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News – ANiC and AEN

New Archdeacons announced

In a [pastoral letter](#) to parishes this week, ANiC moderator Bishop Donald Harvey unveiled a new archdeaconry structure and several newly appointed archdeacons. This is his letter:

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

As our ANiC family continues to grow, it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to communicate effectively (and economically) with one another. This is hardly surprising, since our area now covers the whole country and makes us geographically the largest Anglican Diocese in the world. While this growth gives us much joy, it also gives rise to some concern as we strive to maintain a personal, pastoral relationship with all of our parishes and congregations.

At the moment we have three Archdeaconries – one in the west, one in the centre and the other in the east. They are large and cumbersome and have put strains on the respective Archdeacons who are doing this supervision in addition to their primary responsibility, the care of their parish.

The new bishops and I have had much discussion as to how to improve the service such a ministry requires and have reached the following decision.

We are going to double the number of archdeaconries and in so doing reduce the workload for each Archdeacon and the almost impossible area for which they have been responsible.

So effective Sunday, August 15, 2010, the seven archdeaconry areas and archdeacons are:

Vancouver Island – The Ven Ron Corcoran (re-appointed)

Remainder of BC – The Ven Dan Gifford (a new appointment)

Prairie Region (unchanged) – The Ven Paul Crossland (re-appointed)

Ottawa and area – The Ven Desiree Stedman (re-appointed)

Remainder of Ontario – The Ven Paul Charbonneau (a new appointment)

Montreal and Atlantic Canada – The Ven Darrell Critch (a new appointment)

New England (USA) – The Ven Michael McKinnon (a new appointment)

These Archdeacons will be directly responsible to their respective area Bishop and will work as a team with him. The number of parishes each has to care for will be approximately the same, and most of their visits can be done by road.

The immediate assignment for all Archdeacons will be to help prepare their parishes for our November Synod in Ottawa.

Please pray for our Archdeacons – and especially for your own Archdeacon – as they prepare to undertake this challenging but very important ministry.

Your Moderator and fellow labourer,

+ Donald

Call to prayer and fasting, August 23-31

Received by email...

Call for prayer and fasting for the All Africa Bishops' Conference

The Archbishop's Cabinet of ACNA would like to let you know of a great need and opportunity. From August 23-31, the second All Africa Bishops' Conference will be gathering more than four hundred African bishops. The first conference was held in Lagos, Nigeria. This time the

meeting will be held in Uganda. Our Archbishop is one of very few Primates or Bishops outside Africa to be invited and will be attending.

It is an important gathering not only for Africa, but for the Anglican Communion as well. We are asking for clergy and church members to join us in prayer and in various types of fasting from now until the end of the conference.

- The Archbishop's Cabinet (The Most Rev Robert Duncan, The Rt Rev Keith Ackerman, the Rt Rev David Anderson, the Rt Rev Bill Atwood, the Rt Rev John Guernsey, **the Rt Rev Don Harvey, the Rt Rev Charlie Masters**, the Rt Rev Martyn Minns, the Most Rev Leonard Riches)

ANiC financial update

Our thanks to all who sent their gifts to ANiC before our year-end. As of June 30, our fiscal year-end, a preliminary financial report shows that we were able to narrow the 'gap' dramatically. While we still had a shortfall of about \$45,000 for the year, thanks to a positive balance at the beginning of the year, we were able to meet all our obligations despite income being \$130,000 below budget.

ANiC's treasurer Claus Lenk says we can address the problem by:

- Encouraging parishes to submit their contributions to ANiC on a regular and timely basis
- Praying for a small team of individuals across the country who are led by God to give regularly to ANiC – over and above their parish tithes

More on the visit of the Primate of SE Asia to Vancouver, Sept 18-19

ANiC's global aid arm, the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC) is bringing Archbishop John Chew – Primate of the Anglican Province of Southeast Asia, Bishop of Singapore and Chairman of the Global South Primates Steering Committee – to a weekend of special gatherings in Vancouver. The weekend of meetings, entitled *Transformed people transforming the world*, will be held in the Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd in Vancouver. All are welcome to the public events.

On the morning of September 18 (Saturday), there will also be a special gathering where ANiC, ACNA and ministry partner clergy and lay leaders will meet with Dr Chew in a smaller group setting.

Dr Chew is one of the most respected leaders in global Anglicanism – and now, as the newly elected chair of the Global South Primates Steering Committee, he becomes one of the most influential. Please join us at these events to hear from this godly, global Anglican leader!

Dates: September 18-19 (Saturday and Sunday)

Location: Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd
189 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Please see the ARDFC website where information, posters and bulletin inserts are available both [in English](#) and [in Chinese](#). Those who wish to attend the dinner in honour of Archbishop Chew on September 18 can [register online](#).

Donations for Southern Cone needs

The 19 June 2010 newsletter mentioned the financial needs experienced both by Archbishop Greg Venables personally as well as by the Diocese of Argentina for repairs to the house Archbishop Greg and his wife Sylvia live in – repairs necessitated by severe storm damage. If you wish to help, there are several options:

- To partner with the Diocese of Argentina and support Archbishop Greg's ministry as bishop and primate, you can make an online donation through the [Ekklesia website](#). Please note that receipts for these gifts can only be claimed on Canadian tax returns if you are reporting US-source income. See the ["Clarification" item in the June 29 newsletter](#).)
- If you wish to help Archbishop Greg personally, you can also send money via the [Ekklesia website](#). Please note that gifts of this sort are not "tax receiptable".

On the [Ekklesia website](#), click on the donate button (on the right side of the page). Once you have entered your donation amount and the method of payment, on the next screen you will be able to click on “Add special instructions to the seller” (to the left of the total donation amount). In the small window that opens, please note how you wish to designate your donation.

Ordination planned

On Sunday, August 29 at 2:30pm the Rev Jess Cantelon will be ordained to the priesthood at the [Church of the Good Shepherd, St Catharines, ON](#). Please pray for Jess and his family as he prepares for ordination. All are invited to this service. Until recently, Jess served as a deacon at Christ Church Jerusalem.

Church planting workshop planned for September 9 in Delta, BC

Canon Ron McCrary, from Anglican 1000, ACNA’s visionary church planting office, will be in the Vancouver area on September 9 to hold a workshop on church planting and church growth. All clergy and lay people seriously interested in church planting in ACNA are invited.

Time: September 9 (Thursday), 10am-4pm

Location: Delta Town and Country Inn (Terrace Room), 6005 Highway #17 (near the junction with Highway #99, and close to the ferry terminal and the airport)

Cost: \$15 for lunch + \$20 contribution requested to help offset other workshop costs. Payable by cash or cheque upon arrival at the workshop.

Registration: Attendees must preregister by contacting Bishop Ron Ferris by [email](#) or by calling 778-278-6525. Please note, the deadline for preregistration is **August 31**.

Please come and bring others who are interested in church planting! For more information see Bishop Ron’s letter of invitation on the [ANiC website](#).

ANiC bishop ministers in England

ANiC’s area bishop for Western Canada, Bishop Trevor Walters, preached this past Sunday at two Anglican churches in Worcestershire, England and lead an open discussion about what’s happening in ACNA and ANiC. [According to Anglican Mainstream](#):

“At Christ Church, Bishop Trevor took as his text Jesus’ words in Luke 12:32 ‘Be not afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.’ He spoke powerfully about the way that the expectation of Jesus’ return as a real event in history underpins the Kingdom’s reversal of worldly values and how we need to guard against a lazy reading of the Bible which accommodates it to what is fashionable.

Bishop Trevor’s message came with an integrity which arises out of his many years of pastoral experience and the costly stand for the gospel which he and his colleagues in the ACNA have taken. Bishop Trevor continues to be rooted in the congregation of St Matthew’s in Abbotsford, BC where he was previously rector and under whose leadership a series of new churches were planted, despite a long running, continuing and costly battle to resist ejection from the church’s property by the leadership of the Anglican Church of Canada.

It was a great privilege to share in this experience of gospel partnership and a very encouraging reminder that despite so much compromise with the prevailing secularism, a new and vital paradigm of Anglican faith and order is emerging.

Parish, church plant and ministry news

Emmaus Anglican Church (Montreal) is seeking a full-time rector. The job description and parish profile are posted [on the ANiC website](#). Deadline for applications is September 24. CVs should be sent to rmbresnen@gmail.com.

St Matthias & St Luke’s (Vancouver) is inviting parishioners from other ANiC churches to a slide show and presentation, chorale performance, and fellowship evening on Sunday, August 29 at 8pm

[at the church](#). The 17 parishioners who just returned from a Holy Land Pilgrimage are excited to share all they learned from their study tour. See the [poster for details](#).

Holy Trinity, Marlborough, MA – You can [see a short video](#) of the July 23rd ordination of the Rev Michael Bickford to the priesthood by Bishop Don Harvey.

The Table, Victoria, BC, a [three-way partnership](#) between ACiC, REC and ANiC, is planning its public launch on September 12. There are currently 50-60 people attending five home groups. Please pray for the home group leaders, for needed financial support, and for wisdom and faithfulness for the church planting team.

Christ's Church Oceanside (near Parksville, BC) held a garage sale recently where everything was free. Taking a page from St Hilda's book, Christ's Church parishioners held the Great Garage Giveaway on August 14. The local paper, the Oceanside Star, [helped publicize the event](#). [Commenting on the AEC blog](#), Lyn reports that the event went "...amazingly well"... *We were blessed as we gave and prayed for blessing on those who received! We had a great time!*

Calendar of upcoming events – for your interest and prayer support

- Aug 29, 8pm – St Matthias & St Luke's Pilgrimage "Show & Tell" at the church. All welcome!
- Aug 29, 2:30pm – Good Shepherd (St Catharines, ON) – Ordination of the Rev Jess Cantelon
- Sept 9, 10am-4pm – [Church planting workshop](#), Delta, BC
- Sept 13-16 – BC Court of Appeal hearing in Vancouver
- Sept 17-19 – St Luke's, Spiritual renewal seminar with Bishop Malcolm & Ven Paul Crossland
- Sept 18 – St George's Ottawa, *Day of Prayer* in preparation for ANiC synod (with Garth Hunt)
- Sept 18-19 – Archbishop Chew visits Vancouver on behalf of the ARDFC
- September 23 - 26 - Clergy retreat in New England
- Sept 24-26 – St Timothy's (Montreal), *Pursuing Intimacy with God* led by the Rev Garth Hunt
- Sept 25 – [ACA conference](#) at St Brides, Clarkson, ON entitle "*The plans I have for you*"
- Sept 29 – Holy Trinity, Marlborough, MA - Ordinations to the priesthood
- Oct 16 – Billy Graham Association [Cross the Street conference](#), Burlington, ON
- Nov 3 – Clergy day, Ottawa, ON
- Nov 4-6 – ANiC synod with featured speaker Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, Ottawa, ON
- Jan 25-27 – ACNA 2011 church planting summit in Plano, TX with speaker Tim Keller
- March 29-31 – ANiC's 2011 pastors' retreat near Abbotsford, BC

News shorts – Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)

Calling all church planters... Anglican 1000 Church Planting Summit, January 25-27

ACNA's church planting summit this year will feature renowned speaker, author and pastor Tim Keller of [Redeemer Presbyterian Church](#) in New York City. Keller also helps lead [Redeemer City to City](#), an organization which focuses on the planting of churches for the renewal of global cities.

Date: 25-27 January 2011

Location: Plano, Texas

Registration and information: Available soon on the [Anglican 1000 website](#)

ACNA has set the audacious, humanly impossible goal of planting 1000 new churches in the first five years of its existence. Last year's first church planting summit attracted over 300 people – many of them Canadians. Since then, the Anglican 1000 office reports it has been contact, on average, once per day by someone seriously interested in pursuing church planting.

The [Anglican 1000 blog](#) notes that "The Anglican Church in North America began with 703 congregations. Now, there are 607 congregations plus 231 ministry partner congregations across the United States and Canada. That is an increase of 135 Anglican congregations that have been added or planted in North America!" Some of ANiC's new church plants and projects [are featured on the website](#), including: [Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church](#) (Moncton, NB), [St Andrew's Anglican Church](#) (Delta, BC), [Church of the Ascension](#) (Langley, BC), Emmaus Anglican Church (Montreal, QC) and [St Paul Anglican Bible Church](#) (Stoney Creek, ON).

ANiC moderator and treasurer elected to ACNA's executive committee

ACNA's recently elected executive committee [met in Ambridge, PA on August 10](#) to formally assume their positions and begin work. ANiC's moderator Bishop Donald Harvey, as dean of ACNA is an ex-officio member, while ANiC treasurer Claus Lenk is one of the twelve members (six clergy and six laity) elected by the provincial council in June. The new committee acts as the board of directors and replaces a transitional executive that was formed by the Common Cause movement prior to ACNA's formation.

According to an ACNA report, the executive committee "*approved a draft congregational annual report, which, beginning this year, all congregations of the church will be asked to complete. The yearly congregational report... is intended to strike a balance between simplicity and gathering useful information about every church in the province that will allow leaders to understand and respond to what is happening in the church.... This year, diocesan bishops will be able to make their reports in electronic format, with the goal to ultimately make it possible for every parish to enter their information online.*"

The committee also heard from ACNA's chief operating officer Brad Root that ACNA ended the fiscal year with a small surplus of \$30,000.

Other ACNA news

Sand Paper – Aug 5 2010 – [St Raphael's Episcopal priest moves on to create new church](#)

Anglican Curmudgeon – August 4 2010 – [Oral arguments set in San Joaquin and Pittsburgh cases](#)

Anglican Curmudgeon – August 7 2010 – [Faux Pittsburgh loses bid to dismiss appeal](#)

Christ Church news release – August 8 2010 – [Georgia churches could be in danger of losing buildings and property](#)

Church of England Newsletter – August 9 2010 – [No break in pace of Episcopal Church lawsuits](#)

News shorts – Canada

Bishop N T Wright to lecture at Trinity Western University, Langley, BC

Prominent New Testament scholar and former Bishop of Durham Tom Wright is scheduled to deliver a series of lectures November 16-17 at Trinity Western University near Vancouver. One 16. Details are on the [TWU website](#).

Primate heartened by decision to not separate TEC from the Communion

In a recent meeting of the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion it was decided that the US Episcopal Church should not be separated from the rest of the Communion because it "*would inhibit dialogue and... would therefore be unhelpful.*" The primate of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACoC), Archbishop Fred Hiltz [told the Anglican Journal](#) he found the decision "encouraging" and a step toward healing.

Meanwhile, Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver [hosted](#) a special communion service in partnership with *Integrity* to open the 27th annual Pride Parade in which an Anglican delegation participated.

Putting the church back in the heart of the community

The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada is partnering with the Billy Graham Association and others to bring a major Christian conference, *Cross the Street 2010 Conference*, to Burlington, Ontario on October 16. The event is designed to help us engage our communities with authentic faith by equipping "*people with practical tools to help put the Church back into the heart of the community*". More information is [available online](#).

Quebec grassroots group organizes to oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide

A grassroots group has formed in Quebec to oppose the provincial governments push for euthanasia. The *Living with Dignity* group has both [English](#) and [French](#) websites that are collecting signatures for their online petition.

Other Canada news

Church of England Newspaper – July 30 2010 – [Dog offered Holy Communion at Toronto parish](#)
 CanadianChristianity.com - July 29 2010 - [Anglican Catholics take historic steps toward Rome](#)
 Toronto Star – August 15 2010 – [New sex charges against former choirmaster](#)
 BC Local News – August 16 2010 – [A lot of life left in our local Anglican Church](#)
 CBC News – August 16 2010 – [Iqaluit's 'igloo' cathedral being rebuilt](#)

News shorts – United States

New Zealand Church declines to endorse the Episcopal Church (USA)

An [article in the Huffington Post](#) reports that a spokesperson for the Anglican Church of New Zealand said, "Nobody makes any bones about the fact that she [TEC's presiding bishop] does represent tension... There is not going to be an endorsement of where the Episcopalian Church is going." This statement to media came as Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori of the Episcopal Church(TEC) was in New Zealand recently on her "whirlwind tour of six Anglican provinces", including Canada, Scotland, Wales, England, Australia and New Zealand.

Disgraced Pennsylvania bishop reinstated

Charles E. Bennison Jr., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has been [reinstated](#) after being defrocked in 2008 in a lower court for "*behavior unbecoming a member of clergy.*" Bennison had been charged with covering-up the sexual abuse of a 14-year-old girl by the bishop's younger brother who, at the time, was the youth pastor in the church where Bennison was rector. The court ordered the reinstatement saying, "*because the statute of limitations has run out (after 10 years)... we have no choice under the canons of the church but to reverse the judgment of the trial court that (he) is guilty.*" The churches in Pennsylvania have [greeted the news](#) with dismay, some have told him he would not be welcome in their parishes, and others have urged him to step down.

Proposition 8 overturned; TEC bishops celebrate victory for same-sex marriage

A California judge recently overturned the democratically approved "Proposition 8" and reinstated same-sex marriage in the state. [StandFirm in Faith notes](#) that the judgment presents profound implications for both religious freedom and for who oppose the homosexual agenda. For example, the judgement notes, "*Religious beliefs that gay and lesbian relationships are sinful or inferior to heterosexual relationships harm gays and lesbians.*" The judge also stated, "*Gender no longer forms an essential part of marriage; marriage under law is a union of equals*" and *traditional marriage* is "nothing more than an artifact of a foregone notion that men and women fulfill different roles in civic life."

[In a commentary in Christianity Today](#), Dr Albert Mohler said the importance of the decision was "*difficult to exaggerate*" and was "*a huge win for the homosexual community, and a significant step toward the full normalization of homosexuality within the culture*". He added that, in addition to the decision, the judge released a "*set of 'findings' that include some of the most radical statements about marriage yet encountered.*" Dr Mohler concluded by saying, "*Whatever happens on appeal, the decision handed down yesterday... will reverberate for decades to come. Yesterday, a very important gavel fell on marriage. The central institution of human civilization suffered a direct hit, and its future hangs in the balance.*"

[Episcopal Life reports](#) that California TEC Bishops welcomed the ruling. Bishop Jon Bruno (Los Angeles) enthused, "*Justice is advancing, thanks to today's ruling affirming Californians' constitutional right to marriage in faithful, same-gender relationships.*" Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves (El Camino Real) said "*Our policy of blessings in the diocese for same-sex couples has been in effect for years and will continue.*" On the [Diocese of California website](#), Bishop Marc Andrus is quoted saying, "We rejoice today and tomorrow we continue the fight, lending our strength, the blessing of God, to those who need it."

Other US news

Times-Herald – August 14 2010 – [Christ Church at center of lawsuit, controversy](#)

VirtueOnline – August 16 2010 – [Clergy sex victims challenge 8 Episcopal bishops](#) (Pennsylvania)

News shorts – International

TEC grants continue to fund African church

Some African dioceses remain dependent on TEC funding despite efforts at a [meeting of Global South leaders](#) earlier this year where much time was devoted to vision in mission and working toward financial independence from the West. TEC's wealthy [Trinity Wall Street Church](#) recently published its 2nd quarter 2010 grants showing significant funding of African churches and projects, including a grant for the All African Bishops Conference. [Episcopal Café notes](#) that Uganda's Archbishop Henry Orombi responded to corruption in the Western Anglican church in a pastoral letter in 2006, saying, *"We will no longer apply for grants from the Trinity Grants program of Trinity Wall Street, UTO (United Thank Offering), Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), or scholarships through the Episcopal Church Center (815). No Bishop or Diocesan Secretary should sign grant applications to these organizations."*

Discredited Communion governance under the microscope

With the Standing Committee's recent high-handed decisions fueling criticism of that body, the Anglican Consultative Council's legal advisor Canon John Rees [has responded](#) on the Anglican Communion's official website. However, his attempt, meant to calm fears and justify the Standing Committees' actions, may have achieved the opposite effect.

The [Church of England Newspaper reports](#) that Global South leaders said *"the claim of inconsequential revisions advanced by the ACC was misleading... they note the new constitution engages in a power grab... encroaching upon the authority and prerogatives of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Primates Meeting."* The report goes on to quote an Australian former member of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), Robert Tong saying that recent actions by the Anglican Communion Office were a "con" that showed the "constitution [of the ACC] is held in contempt".

Writing on the [Global South Anglican website](#), Michael Poon, convener of a subgroup of the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order, tasked to review the Communion structures, says, the ACC constitution fiasco *"...raises disturbing questions on the continuing viability of the Anglican Communion..."* He continues:

"Communion infrastructures have arisen in haphazard ways since 1945. The new ACC Constitution, I fear, is another instance... [which] may well derail the already difficult processes in the adoption of the Anglican Communion Covenant. Churches in the southern continents may well be tempted to look for more radical alternatives for a more permanent solution to recent Anglican disputes.

"...The British registration of [the] ACC Constitution carries huge implication for autonomous provinces (Church of England included). Chancellors need to scrutinise whether it undermines the autonomy of their provinces, many of which are situated in countries that are sensitive about foreign control of religious bodies within their national boundaries. Doesn't the "Archbishop [of Canterbury]'s role as the pivotal Instrument of Communion" (in Rees' words) – now conferred legal status, represents a violation of national and ecclesiastical sovereignty?"

While [StandFirm documents](#) the dominance of the Standing Committee by western Churches allied with the Episcopal Church (TEC), a [paper posted by the Anglican Communion Institute](#) concludes that TEC is intent on *"... making the Communion over in its own image."* The author says:

"Since the Standing Committee has decided that, in so far as it is concerned, TEC's position in the Communion is to be decided through an indefinite period of dialogue, it is essential to understand just how TEC understands this process. TEC's recent history makes one thing perfectly clear. Dialogue, for TEC, is not a process of disciplined argument designed to clarify issues, expose false reasoning, and arrive at a truth both parties can hold. It is not even a process of critical examination that occurs before taking a disputed action. Rather it is an

aggressive form of self-promotion built around “talking points” rather than disciplined argument—talking points that are meant to beat down opposition to a disputed action already taken. In short, the decision made by the Standing Committee is in reality a decision to allow TEC more time to gain acceptance for its actions. It is not, in TEC’s mind, a time to subject those actions to “consequences” or to critical examination...

“TEC’s recent history reveals that it now has a standard way of doing business—one that exposes its pleas for dialogue as disingenuous. What is that way? One makes changes in disputed aspects of the life and order of the church by breaking the rules and then calling for conversation rather than “consequences.””

Finally, in a [stunning piece of in-depth investigative reporting](#), StandFirm reveals that Janet Trisk – the newest member of the Standing Committee whose appointment is widely recognized to have been illegal under ACC rules – is an active member of an organization that denies the objective existence of God and holds that religion is entirely a human construct.

See also:

- Anglican Communion Institute – August 12 2010 – [The ACC Articles of Association: Questions remain](#)
- Encompass (American Anglican Council) – July/August 2010 – [Episcopal Church dominates Communion’s Standing Committee](#)

Where did you pick that up?

An October 2nd conference in London called “*Where did you pick that up?*” will focus on the sexualization of children in the schools. Details are on www.anglican-mainstream.net.

More on the Church of England (CoE) synod and women bishops

The reaction to the CoE’s general synod decision to proceed with women bishops continues to elicit responses. Fifteen CoE bishops [wrote a letter to clergy](#) which acknowledges that Anglo-Catholics would choose a variety of responses, some choosing to stay and fight, others choosing to go to the Roman Catholic Church.

Recent media reports include:

- Church of England Newspaper – August 6 2010 – [Catholic Church saddened by General Synod’s vote on women bishops](#)
- Church of England Newspaper – August 6 2010 – [Women bishops by 2014...](#)
- Telegraph – August 1 2010 – [...traditionalist say some will stay to defeat women bishops plan](#)
- Church Times – August 6 2010 – [Strong opposition to women bishops is needed, says FiF](#) [FiF is Forward in Faith]
- National Catholic Register – July 31 2010 – [Calm before the storm? More Anglican-Catholics expected to join with Rome over women bishops](#)

News in brief from around the world and the Communion

Afghanistan – Ten members of the International Assistance Mission were massacred while returning from giving medical care in remote villages in northern Afghanistan. [According to the Christian Post](#) they had received permission from the government of Afghanistan to run the eye clinic and were trekking 100 miles back from the remote clinic when they were robbed and shot. The [Church of England Newspaper reports](#) that the organization is registered as a Christian charity but said it does not proselytize.

Argentina – The [Church of England Newspaper reports](#) that Argentina has become the first South American country to recognize gay marriage. Some political analysts suggest the decision is a political lash-out at the Roman Catholic Church by President Cristina Fernandez rather than a focus on marriage legislation itself. Archbishop Greg Venables (Southern Cone) criticized the government for acting without consulting the people. He said, “*I can only bless what God blesses*”.

Pakistan – Monsoon flooding has caused wide-spread dislocation and devastation. The Diocese of Peshawar is offering emergency relief. The [Anglican Communion News Service reports](#), “*The United Nations has estimated that almost one million people have been affected*” and that “*Thousands of villages are under water and hundreds of people are either dead or missing.*”

Compass Direct News, a website devoted to telling the stories of persecuted Christians, [reports](#) that Christian girls in Pakistan are vulnerable to and frequently sexually assaulted while police refuse to act. Increasingly radical Muslims consider the tiny minority of Christians in the country to be enemies and fair game for attack. It [also reports](#) that on July 15, “*A dozen masked men shot five Christians to death as they came out of their church building*” in Sukkus, Pakistan. A [march was held in London, England](#) on July 31 to protest the persecution and murder of Christians in Pakistan.

South Africa – A forensic audit of the Diocese of George [has revealed](#) that 6 million South African Rand (\$850,000 Cdn) is not accounted for. While the investigation is still in progress, the bishop has resigned and two administrators were fired. The diocese is now struggling to pay clergy salaries. Complaints of financial mismanagement were first lodged in January 2009.

Wales – The Church of Wales [has promoted](#) a convicted sex offender to the role of Archdeacon.

Australia – [Sydney Anglican reports](#) that an Anglican judicial panel has overruled the diocese of Sydney’s decision to interdict the administration of the Lord’s Supper by deacons.

Other international news

Australia Broadcasting Corporate – August 6 2010 – [Sunday Profile: The Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Peter Jensen](#) (Lengthy interview on the role of religion in the upcoming national election.)
Living Church – July 29 2010 – [Bishop praises ‘brave and faithful’ Church](#) [in the Congo]

Soul food

One of the shortest and best sermons you’ll ever hear

This [1 minute and 42 second rap sermon](#) on YouTube needs a wide distribution! There is much food for thought for all of us in our 21st century media-crazy culture.

Worth reading/viewing

- Dr Albert Mohler’s commentary, “[The inerrancy of Scripture: The fifty years’ war... and counting](#)” sheds light on the current attack on inerrancy by revisionist theologians.
- ANiC’s Theologian Emeritus, Dr J I Packer [is interviewed](#) of a range of theological issues.
- A [book review](#) of William Murchison’s *Mortal Follies: Episcopalians and the Crisis of Mainline Christianity* offers more insight into steady decline of the Episcopal Church (US) due to “the rejection of orthodoxy in favor of cultural and political fads”.

Resources

- The Ugley Vicar [offers his top five questions](#) for determining the orthodoxy of Anglican ministers or candidates for ministry.
- The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada offers a number of resources including:
 - [a new study](#) that examines the demographics of evangelical churches in Canada.
 - [a DVD resource](#) for helping suicidal people, called “*Through the Pain*”. It states “*Suicide is not about wanting to die. It’s about wanting to stop unbearable emotional pain.*”
 - [Pastoral Well-being: Findings from the Canadian Evangelical Churches Study](#)
 - [Canadian Evangelical Congregational Investment in Education, 2003–2008](#)

Just for laughs

A little girl asked her mother, “Where did people come from?” The mother answered, “God made Adam and Eve and they had children, and that’s how all the people on earth were created.”

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question. The father answered, “Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved.”

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me people were created by God, and Dad said we came from monkeys?"

The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

Courtesy: Mikey's Funnies, www.mikeysFunnies.com

Please pray...

For our **bishops and clergy** and their families – especially clergy wives battling illness. For physical and spiritual refreshment over the summer months.

For ANiC's seven **Archdeacons**, most of whom are newly appointed and taking up this new responsibility in addition to their parish duties.

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

For the launch of **The Table church plant** in Victoria, BC on September 12.

For the planning and preparations for **ANiC's 2010 synod** in Ottawa, November 4-6.

For funding of the **Anglican Relief & Development Fund Canada's Kenya Malaria Prevention Project**. Donations are urgently needed to begin this life-saving and life-changing project.

For much needed **donations to the legal cases and disputes** involving ANiC congregations:

- For the **Vancouver-area parishes** appealing the earlier court decision, including a recent costs award against the parish trustees, as well as for their legal counsel Geoff Cowper & Stanley Martin as they prepare for the appeal to be heard Sept 13-16. Particularly pray for St Matthew's Abbotsford as the Diocese of New Westminster seeks to hold services in their church.
- For the **Ottawa** congregations which are newly embroiled in legal action.
- For **St Aidan's in Windsor**, as litigation is about to move forward, increasing expenses.
- 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 dioceses** pursuing eviction of and legal damages against ANiC congregations and wardens.
- That we would seek to **glorify God** by our conduct in all court proceedings.

For 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 **All Africa Bishops Conference** in Uganda, August 23-31.

For **Christians in Pakistan and Pakistan** who are suffering violent opposition.

For repentance and revival in **our nation** – a new hunger for God and a thirst for His Word.

And now a word from our sponsor

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,*

what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

*Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.*

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!