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ANiC news

ANiC and ACNA events calendar

January 30-31 – Southern Ontario [clergy gathering](#), near Milton, ON
February 2, 9am – Toronto-area [men's breakfast](#), near Newmarket
February 3 – The Revs Melvin Tai and Len Finn ordained priests, [Christ the King](#) (Toronto)
February 5. 7pm – *Living Water, Healing Streams* ministry launch at [St Peter & St Paul's](#) (Ottawa)
February 8-9 – Prayer seminar at [St Aidan's Windsor, ON](#)
February 9, 1pm – Inaugural service for [Good Shepherd Calgary](#) in RC Church at 504 – 30 Ave NW
February 10 – ACNA World Missions Sunday
February 16 – [Liveword Women's Conference](#), Vancouver, BC – Theme: “On eagle's wings”
March 4-6 – ACNA's 2013 [Anglican 1000](#) church planting summit in Wheaton, IL
March 11-13 – [2013 ANiC Clergy Retreat](#) with Canon Phil Ashe at Cedar Springs, Washington
March 13-15 – Leadership Training Institute 2 at Cedar Springs, Washington
April 17-19/20 – [ANiC regional assemblies](#) in both Vancouver and Burlington
May 13-15 – ACNA clergy women's retreat in Woodbridge, Virginia
October 21-27 – GAFCon 2 [planned](#) for Nairobi, Kenya

Happy anniversary!

Our diocesan and moderator [Bishop Don Harvey](#) celebrated 20 years in the episcopacy on January 25. Please join us in congratulating him and Trudy and praying for God's continued blessing on their ministry.

Welcoming a new congregation

A forming multicultural congregation, [Christ the Redeemer](#), under the Rev Melvin Tai recently joined ANiC as a project. Melvin will be ordained to the priesthood – together with the Rev Len Finn – on February 3 at [Christ the King](#) (Toronto). Melvin+ began the ministry with “[A Quiet Place](#)” – a downtown Toronto outreach ministry located at Spadina and College streets – which invites university students, immigrants and other visitors to enjoy a coffee, cookies, rest, prayer or conversation. ESL classes are also offered to help international students improve their English. Melvin+ invites all in ANiC family to stop by when in Toronto.

World Missions Sunday, February 10 – Consider ARDFC

Archbishop Bob Duncan has declared February 10 World Missions Sunday in all ACNA churches. In [his letter](#), he encourages us to focus this day on our call to world mission through prayer, testimonies, stewardship and education.

For your February 10 special missions offering, please consider ARDFC and our project helping the Diocese of Recife build a training centre in an impoverished community in NE Brazil. See the [ARDFC website](#) for more information. ARDFC's treasurer, Claus Lenk, informs us that the first \$20,000 for our current (\$61,600) ARDFC project has been collected and sent to Recife.

Check out the [ARDFC website](#) for resources for World Missions Sunday – including fact sheets, a presentation, and a short (amateur) video of a Diocese of Recife pastor discussing the need for our project – as well as a Liturgy and Prayers of the People.

Ministering to disabled and abandoned children in a Chinese orphanage, July 16-31

Ka Man Ng, who will be leading the short-term mission team to China to bless and share God's love with these little ones, says there are still a couple openings on the team. If you have been thinking

about this opportunity, act now! A video and information on the trip [is posted here](#). Mission trips can be personally transformative.

March 9, Vancouver Island women's conference

A Liveword Women's Conference, "On Eagles' Wings", will be held at ANiC's [Christ's Church Oceanside](#), meeting at 2925 Northwest Bay Road, Nanoose Bay, BC on March 9 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Three godly women speakers will bring Exodus 19 alive as they apply it to our life and faith today. This conference is identical to the one being held in Vancouver on February 16. Come and bring your friends! Be prepared to be inspired by the excellent teaching, uplifting music and great fellowship. Details and registration for both the Vancouver and Vancouver Island events [are online](#).

February 8-9, Prayer seminar in Windsor, ON

The Rev Garth Hunt will lead a prayer seminar "*Developing Intimacy with God*" on the weekend of February 8-9 hosted by [St Aidan's, Windsor](#). The seminar will be at Parkwood Gospel Temple, 3005 Temple Drive, Windsor, ON.

The schedule is:

- Friday, February 8. 7:30 – 9pm
- Saturday, February 9, 9am – 4pm

For more information and to register, please contact Pat at 519-966-0994 or St Aidan's office at 519-962-5931. Please bring your lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

February 5, Healing ministry launches in Ottawa

The Revs David Crawley and Liba Straznicky are launching a new ministry of Christian healing in Ottawa called *Living Water, Healing Streams*. All are invited to the inaugural service at [St Peter & St Paul's](#), 152 Metcalfe St, Ottawa on Tuesday, February 5 at 7pm.

The launch (email) invitation states: "*The aim of Living Water, Healing Streams is to walk and work in the power of the Lord as He brings His healing to the lives of those who seek His presence. Through biblical instruction, group workshops, seminars, retreats and personal prayer, God's desire that all creation come into unity and wholeness in and with Him will be sought and claimed.*"

Parish news

[Church of the Ascension \(Langley, BC\)](#) – The Rev Richard Roberts, who is part of Ascension's pastoral team, writes that he is currently in Uganda with his wife Jenny assisting with the implementation of two water development projects for which [Africa Community Technical Service](#) has raised funds. The larger of the two is a three-year, \$2 million project undertaken in partnership with the Ugandan Diocese of Ankole and with the help of 3-1 matching funding for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). It will provide clean drinking water to more than 15,000 people – as well as provide health and sanitation education and HIV/AIDS testing.

[Good Samaritan \(St John's, NL\)](#) – The missions team to Guatemala, including Bishop Charlie and Judy Masters and Archdeacon Darrel Critch, posted their photos and experiences [on their blog](#). At the conclusion of the trip (January 25), Father Darrell tweeted "*What a week on a Mission Trip in Guatemala; built 7 houses, painted the Arms of Jesus School and library.*"

Please email parish news [to Marilyn](#) or call 1-866-351-2642 ext 4020.

Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) news

Archbishop Bob Duncan joins March for Life

Our Primate Archbishop Bob Duncan [was among](#) 15 Anglican bishops walking in the 40th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on January 25. Archbishop Bob is quoted saying "*I am honored to stand, along with my fellow bishops of the Anglican Church in North America, in recognition of the millions lost through abortion and to demonstrate our commitment to uphold the sanctity of life for all of God's children.*" After the event, [some sources](#) estimated that as many as ½ million participated in the march in Washington.

More than 55 million children have been aborted in the US in the 40 years since the landmark Roe v Wade court ruling. To mourn the 40th anniversary of that ruling, pro-life leaders [laid 3300 flowers](#) on the steps of the US Supreme Court in Washington, DC on January 22. The flowers honoured the 3300 babies aborted each day in the US and the same number of women forever scarred by those abortions.

[According to CTV News](#), today, January 28, marks 25 years since the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that legal restrictions on abortion violated a woman's charter rights. Since that time, Canada has been the only democratic country in the world that has no laws or restrictions on abortions.

In his excellent 3-minute [Anglican Perspective video](#), Canon Phil Ashley of the American Anglican Council offers three reasons to oppose abortion: the Bible, the Church's teaching, and reason itself. Why not show your support by joining [Anglicans for Life](#)? A just-launched website – [Life United](#) – offers a compilation of resources.

Members of ACNA Task Force on Holy Orders announced

A [statement on the ACNA website](#) reiterates the multi-step process by which the Task Force on Holy Orders will tackle a thorough, theologically grounded examination of the hot button subject of gender and holy orders. The task force is led with Bishop David Hicks of the REC Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. The other six members are: Bishop Kevin Allen (Diocese of Cascadia), Mrs Katherine Atwood (Diocese of Fort Worth), the Rev Dr Leslie Fairfield (Diocese in New England and formerly with Trinity Seminary), the Rev Canon Mary Hays (Diocese of Pittsburgh), The Rev Tobias Karlowicz (Diocese of Quincy), and Bishop Eric Menees (Diocese of San Joaquin).

Bishop Hicks asks us to “*Please pray for God’s wisdom and guidance as we pursue our work...*” Bishop David Anderson, in [last week’s edition](#) of the American Anglican Council newsletter, addressing the furor in the Church of England, offers a simplified categorization of the varying opinions regarding Scriptural teaching on women in ordained ministry.

ACNA honorary appointments

Archbishop Bob Duncan [has announced](#) two honorary appointments, both non-stipendiary:

- **Prof Stephen Noll** will serve ACNA as *Special Advisor on the Global Anglican Future*”.
- [Canon Phil Ashley](#), COO of the American Anglican Council, is *Canon for Special Initiatives* [and will] undertake special assignments as requested by the Archbishop”. Phil+ has been a speaker at past ANiC synods and will be leading our [Clergy Retreat](#) in March.

Other news in brief

Canada – Archbishop Terry Buckle (retired Bishop of the Yukon) [has launched](#) a ministry called “Street Hope Whitehorse”. The ministry seeks to be a presence on the streets to minister to people, befriending them and serving them with acts of kindness.

United States – [Anglican Ink reports](#) that a Circuit Court judge issued a temporary restraining order, on January 23, forbidding the use of the Diocese of South Carolina’s name or symbols by anyone other than the leadership of that historic diocese under Bishop Mark Lawrence. Bishop Lawrence’s diocese has “...*filed suit against the national church alleging that its agents had committed identity theft by using its name, symbols and seal and by holding out... [a TEC group] as the lawful diocesan ecclesiastical authority.*”

South Carolina left the Episcopal Church last year after TEC Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Shori deposed Bishop Lawrence and the usual pattern of litigation has ensued. A full hearing is scheduled for February 1. 31 South Carolina congregations [have joined](#) with the diocese and Bishop Lawrence in the lawsuit, 13 congregations are supportive but have not yet joined the litigation, and nine missions and two parishes had not declared how they would act. Eight parishes and eight missions are planning to remain affiliated with TEC.

Reports indicate the court injunction [is not sitting well](#) with the TEC faction in South Carolina. Canon expert Alan Haley appealed to these “loyalists” and provided [a point-by-point rebuttal](#) to TEC

leadership's arguments. However, [according to VirtueOnline](#) Presiding Bishop Jefferts Shori went ahead with a meeting of TEC loyalists at which a "provisional" TEC bishop, Bishop Charles von Rosenberg (East Tennessee, retired), was installed to lead this TEC remnant – now known as The Episcopal Church in South Carolina (vs Bishop Lawrence's diocese which has always been known as The Episcopal Church of South Carolina).

England – [The Independent reports](#) that evangelical House of Laity chairman, Dr Philip Giddings won a vote of confidence in his leadership and survived an attempt to oust him following the defeat of the women bishops measure last fall. In a special meeting of the House of Laity called to vote on his leadership, 80 people supported Dr Giddings, 47 opposed and 13 abstained. You can read Dr Giddings address to the special meeting [on Anglican Mainstream, a commentary](#) by Andrew Carey, as well as [interesting background](#) provided by Canon Chris Sugden.

France – [According to LifeSiteNews](#), an estimated one million or more marchers turned out to demonstrate against the French socialist government's determination to impose same-sex marriage. [Other estimates](#) place the number at 1.3 million.

Europe – [The Telegraph reports](#) "...that "millions" of people who hold traditional "politically incorrect" views could now face new restrictions because of rulings against three... Christians involved in the European Court of Human Rights case."

Egypt

- [Fox News reports](#) that an Egyptian court has sentenced a woman and her seven children to 15 years in prison for the crime of converting from Islam to Christianity. "*The case is the latest example of the increasingly dire plight of the nation's roughly 7 million Christians, say human rights advocates.*" Freedom of religion has been greatly diminished by the newly implemented Sharia-based constitution.
- A [Times of Israel article](#) warns that Egypt could be on the brink of genocide. The author notes that, in recent years, hundreds of Christians have been killed and more than 550 young Coptic women have been reported kidnapped and forced into marriage with Muslim men, but says discrimination and persecution are on the rise. "*Due to rising Islamic extremism... violence against this ancient [Coptic Christian] religious minority... The worrying rise in [systemic] violence against the Coptic community suggests governmental unwillingness to effectively investigate and prosecute the perpetrators... The persecution of Coptic Christians has now gone far beyond discrimination, economic extortion, political exclusion and persecution.*" Recently, top Muslim religious leaders have made nationally publicized threats against the Copts – which the author considers "incitement to genocide". Pray for Christians in Egypt, especially Presiding Bishop Mouner Anis.

Syria – The [Episcopal News Service reports](#) that the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem Suheil Dawani calls for "*urgent action*" to stop the sexual violence against women and children refugees from the civil war in Syria.

Kenya – Following the killing of more Christians by Al-Shabab, a Somali Islamist terrorist group in NE Kenya, Canon Francis Omondi [pleads](#) for the prayers of God's people. Al-Shabab targets Christians and security forces.

South Sudan – [All Africa reports](#) that a summit of African leaders in Nairobi heard reports on the crisis in southern Sudan. Bishop Andudu of the embattled Nuba Mountain region said "*I am here on behalf of my people. This is a war of horror where children are dying every day... In December there were over 230 bombings [by Sudanese military aircraft].*" Others recalling Darfur 10 years earlier reported that the Islamist government in Sudan's attack on this region is far worse. A former UN representative in Darfur said, "Today in Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile I've seen 'Darfur plus plus' with modern weaponry at play."

Shara Joshep Lago, a Muslim human rights activist and a former observer during the Blue Nile State elections, said: "I am from Blue Nile... I have been chased by aircraft and ground forces. I

saw a pregnant woman forced to give birth under a tree and then take her child and keep running. I call upon the African Union and the League of Arab States to take action to protect civilians. The humanitarian aspects of the conflict should be a priority. Otherwise nobody will be alive to enjoy a future peace."

Sri Lanka – The [Anglican Communion News Service reports](#) that “*The Bishop of Colombo has called members of the Church of Ceylon to fast, pray and lament over the state of the nation of Sri Lanka after what he described as “the complete collapse of the rule of law” there... The bishop said the Church needs to repent for its times of silence and of complicity in injustice. He has therefore called for a Day of Lament on February 3, a Time of Lament at the Cathedral on February 4 and for the Church to use Lent as a time to reflect on “what it means to live as a faithful disciple-community of Jesus in the context of our nation today”.*”

The persecuted church – The [Church of England Newspaper reports](#) that “*Over 105,000 Christians were killed because of their faith in 2012, an Italian sociologist told Vatican Radio last week, with reports from Africa, India and Asia showing a surge in anti-Christian persecution over the Christmas holidays... Christians were most at risk in areas with a strong Islamic fundamentalist presence, Nigeria, Somalia, Mali, Pakistan and some parts of Egypt, in Communist North Korea, and in countries with strong ethnic national identities, where national identity is tied to religion. In Orissa State in India... Christians are considered “traitors to the nation”.*”

Soul food

Resources on traditional marriage and same-sex marriage

- A very good [4-minute excerpt](#) from William Taylor's sermon on Marriage and Relationships at St Helen's Church, addresses Biblical teaching on marriage that gets to the heart of God's purpose for marriage as a mirror of God's relationship with His people.
- In [his sermon](#) on Matthew 19:1-12, Richard Coekin, preaching at Dundonald Church (near London, England), thoroughly explores Christ's teaching on marriage and sexuality.
- An [hour-long video](#) from The Heritage Foundation features a panel of the authors of *What is Marriage?*, a book originally published by the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, which is recognized as the definitive academic argument supporting traditional marriage. The panel examines marriage as a social institution and the functions it serves to advance the well-being of society. Some points they make include:
 - The framing of the debate determines the outcome. If it is framed as simply about expanding the pool of people for whom marriage is a possibility, then the equality/emotional argument holds sway. If the debate is framed by the definition of marriage – What is Marriage? – the historic view of marriage is very difficult to argue against.
 - Social sciences demonstrate that family structures matter to the well-being of children. For example, marriage breakdown directly correlates with the rise of the welfare state, growth in the prison population and other substantial economic and social costs.

Books on healing by ANiC and ACNA authors

- ANiC clergyman, the Rev Dr Terrence McGillicuddy of [St Brigid of Kildare Anglican Mission](#) in Medfield, Massachusetts, has written a book now [available on Amazon](#) titled, *Sacred Dreams & Life Limiting Illness: A Depth Psychospiritual Approach*. The book comes out of Father McGillicuddy's vast experience as a chaplain and pastoral counselor and friend to terminally ill people. It examines the psychological and spiritual significance of end-of-life dreams and how these dreams can help transform and offer inner healing to those in the midst of a terminal illness.
- Another book on healing comes from a retired ACNA priest – and 34-year professor of physics at Penn State – who has been active in the healing ministry with the [Order of St Luke](#) for more than 15 years. The Rev Peter Ostrander has written *New Testament Healing* which takes a clear, Biblical and Spirit-filled approach to the subject. It too is [available on Amazon](#).

The book systematically explores and discusses the healing accounts recorded in the New Testament and explores the gamut of topics from "The Role of Faith in Healing" to "Contemporary Healing Models."

Resources

- **Silence** – A [Christianity.ca article](#) explores the value of silence in worship. The author writes *"Silence was a part of biblical worship and was held in high esteem by the early Church. However, the "sounds of silence" in worship were lost to a great extent during the Reformation, and the noise level of many church services has increased steadily until the present day. Silence needs desperately to be recovered in our worship services if the words that are spoken and sung are to have any depth or ring of truth to them, in the same way that lament needs to be recovered in order to make our praises more honest and less hollow."*
"Programmed for productivity, we design our Sunday morning gatherings accordingly," [Marlene Kropf, author of "Unhurried Worship", a Leader Online article] asserts. "We fill every moment with words and move through the actions of worship with assembly-line efficiency. How difficult it is to 'be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:8)! And yet this is what Sabbath-keeping calls us to do."
- **Parish websites** – A [United Methodist Reporter article](#) discusses parish websites as the "front door" for every church. The author writes:
"Every congregation in the United Methodist Church has a new front door. It's the Internet. People don't use the Yellow Pages to find a church anymore, nor do they glance at the church ads in Saturday's newspaper. They're not going to drive around town looking for the most attractive church building, either. Potential guests to your church will most likely Google for churches in their community and check out their websites. If your website is ugly, outdated, neglected or amateurish, discerning church shoppers will likely pass you by before ever setting foot in the real door of your church."
"I remain convinced that personal invitation is the best way of attracting new people to your church, whether that invitation is to worship, join a small group, or participate in an outreach project. But even the friends, family members, co-workers and neighbors whom you invite will likely also check out your church's website."

The author goes on to list criteria for assessing church websites.

Just for laughs

It's so cold... that when I turned on the shower this morning, I got hail.

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Thought

"What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly." ~ Thomas Paine

And now a word from our sponsor

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have

been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2:11-25 ESV