

ANIC Newsletter 5 October 2009

Handle with prayer

News – ANIC and AEN

ANIC "project" becomes newest ANIC parish

On October 1, <u>Church of the Ascension</u> in Langley, BC – which is lead by Bishop Ron Ferris – was officially welcomed as a parish in the Anglican Network in Canada. ANiC now has 31 parishes and nine active church plant "projects".

Register for Synod before early-bird rates expire!

If you plan to attend synod as a lay or clergy delegate or if you plan to come to enjoy the conference aspects of synod and observe the business sessions, you need to <u>register for synod online</u> as soon as possible. On **October 21** the early registration discount expires and the registration fee increases from \$225 to \$250. If you have questions or are having problems registering online, you can contact the ANiC office. If emailing, delegates should <u>email Jude</u>, while non-delegates can <u>email conference staff</u>; if phoning, please call 1-866-351-2642 extension 4015.

All are welcome to register and come; you don't have to be an official delegate. Delegates and observers alike will be blessed by the teaching and worship. You'll find all the information you need <u>on our website</u>. If you are not able to attend synod, but plan to come to the **consecration service**, you are most welcome and there is no charge. While pre-registration for the consecration service is not necessary, it would be extremely helpful if you would pre-register, so we can plan appropriately.

<u>Registration</u> – Please register ASAP. Registrations will not be accepted after **November 9**. <u>Hotel</u> – Reduced synod hotel rate is available only until **October 11** – subject to availability! <u>Agenda</u> – The preliminary agenda posted to our website will give you a sense of the schedule.

Air miles[™] program reduces travel costs

To date ANiC has collected 1804 Air Miles[™] in our "fly a delegate to synod account" – which is enough to get a delegate part way to synod. If you'd like to help us reach our goal of 2850 Air Miles – which is enough to fly a delegate across the country to synod – go to <u>our website</u> for information on how you can easily and painlessly pitch in.

Or, if you have at least 15,000 Aeroplan Points that you'd like to donate, please contact Jude in the ANiC office by email or by calling 1-866-3511-2642 extension 4015.

Correction: New dates for clergy retreat

Please note that the last newsletter incorrectly stated the dates for ANiC's 2010 clergy retreat. This is the correct information:

Dates: March 16-18, 2010 (Please note this change in your calendar!)

Place: Cedar Springs Conference Center (near Vancouver)

These retreats are a wonderful time of physical and spiritual refreshment as well as mutual encouragement. Clergy are encouraged to attend and parishes are encouraged to help them! Watch for more details.

The Rev Paul Donison received into ANiC

St George's (Ottawa) has a new associate priest responsible for discipleship. The Rev Paul Donison resigned his three-point parish in the Diocese of Ottawa and relinquished his licence in the Anglican Church of Canada prior to receiving a licence from Bishop Don Harvey in the Anglican Network in Canada. Bishop Don will be at St George's for a service of licensing the evening of October 18. The Rev Donison, who was once youth director at St Mary's in Victoria, which is now known as The Open Gate (ANiC), writes a blog called "<u>Under Ethiopia</u>".

Pray for Anglican Relief and Development Fund (Canada)

Many ANiC members having been waiting for us to establish a relief and development organization through which they can support pressing needs in Anglican dioceses in the Global South. For almost two years now, we have been working to achieve charitable status for our Anglican Relief and Development Fund – Canada (ARDFC). Without charitable status, gifts to ARDFC can not receive tax-deductible receipts. We are continuing to appeal to CRA for registration. Please pray that that we can alleviate all concerns of the federal officials involved.

Calendar of upcoming events – for your interest and prayer support

Oct 14 – Victoria, BC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada <u>Christian Leaders Connection</u> event Oct 16 – Langley, BC – Evangelical Fellowship of Canada <u>Christian Leaders Connection</u> event Oct 17 – St Luke's (Pembroke) open house to celebrate and dedicate new building

Nov 8 – International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Nov 10 – Halifax, NS - Evangelical Fellowship of Canada <u>Christian Leaders Connection</u> event Nov 11-13 – ANiC synod and conference, St Catharines, ON

Nov 12 - Moncton, NB - Evangelical Fellowship of Canada Christian Leaders Connection event

Nov 13 – Consecration of three ANiC bishops, St Catharines, ON

Nov 15 – St Hilda's (Oakville, ON) celebrating 50th anniversary

Mar 16 -18, 2010 – ANiC annual clergy retreat at Cedar Springs (near Abbotsford, BC)

News shorts – Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)

Diocese of Melbourne to consider motion supporting ACNA

The <u>AEC blog draws our attention</u> to a motion to be considered by the Diocese of Melbourne synod (October 10-11) that would acknowledge that the diocese is in communion with the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Prayer support is requested.

Archbishop Duncan on radio

You can hear a <u>recent radio interview</u> with our Primate, Archbishop Bob Duncan. He recounts some of his personal story and mentions that his wife, Nara, recently suffered a minor stroke but is doing well.

In the news - ACNA

Religious Intelligence – Sept 17 2009 – <u>US Churches are free to secede, rules judge</u> Living Church – Sept 17 2009 – <u>Both sides debate significance of Forth Worth ruling</u> NewsOK – Sept 19 2009 – <u>Anglican archbishop visits Oklahoma City</u> (re. Archbishop Bob Duncan)

News shorts – Canada

Diocese of Athabasca elects new bishop

On September 19, the synod of the <u>Diocese of Athabasca elected</u> the Rev Canon Fraser Lawton, rector of St Thomas' Anglican Church in Fort McMurray, Alberta, as Bishop of Athabasca. He will succeed Archbishop John Clarke, the retiring diocesan bishop and former metropolitan of Rupert's Land. Please pray for Bishop-elect Lawton – as well as for all the other bishops in the ACoC, especially those committed to living and teaching the historic faith.

More Christian conferences of interest

- <u>Christian leaders connection</u>, Halifax, NS, November 10
- Freedom and Family Where Rights Meet Responsibilities, Burlington, ON, October 23-24

New Metropolitan for ACoC province of British Columbia

The <u>Anglican Journal reports</u> that "The diocesan bishop of Kootenay, John Privett, 53, is the new metropolitan (senior bishop) of the ecclesiastical province of British Columbia and Yukon. He was elected at the provincial synod Sept. 25, and installed at the closing Eucharist Sept. 27."

Insight into the Anglican Church of Canada (ACoC)

An <u>article in The Citizen</u> discusses the dire state of finances and membership in the ACoC diocese of British Columbia. (The last newsletter also addressed this matter.) The article suggests that the decline was caused by the diocese changing its historic doctrine and teaching.

The <u>Anglican Essentials Canada blog</u> breaks the news of a fundraising appeal letter sent by the Diocese of Niagara under the banner "Passion for justice". The diocese is seeking to raise \$750,000 to replenish their reserves which were depleted due to, among other things, "significant legal costs" resulting from their lawsuit against three ANiC parishes. In the published letter, they highlight (using italics and bold letters) the "*continuing struggle regarding the breakaway parishes and the dispute over property.*" While not claiming to be a "Legal Fund", the implication is that the money will be used to fund continuing litigation against the parishes. Please continue to pray for the clergy, wardens and members of those congregations as they seek to continue ministering while under the continued stress of litigation and threat of eviction.

The <u>AEC blog</u> again draws our attention to a cogent submission to the ACoC's Vision 2019 campaign soliciting members' views of the future direction of the Church. Dr Ronald Kydd says the ACoC is threatened by "an extremely soft spiritual and theological centre... We have permitted societal values to shape belief and policy to a remarkable extent... The consequences are striking. We have lost members." His prescription: "Led by its clergy, the ACC should be embracing the historic creeds and the biblical revelation of God in Christ, resulting in more people being drawn into relationship with God through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit." Let's pray that Dr Kydd's and similar calls to return to historic Anglican doctrine and practice will be heeded.

In the news – Canada

Vancouver Sun – Sept 23 2009 – <u>British Anglican priest loves Vancouver. Why?</u> Victoria Times Colonist – Oct 1 2009 – <u>...camp closure part of larger Anglican financial restructuring</u>

News shorts – United States

Efficacy of TEC's "Dennis Canon" struck blow by US court

The Supreme Court of South Carolina has <u>issued an unanimous ruling</u> against a notorious canon of the Episcopal Church (TEC) which purports to unilaterally impose a trust on all parish property. The decision is a victory for a Pawley Island parish which realigned out of the diocese in 2004 and, while specific to South Carolina, could have significance for all other legal actions involving departing parishes and dioceses because of the clarity of its reasoning. Legal expert, A S Haley, <u>interprets</u> <u>the decision</u>, saying, "*The opinion presents a clear and thoroughly common-sense refutation of* [*TEC's*] outlandish claims: that as a hierarchical Church, it has the power (1) to decide which congregation/vestry is the "true" congregation/vestry in a given parish; and (2) to override State law by imposing a trust on all parish property everywhere in its Dioceses without its being the owner of any of that property". The Living Church also comments on the implications of this decision.

Other US legal decisions

Both the Diocese of San Joaquin (ACNA) and the Diocese of Fort Worth (ACNA) received good news recently. A California court of appeal <u>accepted</u> Diocese of San Joaquin's petition to review an earlier, unfavorable ruling. A S Haley <u>analyzes</u> an earlier interim ruling in the ongoing court case involving the Diocese of Fort Worth which indicates that the judge is seeing through the TEC's contorted arguments. An October 2 hearing in Fort Worth <u>resulted in a postponement</u> of further proceedings until January.

Orthodox US Lutherans mull their future

1200 Lutherans recently met in Indianapolis to begin a process that could result in the reconfiguration of Lutheranism in the US. This meeting follows a decision by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to abandon historic Christian teaching and practice by allowing the ordination of people practicing homosexuality. The <u>Christian Post quotes</u> a leader of the movement saying, "*We are forming a churchly community because our prior churchly community has walked away from the faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*" The meeting which authorized negotiations aimed at forming a new denomination was told, "*We've spent… years… struggling and working against what has now happened. It's over; it's done. Let's take that energy, that passion and transfer it to a future that we don't have clearly, but a future that surely is better than what we've been messing with. And let's be gracious and kind, known for our positive spirit and hope. Let's be known for what we believe, not what we're against anymore. Let's be faithful to*

the Gospel, the Word of God, and the Lord Jesus." The meeting drew on the experience of US Anglicans by asking ACNA Bishop Martyn Minns to address the gathering via a video message.

The Episcopal Church's authority to sue parishes questioned

The Anglican Communion Institute has <u>posted an well-reasoned and carefully documented article</u> that examines whether the Episcopal Church (TEC) and its Presiding Bishop have the authority to sue parishes for their property. It *"finds no source for such authority in the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church."* It also finds that there is no convincing case for the oft repeated maxim that people can leave TEC, but they can't take their parish or property with them." Similarly, it finds suspect the claim that TEC has a "fiduciary duty" to litigate in order to seize parish property.

Presiding Bishop continues to show her colours

The <u>Wyoming Star-Tribune reports</u> on a recent speaking engagement by the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Shori. Here are some excerpts from the article:

- "Anglican's have never claimed to base their decisions solely on the Bible, Jefferts Schori said. "We start there, but that's not the only piece we bring to our decision-making."
- "The few biblical passages about same-sex relationships may be talking about exploitive relationships, she said. "Jesus doesn't say anything about same-sex relationships of the kind the church is talking about."
- "...she declined to say people can't be in a right relationship with God without being in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, she said. "God is at work in the lives of people who are not consciously Christian.""

In the news - US

Church of England Newspaper – Sept 11 2009 – <u>Americans urged to sign up to the Covenant</u> Church of England Newspaper – Sept 11 2009 – <u>Cursillo movement branches out in USA</u> Religious Intelligence – Sept 23 2009 – <u>US dioceses 'free to secede'</u> Religious Intelligence – Sept 23 2009 – <u>Presiding Bishop criticizes 'two-track' Communion plan</u> Los Angeles Times – Oct 1 2009 – <u>Judge orders church to turn over property to…Diocese…</u> The Washington Times – Sept 25 2009 – <u>Anglican Bishop Minns tells Lutherans to leave</u>

USA Today – Sept 23 2009 – <u>SC Supreme Court rules for breakaway Episcopal parish</u> Religious Intelligence – Oct 5 2009 – Church's financial costs revealed

News shorts – International

Archbishop of Canterbury meets with President of Pakistan

<u>Lambeth Palace reports</u> that, accompanied by the recently retired as Bishop of Rochester, Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, Dr Williams met President Asif Zardari to discuss the importance of mutual respect amongst religions, the responsibility of government to ensure the safety of vulnerable minorities, and the abuse of Pakistan's blasphemy laws to persecute Christians.

In a <u>Times article</u>, Bishop Nazir-Ali is quoted saying, "At heart this is not a Muslim-Christian question but one of addressing attacks on unarmed people by heavily armed groups... For a long time Christians and Muslims have lived together. It is only in the past 25 – 30 years that the process of radicalisation has become ingrained and people have been incited to accuse their neighbours of blasphemy." The Times says that, "Dr Nazir-Ali, who will be campaigning on behalf of persecuted Christians in Asia and Africa through the Oxford Centre for Training, Research, Advocacy and Dialogue, urged the public to keep up pressure for a change on the Pakistan Government: Questions whether present government will deliver its dispositions. That is why the pressure needs to be kept up."

Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans Consultation: Algarve, Portugal

First, the <u>Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans</u> (FCA), which grew out of the Global Anglican Future conference in Jerusalem (June 2008), was launched in England and Wales, then in South Africa, and now in Europe. A FCA <u>consultation is planned</u> for the <u>Algarve</u> in Portugal, November 17-19. Recently, it was announced that FCA would be launching in North America as well.

Primate-elect of the Church of Nigeria in the news

Archbishop Nicholas Okoh, recently elected to succeed Archbishop Akinola at Primate of All Nigeria, preaching in England, referenced the struggles of African Christians in areas experiencing growing Muslim influence. He recounted how money flows into these communities to build influence for Islam, and how Muslims are encouraged to have large families, often through polygamy. The headline in the <u>National Post reads</u>: "Anglican leader says Muslims 'mass producing' babies in Africa". In Nigeria, Archbishop Okoh has been fearlessly <u>speaking out against</u> corrupt government leaders.

Can dioceses adopt the Covenant?

<u>George Conger reports</u> that the Archbishop of Canterbury has told the Diocese of Central Florida that dioceses may endorse the Covenant, but only provinces can adopt it. He said, "...as a matter of constitutional fact, the ACC can only offer the Covenant for 'adoption' to its own constituent bodies, (the provinces)... But I see no objection to a diocese resolving less formally on an 'endorsement' of the Covenant." He wrote that endorsement would not have an "institutional effect" but "would be a clear declaration of intent to live within the agreed terms of the Communion's life and so would undoubtedly positively affect a diocese's pastoral and sacramental relations" with the wider communion. The diocese had asked the Archbishop to "outline and implement a process by which individual Dioceses, and even parishes, could become members of the Anglican Covenant, even in cases where their Provincial or Diocesan authorities decline to do so."

The <u>Anglican Communion Institute</u>, which has been championing the strategy of TEC's "Communion Partner Bishops" to have diocese sign on to the Covenant, responded by welcoming "the encouragement given by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the decision by the... Diocese of Florida to affirm the first three sections of the Anglican Covenant."

Queen reported to be "appalled by state of affairs in Anglican Communion

The Catholic Herald is reporting that the Queen has "grown increasingly sympathetic" to the Catholic Church over the years while being 'appalled', along with the Prince of Wales, at developments in the Church of England." The <u>Telegraph also reports</u> that "When Pope Benedict visits this country next year, he is expected to stay at Buckingham Palace as a guest of the Queen. The warmth of her welcome will come as no surprise to the Pontiff, if senior sources at the Vatican are to be believed."

Our suffering world

- **East Africa** The <u>Anglican Planet reports</u> that Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Somalia is in the grip of drought and famine threatening millions with starvation yet there has been little aid or even attention from the international community. Uganda's <u>Sunday Monitor reports</u> that, following recent riots in Uganda, Archbishop Orombi called upon Uganda's leaders to "...pursue unity, justice and peace, which he said is the hope for the country."
- South-east Asia and the Pacific Flooding from a severe typhoon has displaced thousands and killed hundreds in the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia. An earthquake in Sumatra (Indonesia) has killed over 1000, injured many more, and destroyed hospitals, schools, houses and infrastructure. An <u>earthquake-triggered tsunami</u> that struck Samoa and Tonga killed dozens on those islands and swept away buildings, communities and infrastructure.
- India Nandyal Diocese in the Church of South India <u>reports</u> rising flood waters are wiping out towns, threatening lives and creating a growing refugee problem. Prayer is requested.

International news

Church of England Newspaper – Sept 11 2009 – <u>London service for Taliban victims</u> Church of England Newspaper – Sept 11 2009 – <u>African churches to debate same-sex issue</u> Anglican Mainstream – Sept 20 2009 – <u>Strategy in Southern Africa to create facts on the ground...</u> Religious Intelligence – Sept 21 2009 – <u>Muslim mob attacks Pakistani Christians for a fourth time</u> Religious Intelligence – Sept 23 2009 – <u>Cuba fails to elect a bishop</u> Religious Intelligence – Sept 28 2009 – <u>Former Archbishop of the Sudan dies</u> Religious Intelligence – Sept 28 2009 – <u>Homosexuality debate grips South African Church</u> Christian Post – Sept 21 2009 – Anglican head calls on US, Iragi gov't to protect Iranian exiles

Soul food

Ministry nuggets and resources

Church planting – At an ACNA gathering to discuss church planting, participants were advised to read a short book called *Movements that change the world*.

Issues related to God's design for His creation

Assisted suicide & euthanasia – Over 100 Québec physicians are standing up for the sanctity of life by signing and submitting a document entitled "*Say no to euthanasia and assisted suicide: No special circumstance can justify them*". They are standing in opposition to a pro-euthanasia position taken by the Québec College of Physicians and a "right-to-die" bill submitted in the Canadian Parliament by a Bloc Québécois MP.

The Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, <u>writing in the Telegraph</u>, clearly opposes the legalization of assisted suicide. He says, "A truly caring society would not devalue or pressurise its most vulnerable and frailest members. There is always a danger, if the law was weakened, that people could feel obliged to end their lives if they believed they were becoming a burden on loved ones. This is not something we should encourage – indeed it is something which should be, and has been, legislated against... We need to be extremely careful that we are not creating a "slippery slope" – especially when it is our elderly and most vulnerable who would be allowed to slip away, the people who need our support and recognition the most."

Abortion – Nancy Gall, writing in the National Post, <u>discusses</u> the harassment and violence directed at pro-life activities, including a recent murder – all of which goes unreported in the mainline media.

<u>Dr Albert Mohler reports</u> US research which found that 92 per cent of women decide to abort their baby when they are told it has Down Syndrome. He asks, "What does that say about our devaluation of human life and human dignity? This can only mean that these women see a child with Down syndrome as not worth having – and the baby as a life not worth living." With new prenatal diagnostic tests coming available to test for a variety of other selective factors, "Who will be next in line to be considered unworthy of life?"

Human trafficking – The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) has created a <u>short video clip</u> to raise awareness of human trafficking – a modern form of slavery which is reported by the UN to be the fastest growing form of transnational organized crime. An estimates one million victims – primarily women and children – are trafficked each year, generating an estimated \$7-10 billion annually for the perpetrators. The EFC also reports that "over 600 women and children are trafficked into Canada each year for sexual exploitation; 1500-2200 people are trafficked from Canada to the USA annually making Canada a source, transit and destination country for human trafficking." Parliament recently passed legislation to help address this travesty of justice.

Polygamy – With the case against the polygamous leaders of a fundamentalist Mormon community in Bountiful, BC thrown out of court recently, Lorna Dueck, <u>writing in the National Post</u>, asks, why it is so difficult to find a court willing and able to enforce Canada's Criminal Code against polygamy when women and children's welfare is at stake. She calls on parliament to act.

HIV/AIDS – Harvard medical anthropologist and expert on the AIDS pandemic, Dr Edward Green, says the pope is right; abstinence, not condoms, reduces the incidence of HIV/AIDS. He says:

- Generally speaking the global prevalence of HIV is on the decline. It peaked in Africa in about 2000. The US is one of the few places were HIV is increasing.
- In the countries where the incidence of AIDS is declining, it is because of increased chastity.
- While condoms reduce risk, users tend to engage riskier behaviour, erasing the risk reduction.
- "...the most effective program the world has seen was Uganda in the late 1980s and early 1990s [which was primarily education emphasizing abstinence and faithfulness].. the program cost 23 cents per person per year. Today Uganda is being flooded with donor money... and HIV is starting to go up again in Uganda. The world's greatest success story has ceased to be because the foreign donors, including my country, have put pressure on Uganda to conform to everyone else, so emphasize condoms, emphasize testing, treat STDs, treat HIV and

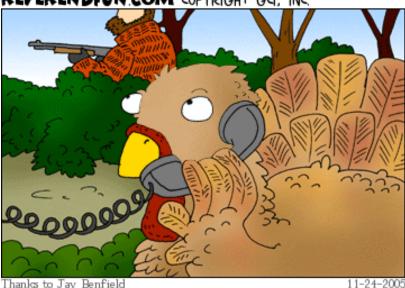
forget about these messages like stick to one partner, love faithfully. Yes, the cost has gone up and the effectiveness has gone down. And they're blaming it on not enough condoms."

• "...the reason that the paradigm hasn't changed is partly because there's a multi-billion dollar a year [AIDS/HIV treatment] industry and the industry wants to keep going and part of it is the strong ideological belief that sexual freedom is more important than human life... The activists who influence AIDS policy have built a wall around sexual behavior, protecting it from attempts to change it. They have made AIDS prevention simply a matter of adopting technology (condoms, drugs), but not changing behavior. I am happy to say this situation is slowly changing as the danger of having multiple sex partners is finally becoming recognized, because the evidence cannot be ignored forever."

Worth reading

- Timothy's George's recent book, <u>J I Packer and the Evangelical Future: The Impact of His Life</u> and Thought, has just come out in paperback.
- The <u>White Horse Inn</u> is a website with many excellent articles, audio programs, all with the mission of "Helping Christians to know what they believe and why they believe it". Examples of recent online audio programs are: "The question of tolerance". "Christianity and popular culture", and "The future of Anglicanism".
- A South African priest <u>skillfully debunks</u> the oft-heard claim by liberals that the church should fully accept the life-style of members in "faithful, committed same-sex partnerships". He says, "...only God is truly faithful, and we practice faithfulness only when we are obedient to his word. Any lifestyle which flaunts the New Testament moral code maintained consistently and without exception by the church for two millennia can in no way be construed as living in faithfulness. On the contrary it is living in radical disobedience." He also says that to "...love people without speaking the gospel truth to them is to engage in sentimentality... we have to speak the truth in love, or we lull people into self deception and that is an ultimate betrayal."

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Point to ponder

"If you believe what you like in the Gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospels you believe, but yourself." – St Augustine (Or as ANiC member Linda McMullan puts it, "It is not up to you to change the message; it is the message that changes YOU.")

Please pray...

For those planning and preparing for **ANiC's November 11-13 synod and conference** – and consecration of our three new bishops.

For the many **ANiC projects and church plants** across the country. Praise God for Church of the Ascension (Langley), ANiC's newest parish.

For wisdom as ANiC seeks to find more effective ways of ministering to and encouraging "**Orphaned Anglicans**" who have no orthodox Anglican church in their community.

That we would **share the Good News** with those around us who need to meet our Lord & Saviour. For the legal cases

- For Mr Justice Stephen Kelleher as he reviews all the written material and considers his decision in the **Vancouver court case.** May God grant insight and discernment.
- For the **Windsor case** (involving St Aidan's) which is being dealt with in London.
- For the remaining issues being negotiated following the arbitration hearing involving St George's, St Hilda's and Good Shepherd in **Southern Ontario**.
- For the **congregations** involved in court proceedings and disputes. Pray for peace, particularly for the wardens and trustees who are on the front lines and bear the burden of responsibility. Pray for a continued focus on, and blessing upon, their ministry in the midst of this turmoil.
- For increased contributions to the **Legal Defence Fund** so that legal costs can be covered and the churchwardens and trustees are not at personal financial risk. The legal expenses in Ontario are expected to increase substantially as they begin to prepare for trials and the Ontario parishes need much more support.
- For the **leaders and parishioners of the dioceses** pursuing eviction of and damages against ANiC congregations and wardens in court.
- For **repentance and healing**, and that those being persecuted will be able to forgive so there can be hope for future reconciliation.

For the **Anglican Relief and Development Fund (Canada)** and those in government who are considering the application.

For the **Anglican Church in North America**, Archbishop Bob Duncan and the other dioceses. And for the Diocese of Melbourne synod as it considers a motion supporting ACNA.

For the voice of Biblically faithful Anglicans to be heard and heeded by the Anglican Church of Canada leadership.

For those devastated by natural disasters in South-east Asia, Oceania, India and East Africa.

For our **national**, **provincial and civic leaders** as well as for **our nation**. May God be pleased to grant repentance and cause a revival to sweep our land.

And now a word from our sponsor

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

"Come now, let us reason together", says the Lord: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."