan.

For repentance and revival in **our hearts and in our nation** – as well as a hunger for God and a thirst for His Word

For all those in positions of leadership and influence in the **Anglican Communion**, that they would seek to honour and obey God above all else

For the **Primates** of the Anglican Communion, whether they have chosen to attend or stay away from the Primates' Meeting in Ireland (January 25-31)

And now a word from our sponsor

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 24-25