



### *Handle with prayer*

#### **News – ANiC and AEN**

#### **Synod and conference hotel registration now open**

While synod and lay conference registration won't open until after Labour Day (September 5), you can register for the conference/synod hotel now. More information is available on the [ANiC 2011 synod page](#), where we'll keep posting information as it becomes available.

Lay conference and clergy day are November 2, and the 2011 synod is November 3-4. Mark the days and plan to come. You don't have to be an official synod delegate to attend. Observers are most welcome and you'll find both the conference and the synod to be a time of spiritual challenge, intellectual stimulation and meaningful fellowship. It's true it might rain in Victoria in early November; but then it is equally likely to be snowing elsewhere in Canada!

#### **Honouring a great man of the Faith**

Several ANiC churches planned memorial services for the Rev John Stott who died July 27 in England at the age of 90. Dr Stott has had a profound impact on global evangelicalism and upon many in ANiC. We owe him a great debt and thank God for his life and ministry. His life challenges us to "*lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.*" (Hebrews 12:1)

The Vancouver memorial was hosted by the [Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd](#), on 5 August 2011 with Dr J I Packer preaching and John Cochrane, a former Langham Trust Canada board member, Dr Jim Houston from Regent College and Bishop Silas Ng (Anglican Coalition in Canada) all participating. In Ottawa, ANiC's [St Peter & St Paul's](#) honoured Dr Stott at its August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday morning Eucharist with the Rev Paul Donison presiding and preaching. [Christ The King Anglican Church](#) in Toronto will paid tribute to Dr Stott at their Evening Prayer service this Sunday at 6:30pm. with the Rev Robin Guinness preaching and Bishop Charlie Masters giving testimony to the impact on his life of Dr Stott's ministry.

In [his tribute to Dr Stott](#), Bishop Donald Harvey wrote:

*Not only was John Stott a superb and gifted teacher he also was a follower of the message he so ably professed. Many of you who are gathered here today in Vancouver can testify to the life changing impact he had on individuals as well as the Church in general.*

*Our own Diocese of the Anglican Network in Canada owes much to the firm and courageous positions he took on Holy Scripture and the importance of not just acknowledging but also witnessing to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.*

On the [St John's Vancouver website](#), Ruth Matheson wrote "*I knew him as Uncle John, having been a member of All Souls when he was rector and also very good friends with his sister and niece. He was kind, thoughtful, and wise; he had a keen and discerning mind and excelled in answering tough questions... John Stott was a good friend of St John's. In the 1980s and 1990s he visited us several times and treated St. John's as his church home when he was in Vancouver to teach courses at Regent College. Some of us in the parish were on the board of the Langham Trust Canada... The Langham Trust was established by John Stott to build up the church, particularly in the two-thirds world. One way that this end was achieved was by enabling pastors and theologians to work for PhDs in biblical studies and theology (mostly at universities in the UK) so that they could return to their countries to give sound biblical teaching to those studying to become pastors. Another way was to send biblical commentaries and other books to build up the faith of pastors. It was a privilege to work with Uncle John in this endeavour.*"

Dr J I Packer [writes](#): *“I think of John Stott as a ten-talent, indeed a fifteen-talent Christian man. Severely self-disciplined, yet humane and relaxed, he was big-hearted, clear-headed and God-centred beyond most of us. He excelled in just about every mode of ministry of the Word. Elegant and biblically exact in preaching, writing, dialoguing and debating, prudent, principled and practical, he was a communicator both scholarly and popular at the same time, which gave him a unique appeal and great authority. As an Anglican evangelical leader and an informal (unconsecrated) global bishop, nurturing clergy from all over, he was in a class by himself. I venerate his memory. We shall not see his like again.”*

Dr Billy Graham once called John Stott *“the most respected clergyman in the world”*. In 2005, Time magazine named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world, and Queen Elizabeth recently bestowed on him the title of *“Commander of the British Empire”*. And yet Christians worldwide knew him simply as *“Uncle John”*.

John Stott served at All Souls London from 1945 until 1975, first as curate, then as rector, and after 1975 as rector emeritus. He was committed to evangelism as well as to caring for the poor. He traveled extensively in developing countries teaching and mentoring pastors and church leaders.

There have been hundreds of tributes to this great man of God, including excellent articles available at [Christianity Today](#), [the Globe & Mail](#), [Christianity.ca](#) and [the Gospel Coalition](#).

You can watch a [short memorial video](#), read a tribute on the [All Souls website](#), and contribute to a [Book of Remembrance](#). And you can learn more about John Stott’s passion for raising up and training godly, Biblical Christian leaders through his founding of the [Langham Partnership](#).

### **St Matthias and St Luke’s Church is on the move**

Sunday, August 14 will mark a significant change for the people of [St Matthias and St Luke’s Church \(Vancouver\)](#). Although the congregation will be asked to confirm the decision on the new facility at its August 7 extraordinary general meeting, the parish council has arranged that, on Sunday August 14, the people of St Matthias and St Luke’s will hold a *Service of Thanksgiving and Departure* at their old building, 680 West 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at 9:30am. Then, the congregation will process to their new place of worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 320 East 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to continue with Holy Communion followed by a luncheon at the new location. All are welcome! (If you plan to come as part of a larger group, [please email](#) in advance to facilitate the planning and preparation of the meal.

### **St John’s Vancouver plans to move in September**

While St John’s Vancouver won’t move until late September, [its website](#) lists more than 50 churches from a range of denominations that are praying for the congregation. It also has an online [“gift registry”](#) for those wishing to donate toward the purchase of needed items to replace some of what they will be leaving behind; and it offers an [online book](#) for members to communicate their thoughts on saying good-bye to the old building and beginning a new chapter for the parish.

The website also notes that all court costs have been finally settled. Special thanks go to the legal committee, particularly the chair, Dick Richards, and to the Anglican Network Church of Good Shepherd, which made a financial contribution toward the payment of these costs and all the legal bills to the end of June.

Please pray for all the departing congregations and that the Diocese will not initiate further legal proceedings against current or former trustees for actions in their capacity as trustees.

### **Dr J I Packer reminds us why we’re moving**

The Anglican Church League (Australia) [has posted links](#) to a 2008 lecture given by Dr J I Packer in England entitled, *“Lessons to be learned from the Canadian church experience”*. In this lecture, Dr Packer states that the issues that lead to the Global Anglican Futures Conference (held in Jerusalem in June 2008) are the most serious since the Reformation. Taking a stand on the issues has brought us to the place we find ourselves in today.

## Calling all youth leaders!

The annual Vancouver Youth Leadership Conference is planned for August 30 – September 1. Information and registration is available on the [St John's Vancouver website](#).

## Phoning ANiC – a reminder

When calling ANiC or participating on an ANiC conference call, you can, in many cases, use a local phone number to access the ANiC telephone network. If there is no local ANiC phone number for your area, please use the toll free 1-866-351-2642 number. However, by using the local number in your area you will help us save money. So, if there is an ANiC phone number in your local calling area, please make a note of it and use it when contacting us. ANiC has local numbers in the following communities:

Kitchener-Waterloo	519-772-7006	Toronto / Mississauga	289-288-4138
Montreal	514-317-9895	Vancouver-area	604-637-5671
Ottawa/Kanata	613-287-5501	Winnipeg	204-285-9899
St John's, NL	709-757-7140		

## Mission trips? Outreach ministries? Let's share our experiences of God's working

Has your congregation had a mission trip recently? Did God work through your VBS or another outreach ministry? Let's share our experiences of God working in our midst. [Email Marilyn](#) or call 1-866-3521-2642 extension 4020.

## Parish news

**Christ the King Quispamsis, NB** has launched [an attractive new website](#).

**Good Shepherd Vancouver, BC** – Photos of the ordination service for the Rev Paul Leung (priest) and the Rev Anson Ann (transitional deacon) are posted on the [Good Shepherd website](#).

## Calendar of upcoming events – for your interest and prayer support

Aug 14 - [St Matthias and St Luke's Church \(Vancouver\)](#) service of departure  
 Sept 12-14 – [Simeon Fellowship annual gathering](#) in Dallas, TX (of ACNA clergy & church planters)  
 Sept 22-25 – A traditional silent retreat is planned for ANiC's clergy in New England  
 Sept 15-17 – [ACiC](#) national conference in North Vancouver, BC  
 Sept 18 – [St John's Vancouver](#) last service in old building  
 Sept 25 – [St John's Vancouver](#) first service in new facility  
 Oct 15-17 – A clergy retreat with Bishop Nazir-Ali will be held at [St Peter & St Paul's](#) (Ottawa)  
 Nov 2 – ANiC Clergy Day, Victoria, BC  
 Nov 2 – ANiC [lay conference](#), Victoria, BC  
 Nov 3-4 – [ANiC synod](#), Victoria, BC  
 Nov 10-11 – [Liturgy & the Arts conference](#), Durham, NC  
 Mar 6-8 – Anglican 1000's [2012 Church Planting Summit](#) in Plano, TX.  
 June 7-10 – ACNA Provincial Assembly, Ridgecrest, NC

## News – Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)

### Famine relief

The Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) [is urging](#) us to do what we can to alleviate the suffering of those affected by the famine in East Africa. In Canada, the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC) [has suggested](#) agencies through which funds can be channeled effectively. In the US, donations can be channeled through [the ARDF](#).

The Anglican Church of Kenya [is calling](#) on its government to act to alleviate the famine within its borders and address persistent “*structural failures*” that have exacerbated the famine. Anglican primates and bishops from the areas worst hit by famine conditions [will be meeting](#) in Nairobi next week to launch an appeal to alleviate the suffering in their countries.

## Anglican 1000 church planting movement

The ACNA has published [an article](#) exploring the Anglican1000 church planting movement within ACNA, tracing its history back to Archbishop Bob Duncan's call for 1000 new churches to be planted by ACNA dioceses within the first 5 years of ACNA's existence. Currently, the Anglican1000 leadership is aware of about 130 new church plants with many more in the "pipeline". The Rev. Daniel Adkinson one of the leaders of the church planting movement, is quoted saying the 1000 is achievable only by God's grace, but "*It's about more than the number. It's about calling people to conversion and transformation.*"

## ACNA Ordinal approved

The ACNA [has announced](#) an approved ordinal written in contemporary English in the Prayer Book tradition, but with strengthened vows for those who are ordained.

## Anglican Perspective videos

In recent *Anglican Perspectives*, short two-minute inspirational videos, Canon Phil Ashley of the American Anglican Council explains why we need to [recover our confidence](#) in the authority of the Bible, and the [legacy Dr John Stott](#) has left us. Earlier videos include discussions of [cradle vs creedal Anglicans](#) and of the [basis of true fellowship and unity](#) within the Anglican Communion.

## News -- Canada

### Anglican Coalition in Canada (ACiC) conference

The [ACiC](#), a ministry partner of ANiC's, is planning a national conference September 15-17 in BC.

When: September 15 (Thursday) 7pm through September 17 (Saturday) 4:30pm  
 Theme: The Intimate Pilgrimage  
 Speakers: Archbishop Yong Ping Chung, Bishop Todd Hunter, Bishop Silas Ng, the Rev Dr Terry Walling  
 Venue: Sutherland Church, 630 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street, North Vancouver, BC  
 Registration: \$30  
 Contact: 604-218-3577

## Iqaluit church begins rise from the ashes of arson

The [Toronto Star reports](#) that St Jude's Anglican Cathedral in Iqaluit is being rebuilt now six years after an arsonist torched the original igloo-shaped structure. \$4.8 million has been raised and spent on the exterior structure. A further \$2.5 million is yet to be raised for the interior. When complete, perhaps as early as this coming Christmas, the structure will seat 400.

## Stoles over seas

The Diocese of New Westminster [notes on its website](#) that it recently shipped to a priest in Malawi "*130 lbs of vestments, stoles, beautiful chasubles, chalice and paten sets...*"

## News – United States

### Presiding Bishop compares ACNA departures to situation in Zimbabwe

The US Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori is quoted by [the Episcopal News Service](#) attempting to equate the expropriation of church buildings in Zimbabwe to ACNA parishes attempting to remain in their church buildings. Speaking of the Anglicans in Harare where a renegade former bishop who is allied with dictator Robert Mugabe has commandeered church property and shut out parishioners, she said, "*They have experienced the same kind of thing as congregations in Fort Worth and San Joaquin.*" An [excellent Church of England article](#) further explores the absurdity of this claim and provides relevant history, including responses from global Communion members to previous attempts by the Presiding Bishop to make similar claims.

## Cost of litigation

Canon lawyer A S Haley, also known as the Anglican Curmudgeon, digging through Episcopal Church records [has discovered](#) that, in its legal battle with ACNA churches and dioceses, TEC has paid one man at least \$672,000 over a three year period in order to provide written depositions and

serve as an expert witness at trials. Professor Robert Bruce Mullin of General Theological Seminary in New York received this reimbursement in addition to his seminary salary.

### **Crisis Pregnancy Centres under attack**

In "[The Culture of death grows desperate: War declared on Crisis Pregnancy Centers](#)", Dr Albert Mohler exposes the current campaign to legally shackle the work of crisis pregnancy centres.

#### **News – International**

### **Two reflections on the state of evangelicalism within the Church of England**

***“The Unhappy Fate of Optional Evangelicalism – how Fulcrum strengthens the case for the Anglican Mission in England”*** – The Rev Charles Raven of the Society for the Propagation of Reformed Evangelical Anglicanism (SPREAD), [critiques](#) self-styled “open” evangelicals within the Church of England who he says are “open towards just about anyone except those fellow evangelicals who are aligned with Anglican Mainstream, the GAFCON movement and of course the newly formed Anglican Mission in England (AMiE).” The new chair of Fulcrum, says that the open evangelical organization is committed to remaining at the centre of the Church of England – which the Rev Raven notes is an institutional centre, not an evangelical centre. He says Fulcrum confuses the institutional church for the ‘body of Christ’. As a result, Fulcrum is anchored to the institution rather than to revealed truth. Citing the 1997 work by Roman Catholic theologian Richard Neuhaus, the Rev Raven notes that such evangelicals are likely to be proscribed or assimilated by the increasing liberal culture of the Church of England.

***“Evangelicalism cannot be enough for Evangelicals”*** – Reflecting on Dr Stott’s contribution to “*making evangelicalism respectable*” in the Church of England, [the Rev John Richardson \(the Ugley Vicar\)](#) writes that as evangelicalism became respectable, many evangelicals were co-opted by institutionalism and came to see evangelicalism as merely one of many valid “traditions” within the institutional Church. However, he says, to define evangelicalism in this way is a “betrayal” and, in fact, causes it “to cease to be Evangelical”.

Stott called evangelicals “gospel people”. “The word ‘evangelical’ derives from the Greek word for the ‘gospel’, which in the New Testament refers to the message from God about his Son Jesus Christ... To be an evangelical, therefore, is to claim that you are in possession of God’s message to the world” – not merely one version of that message.

He continues:

*“In 1945, the Church of England produced a report titled Towards the Conversion of England (highlights from which are reproduced on this blog). One of the things the report recognized, however, was the need for the transformation of the Church:*

*‘... THE REALLY DAUNTING FEATURE OF MODERN EVANGELISM IS NOT THE MASSES OF THE POPULATION TO BE CONVERTED, BUT THAT MOST OF THE WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY ARE ONLY HALF-CONVERTED. THE AIM OF EVANGELISM MUST BE TO APPEAL TO ALL, WITHIN AS WELL AS WITHOUT THE CHURCH, FOR THAT DECISION FOR CHRIST WHICH SHALL MAKE THE STATE OF SALVATION WE CALL CONVERSION THE USUAL EXPERIENCE OF THE NORMAL CHRISTIAN.’ (Para 81)*

*“The problem for post-war Anglican Evangelicalism is that the more it has accepted its place within the institution, the more it has forgotten the institution’s own assessment of itself... Evangelism is demanded not just in our evangelical parishes to the unconverted masses, but from evangelicals towards the unconverted Church. ...Unfortunately, the Evangelical Anglican response has either been to quarantine its message within the institution, by accepting it as a ‘tradition’, or to isolate its message from the institution, by marginalization and non-involvement, focussing on its own small ‘corner of the Lord’s vineyard’. Either way, the world loses. The true Evangelical, however, must always be working not just for the proclamation of the gospel but the transformation of the Church.*

## Covenant update

The [Church of England Newspaper reports](#) that “*The Bishops of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines have rejected the proposed Anglican Covenant, saying the proposal to centralize authority in London was an “un-Anglican” attempt to “lord it over” the Communion’s national provinces.*”

## From around the Communion and the world

**Egypt** – The [Church of England Newspaper reports](#) that 30 graduating students at the Alexandria School of Theology were challenged by former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord Carey to “demonstrate the truth of the gospel while tempering it with grace”. The graduation took place at All Saints Cathedral in Cairo.

**Eritrea** – Barnabas Aid [provides stomach-turning insight](#) into the almost unimaginable plight of Christians in Eritrea – “*the second worst place in the world to be a Christian, after North Korea. Christians, particularly evangelicals, are tortured and imprisoned in notoriously horrendous conditions... The refugees [who escape the country] suffer inhumane treatment, including rape, sexual harassment, torture, beatings and slavery at the hands of the Egyptian authorities or the Bedouin gangs.*”

**Congo** – An [article in the Anglican Journal](#) tells of the atrocities of civil war and work of the Anglican Church of Congo in bringing comfort and healing to the victims.

**Nigeria** – Former Primate of Nigeria, Archbishop Peter Akinola is reported by the [Church of England Newspaper](#) to be vigorously opposed to the introduction of Sharia banking in Nigeria, saying, “*In 10 years from now Islamic banking would have grown and matured to what it is intended to be, a religious oppressive instrument and tool for social coercion of the poor to convert to Islam.*”

**Iran** – [Compass Direct News reports](#) that a Christian pastor in Iran has been found guilty of leaving Islam and could soon be executed as a result.

**Iraq** – A recent car bomb outside a Syrian Catholic church in Kirkuk left 13 wounded, while police located and disarmed two more car bombs targeting churches in the city,” [Compass Direct News reports](#).

**Japan** – The [latest newsletter](#) for the Anglican Church in Japan (Nippon Sei Ko Kai) tells of specific damage to Anglican church buildings from the earthquake and tsunami and the disaster relief work undertaken by the Church. They still need volunteers to help clear up rubble, but “*the most important mission*” is providing mental and spiritual care for those directly affected. The Tohoku diocese has set up a task force to coordinate all relief activities.

**South Sudan** – An [ACNA article](#) calls attention to the ongoing atrocities suffered by Christians in Sudan in areas along the new border with South Sudan. It says, “*We urge you to continue to be in prayer for the new Republic of South Sudan and the many people who are suffering in the north/south border region.*”

An [Institute on Religion & Democracy article](#) notes that, now that predominantly Christian South Sudan is independent, Christians living in the Muslim controlled (north) Sudan are facing unprecedented persecution. The article states, “*It is important that the world, particularly Americans, know what is happening to Sudan’s marginalized people. First and foremost, the Nuba need us as advocates with our government, to stop Khartoum’s extermination campaign. And the other marginalized people groups also need our advocacy. The plight of the Darfurians is well known, but far fewer people are aware of the situation of the Nubians and the Beja. Yet their situation grows bleaker as time passes.*”

The [Church of England Newspaper reports](#) and the Church in South Sudan has identified three areas of concern: “*Achieving peace and non-violence; Promoting unity by reducing tribalism; and Promoting equitable development through effective decentralisation*” The Church plans to do its part in addressing all three urgent needs while also fighting “*poverty, ignorance and disease*”.

**Norway** – An [Anglican Journal article](#) refutes mainstream media’s kneejerk labeling of the perpetrator of the recent atrocities in Norway as a right-wing, fundamentalist Christian. The Rev Dr Gary Nicolosi notes that, based on his lengthy writings published online, the accused mass murderer, Anders Breivik, “...is not a Christian—by his own admission. He has said that he does not believe in the Christian faith nor does he attend a Christian church. He does not even consider himself religious. He is, in fact, part of the great secular wave of Europe—people who combine an ardent secularism and a deep nihilism with a fascination for folk tales and cultural myths—in Mr Breivik’s case, the Vikings and Knights Templar. This combination is more about paganism than Christianity, more about secular folk religion than the religion of Jesus.”

The article continues, “Nor is Mr Breivik a fundamentalist, if one means a Christian fundamentalist. I know some Christian fundamentalists, and none would ever consider murdering innocent people... Moreover, fundamentalist or not, no Christian would ever engage in such savage acts of murder. After all, the Bible is plain: “You shall not kill,” which has been interpreted to mean, “You shall not murder.” In other words, the intentional killing of innocent human life is never justifiable.”

**Uganda** – [Living Church tells](#) the remarkable story of the Uganda Christian University, which was founded in 1997 with 120 students and today has more than 10,000 students.

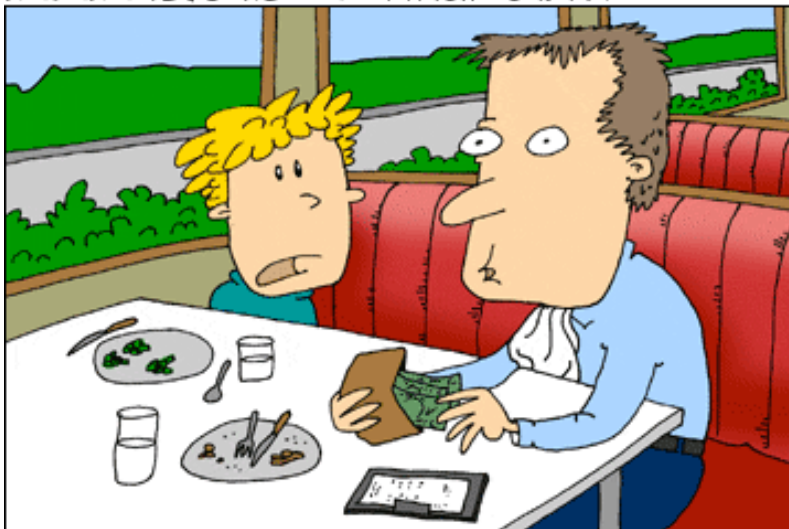
**Tanzania** – Islamists burnt two church buildings in the last week of July on the island of Zanzibar [reports Persecution.org](#). Zanzibar is 99.9 per cent Muslim.

**Syria** – The [Church Times reports](#) that the government of Syria is refusing to renew the visa of the pastor to the small congregation of Anglicans remaining in the country.

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### Resources

**Vision** – Do you have a God-sized vision for a ministry? You need to read [this short excerpt](#) from Andy Stanley’s, *Visioneering: God’s Blueprint for Developing and Maintaining Vision*.

**Faith Today**, the magazine of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, is offering [a free online trial](#). The August issue includes articles on:

How Evangelicals can change the world with social media

Called to international adoption  
Christian women and pornography

**Understanding pornography's grip, a helpful video** – Pornography is addictive and destructive and pervasive – not only in our culture but even in our churches. [OneNewsNow reports](#) that “*It changes the way we think about other people, and about relationships. It damages the people who watch it, as well as the people working in the industry. A compelling new film called [Out of the Darkness](#) addresses pornography from a range of perspectives*” – with interviews of a former porn star, a former pornography addict, a psychiatrist with expertise in the field, and a scholar studying the area. “*While each interview is gripping, interspersed together they make a comprehensive, powerful narrative about the problem of pornography.*” The DVD is [available for purchase](#).

**Pastor's study material** – A [list of recommended commentaries](#) on each of the Pauline Epistles might prove helpful. Thomas Schreiner lists his top three commentaries for each epistle.

**Ten elements of historic Anglicanism** – Drawing on J I Packer's writings, retired [Australian Bishop Paul Barnett expands](#) on the these ten distinctives of historic Anglicanism: Biblical, protestant, catholic, reformed, liturgical, evangelistic and pastoral in ministry, episcopal and parochial, having a rational ethos, affirmative of creation and society, and exhibiting a welcoming fellowship.

### Food for thought

*Christianity brings with it a daily cross in this life, while it offers us a crown of glory in the life to come. The flesh must be daily crucified. The devil must be daily resisted. The world must be daily overcome. There is a warfare to be waged, and a battle to be fought. ~ J C Ryle*

### Please pray...

For ANiC synod planning and preparations.

For our **bishops and clergy** and their families – especially those in need of healing.

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

For ANiC congregations leaving long-time church buildings and settling into new facilities. Praise God for His provision.

For ANiC churches still involved in litigation and property disputes with Anglican Church of Canada dioceses, especially **St Aidan's (Windsor)** and the judge who has heard and is now deciding their case. Also pray for **St George's (Burlington, ON), St Hilda's (Oakville, ON) and Good Shepherd (St Catharines, ON)** as they face threats of further court action.

For **ARDFC's new Congo project** which is helping war-torn communities become reestablished and promote peace-making. May God use it to bless Congolese and bring many to Christ.

For peace and an end to the killing in the **Sudan**. For God's hand of protection to cover His Church.

For **persecuted Christians** in Iran and Iraq and other Islamist states.

For the nation of **Israel**. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

For **persecuted Christians in Eritrea, North Korea** and elsewhere suffering unimaginable violence and deprivation.

For the **GAFCon Primates & Fellowship of Confessing Anglican** leaders as they plan meetings of Biblically faithful Anglicans in 2012 & 2013. Pray also for the new Anglican Mission in England.

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 repentance and revival in **our hearts and in our nation**, for a hunger for God and His Word.

Thank God for the global ministry of the Rev Dr John Stott to whom evangelicals owe so much.



**And now a word from our sponsor**

*“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.*

*“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’*

Jeremiah 23:1-6