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ANiC news

ANiC and ACNA events calendar

April 12-13 - Men's seminar offered at [Blackburn Hamlet Community Church \(Ottawa, ON\)](#)

April 17-19/20 – [ANiC regional assemblies](#) in both Vancouver and Burlington

April 27 – [Bible-in-a-day seminar](#), Kwantlen Polytechnic University (Richmond, BC)

May 3-4 – [Women's conference](#) at Faith Mission (Milton, ON) hosted by St George's Burlington

May 7 – St Aidan's appeal to be heard at Osgood Hall, Toronto

May 11 – [Bible-in-a-day seminar](#), Robson Square (Vancouver, BC)

May 13-15 – ACNA clergy women's retreat in Woodbridge, Virginia

October 21-27 – GAFCon 2 planned for Nairobi, Kenya

Assemblies

Online registration is now closed.

Open evening sessions – Those unable to attend the full assemblies are invited – and warmly encouraged – to join in the following sessions. No cost and no registration needed. Full information is on the ANiC website: www.anglicannetwork.ca

For the assembly in Burlington, ON the open sessions are:

- Wednesday, April 17, at 7pm – Bishop Don Harvey is the celebrant at the Opening Eucharist and Archbishop Tito Zavala from the Southern Cone (in South America) is the speaker.
- Friday, April 19 at 7pm – Bishop Charlie Masters is the celebrant and speaker at the Closing Eucharist.

For the assemblies in Vancouver (Good Shepherd Church, 189 West 11th Avenue) the open sessions are:

- Thursday, April 18 at 7pm – Bishop Abraham Nhial, a former “lost boy of Sudan” who was featured on CBS's TV show 60 Minutes just two weeks ago, will tell his story and provide insight into the current situation in Sudan and South Sudan.
- Friday, April 19 at 7pm – Keynote speaker the Rev John Coles, Director of New Wine (UK), will focus how we can know God better. New Wine is dedicated to helping Christians and churches grow into Spirit-empowered world changers.

60 Minutes feature – If you missed the *60 Minutes* program which featured Bishop Nhial, you can watch both [part 1](#) and [part 2](#) of that episode online on the CBS website. Or read the script [here](#).

Ordinations

April 6 – Bishop Charlie Masters ordained the Rev **Jared Driscoll** to the priesthood at Good Samaritan (St John's, NL). Do pray for Jared+ as he embarks on this new stage of his calling.

May 6 – The Rev **Lyle Lewis** is to be ordained to the priesthood on Monday, May 6 at 7pm at the [Living Water Anglican Fellowship](#), Athabasca, Alberta. Please keep Lyle in prayer and, if you are able to be present, it would be a great blessing and encouragement for him in this step of faith.

Curacy opportunity

Anglican Church of the Ascension (Langley, BC) is offering a part-time training curacy for a two-year term. Applications close May 31. The position is responsible for implementing programs that will widen the church membership, and support children, youth and young families in their walk with

Christ. It is an opportunity to receive supervised experience in all aspects of parish ministry. For more information, please see [the ANiC website](#).

Southern Ontario women's conference, May 3-4

St George's (Burlington, ON) is hosting a Women's Conference at Faith Mission near Milton on the weekend of May 3-4. All women are invited. For more information including costs and registration see [the St George's website](#).

Newspaper profiles BC truck driver who moonlights as an ANiC priest

There's [a great media story](#) in *The Province* newspaper on ANiC priest the Rev Doug Beattie. Doug+ is rector of Church of the Holy Cross in Abbotsford – and drives a big rig during the week.

Do you know of an ANiC-related “story” that might interest the media? A good “human interest” story with an unusual twist? Please let [Marilyn know](#) so we can work together to generate media interest.

Get involved in the Civil Rights movement of our day

“Canada is the only western nation with no protection for the unborn... Since 1969, over 4 million children have been killed by abortion in Canada. This year, another 100,000 babies will be put to death, at taxpayer expense, while society turns a blind eye.” (From the Campaign Life Coalition [website](#).)

We in ANiC would like to have a strong presence at this year's (non-partisan) March for Life in Ottawa on May 9. People travel across the country to join the thousands of participants in this event, seeking to shift our country's attitudes and policies on valuing and protecting life – especially the lives of the most defenseless. For more information on the March and all the activities surrounding it, see the Campaign Life Coalition's [March for Life website](#).

ANiC priests the Rev Paul Donison and the Rev Vicky Hedelius are heading up our participation and will have a presence at the Eastern Assembly to promote the active participation of ANiC churches' youth groups and individuals. When you [register](#) for the Ottawa March for Life event, you can note that ANiC is the group you are with.

Even if you are not able to travel to Ottawa, you can get involved. There are [regional marches](#) being organized for provincial capitals – many also on May 9. In addition, [Life Chain events](#) are held in 200 communities across Canada on Sunday, September 30 this year. And the Campaign Life Coalition has more information on becoming engaged and aware of the issues on [their website](#).

We can take a stand for the innocent unborn as well as healing for those who have been hurt by abortion by getting involved.

Bishop Don reports from the New Wineskins conference...

Trudy and I had the pleasure of attending the New Wineskins Conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, during Easter Week. This event, which takes place every three years, has its main emphasis on Mission and draws together an amazing number of missionaries and their families, as well as the Bishops and Primates with whom they are serving. It also coincides with the SAMS [the [South American Mission Society](#)] gathering and a CANA conference.

While the presentations were excellent, the Bible Study by Bishop Ken Clarke of Ireland was outstanding, and the personal testimonies on the still unfinished task were challenging and at times heart rending, the great strength of this event is the opportunity to check in with old friends in the mission field and to make new ones.

It was very moving to hear a panel of first generation Christians tell their stories and in some cases, the danger they still face from families and hostile regimes back home. The cameras were shut off for this presentation and a strong request that this section not be put on the social media was made.

*The enormity of the task was emphasized by the fact that out of every ten missionaries, seven are ministering to people who already are Christians, two and one half to those who are exploring the faith, **and less than one to the unreached** - that is those who have never heard the name of Jesus and have never seen a Bible. In terms of the Great Commission, that is very sobering.*

Much of the programme can be viewed on [Anglican TV](#) and is well worth watching.

Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) news

Models of church planting

Two of the three models of church planting advocated by the Anglican 1000 leadership – the jurisdictional model and the congregational model – are explained further on the [Anglican 1000 website](#).

Easter letters from our Primate and the Chair of the GAFCon Primates Council

Our Primate Archbishop Bob Duncan [writes his Easter letter](#) en route to Africa to spend Easter with Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul and our brothers and sisters in Christ in South Sudan. Reflecting on being absent from his home church during Holy Week, he concludes: *"...what I testify is that the Gospel is my strength and my song, and that Jesus has become my salvation. Easter is the day that lights and gives meaning to all the others, wherever I – we – spend it and with whomever I – we – spend it. The tomb is empty. The world, the flesh and the devil are defeated. Jesus is alive. In Him, the alien becomes familiar, loss becomes gain, sorrow becomes joy, and death becomes life."*

In his [Easter message](#), Archbishop Eliud Wabukala, Primate of Kenya and Chairman of the Global Anglican Future Conference Primates' Council says:

"As a movement... [GAFCon is] focused on seeing that work of new creation which God achieved by the death and resurrection of Jesus become a living reality across the world... We are delighted that one of the major achievements of the GAFCON movement has been to facilitate and recognise the formation of a new Province, the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA). We give thanks for this new thing that God has done... It's relief agency, the Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) works to change lives physically and spiritually and has completed projects in 34 countries..."

"It also has a bold vision for church growth known as Anglican 1,000... A basic element in this church growth strategy is teaching believers to have a straightforward and robust understanding of biblical faith through the use of a catechism, echoing a practice of the early church when people were being converted from pagan backgrounds..."

The Word and the Creeds

Trinity School of Ministry in Ambridge, PA is holding a conference, June 5-7 focused on "The Word and the Creeds". Information is on the [school's website](#).

ACNA-related questions for the Archbishop of Canterbury

Writing in the American Anglican Council's weekend newsletter, Canon Phil Ashley [encourages](#) us to input the best possible motives, however he lists concerns he would like Archbishop Justin Welby to address, including: Why the Primate of the ACNA was not invited to Archbishop Welby's enthronement while Primates from Provinces which have caused the rending of the Communion were; and Why there has been no effort to meaningfully engage the leadership of the ACNA despite the Archbishop's clear focus on restoring relationships. He concludes, *"May we continue to pray for Archbishop Welby and his family, for courage empowered by faith in Christ Jesus, and for good and godly counselors to stand with him in that courage all along the way."*

ACNA clergywomen's retreat May 13-15

The registration deadline for ACNA's clergywomen's retreat is April 12. You can get [information and register online](#) for the May 13-15 event which will be held in Woodbridge, Virginia. The speaker is the Rev Alison Barfoot, Assistant to the Archbishop for International Relations in the Anglican Church of Uganda and the theme is *"Then you will know which way to go, since you have never*

been this way before.” (Joshua 1:4). Bishop David Hicks, chair of the Archbishop's Task Force on Holy Orders, will also present.

Other news in brief

Canada – As Bishop Michael Ingham, of the Anglican Church of Canada's Diocese of New Westminster, [announced](#) his early retirement effective August 31, Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, BC) [announced](#) that it will be recognizing him with an honorary degree for being the first bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion to authorize the blessing of same-sex unions (2002). The Australian-based Anglican Church League [has compiled](#) a history of Bishop Ingham's actions.

United States – A [statement](#) from the now independent Diocese of South Carolina, commenting on the Episcopal Church's (TEC's) latest legal maneuver, says, *“We are saddened they filed their suits on Maundy Thursday in the middle of Holy Week and that they have made the lawsuit personal by suing individuals who make up the leadership of our parishes. However we are not surprised that TEC's filing now makes clear its intention to seize all the properties of the Diocese of South Carolina and its parishes. The court filings are consistent with the scores of lawsuits The Episcopal Church has filed against dioceses and parishes across the United States.”*

Uruguay – The [Anglican Journal reports](#) that *“The Anglican Province of the Southern Cone has reconsidered the diocese of Uruguay's appeal and has voted to ratify the election of [Canadian] Archdeacon Michael Pollesel as co-adjutor bishop. The decision came 10 months after the province's house of bishops rejected Pollesel's election”* and came after new background material was considered. Archdeacon Pollesel once served the Anglican Church of Canada's general secretary.

Iran – International Christian Concern [reports](#) that *“Four Christian converts from Islam arrested last year for alleged evangelistic activities had to post enormous amounts of bail [\$80,000 each] to be released... [after five months in] an Iranian prison... The judge intentionally set the bail amount... to financially cripple the Iranian Christian community...”*

Vietnam – Christians in minority tribes have been systematically harassed and persecuted. The [most recent incident](#) was the arrest, beating, and murder of a Christian elder of the Hmong ethnic group in mid-March.

Indonesia – Local government officials, bowing to Islamist pressure, have been closing – and in some cases tearing down – church buildings since 2006. Now you can [add your voice](#) to those protesting these closures.

North Korea – A [report from Open Doors](#) as posted on VirtueOnline asks prayer for Christians in North Korea who are reporting an intensification of war-like conditions in the country. Open Doors, which works with persecuted Christians around the world ranks North Korea as the worst country in the world for persecution of Christians. Of the estimated 200,000 to 400,000 Christians in the country as many as 80,000 are in unimaginably harsh political prison camps.

Soul food

Resources

Children's Bibles – Looking for a Bible for children (of various age groups)? [This blog](#) rating some of the options available might be helpful.

Watch me! – A short (4½ minute) [animated video](#), suitable for use in church services challenges us to mentor young people in the faith while modeling Biblical teaching in our lives.

Of abortion and evil and the glory of God – In [a meditation](#) entitled *“The darkness shall not overcome it”*, John Knight reflects on the enormity of the abortion evil – 336-million lives cut short in China alone during the last 40 years – but recounts the story of one disabled child that was amazingly saved by God's grace. He concludes with a quote from John Piper: *“...the final argument for the righteousness of God in a world with so much evil and destruction is that this evil*

serves the revelation of God's glory. That is, God's just judgment of it and God's gracious rescue from it display more fully the glory of God than if there had been no evil."

Christian yoga – The Rev Ed Hird of the rector of St Simon's (North Vancouver, BC), an Anglican Mission in the Americas parish, [provides a compelling critique](#) of the concept of Christianizing a deeply Hindu practice.

The wrath of God – Author and pastor Tim Keller [explains](#) how he came to understand that the wrath of God actually magnifies – rather than diminishes – the love of God. He notes that *"Because [a cup of poison] was the method of execution for many people... the Hebrew prophets came to use the cup as a metaphor for the wrath of God on human evil."* Keller then discusses Jesus' suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane as He anticipated what lay ahead on Calvary where He would drink the cup of God's wrath – and face the full force of God's justice against all human wickedness and evil. He says:

It was in the Garden of Gethsemane that I came finally to grips—I made my peace, as it were – with... the very idea of a God of wrath, a God who sends people to Hell.... I realized this: The reason why people get rid of the idea of Hell and wrath is because they want a loving God.... And I came to realize in the Garden of Gethsemane that if you get rid of the idea of Hell and wrath, you have a less loving God. Because if there is no wrath by God on sin, and there is no such thing as Hell, not only does that actually make what happened to Jesus inexplicable – Jesus staggering the way He is, asking God, "Is there any other way?" [and] sweating blood – but...the main thing is, if you don't believe in the wrath and Hell, it trivializes what He's done.... If you get rid of a God who has wrath and Hell, you've got a god who loves us in general, but that's not as loving as the God of the Bible, the God of Jesus Christ, who loves us with a costly love."

Just for laughs

You know you're old when...

...You fall down and begin to wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

...You get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

...You know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

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Thought

You can do little about the length of your life, but you can do much about its width and depth.

(Attribution uncertain)

And now a word from our sponsor

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.

Show me a sign of your favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted

Psalm 86 ESV