



### *Handle with prayer*

#### **News – ANiC and AEN**

#### **ANiC synod updates**

Details of our synod, November 4-6 in Ottawa, are [on the website](#). Here are a few recent updates:

- There will be no charge for those who wish to attend only **Bishop Nazir Ali's presentation** on Friday evening. While registered delegates and observers will have reserved seating, remaining seats will be available on a "first come" basis.
- Drafts of the **canons and constitution** that synod will consider will be [posted to the website](#) next week.
- Although not yet confirmed, **AnglicanTV** may offer live webcasting of our synod.

#### **Asian Mission conference planned for March 21-22**

Bishop Stephen Leung is planning a major conference for 21-22 March 2011 in Vancouver, BC to launch ANiC's Asian Mission in Canada. This inaugural conference will take place primarily at Regent College in Vancouver. A number of speakers from across Canada and the US will address the theme, "*Discerning contemporary culture: Challenges and Christian ministry in a permissive age*". More information will be available soon.

#### **Clergy, please mark the dates**

A reminder that the 2011 ANiC clergy retreat is scheduled for March 29-31, in Sumas, Washington, just south of Abbotsford, BC. More details will follow.

#### **Registrar announcement**

We are sad to announce that ANiC's Registrar and Secretary of Synod, Mr Brian Ellis, has resigned effective October 1. In accepting Brian's resignation, our Moderator, Bishop Don Harvey, expressed his deep gratitude to Brian for his extraordinary dedication as our first Registrar.

*"Brian's meticulous attention to detail and thorough work has laid a firm foundation on which we can now continue to securely build as our identity as a Diocese in the Province of the Anglican Church in North America continues to evolve,"* says Bishop Don. *"The Board of Directors is very grateful to Brian for what obviously was a labour of love."*

After some reflection, Bishop Don is now able to announce Brian's successor as Registrar. The Reverend Tom Carman, Rector of St Aidan's Anglican Church in Windsor, has been appointed as ANiC's Registrar, effective immediately.

*"Father Tom brings many unique gifts to this office,"* says Bishop Don. *"The position of Registrar demands sensitivity to detail, and meticulously accurate record keeping for our clergy and parishes, including records of clergy licences and ordinations."*

Prior to ANiC becoming an ecclesial body in 2008, Father Tom served on ANiC's Servant Leadership Team. More recently he has used his significant computer expertise – and, according to Bishop Don, his boundless patience – to provide unofficial technical support to our Moderator.

Bishop Don will announce the appointments of Lay and Clerical Secretaries to Synod soon.

#### **Resources to help your church pray for the persecuted church**

November 14 has been designated the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. There are a [number of resources](#) available to help your parish participate in this prayer-focused event, including "prayer points", children's material, a devotional, a video, a bulletin insert, creative

suggestions, and suggested songs. The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada – of which ANiC is a member – is a partner in this effort. Please participate.

### **Clergy wanted...**

Please remember these needs in prayer:

- [Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd](#) (Vancouver, BC) [is seeking](#) an associate priest to work with Bishop Leung.
- [St Andrew's](#) (Tsawwassen, BC) is seeking a priest who is also a church planter.

### **Parish, church plant and ministry news**

**Christ The King (Toronto)** celebrates with a special commissioning service October 24 with Bishop Don Harvey (celebrant), Ruth Fazal (music) and the Rev Ray David Glenn (preaching) at [Blythwood Baptist Church](#), 80 Blythwood Road, Toronto. The 6:30pm service will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. All most welcome. [See poster](#).

**St Chad's (Toronto)** is offering an Alpha course. Those in Toronto can invite friends to come and investigate the meaning of life. Dinner is included. For information call 416.889.8248.

When: Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30pm, starting immediately

Where: St Chad's Anglican Church, Toronto, 155 Wychwood Ave (on the NE corner of Wychwood and St Clair, near Bathurst Street)

**St John's (Vancouver)** will host the [Liveword annual women's conference](#) on October 16. Registration closes October 13.

If your parish has news that would be of interest to others in ANiC, please [email Marilyn](#) or call 1-866-351-2642 extension 4020.

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

- Oct 7 – [St Alban's campus ministry](#) U of Ottawa speaking engagements with James KA Smith.
- Oct 7 – [Heritage Preaching Lectures](#) with Dr Darrell Johnson, Cambridge, ON
- Oct 10 – [International day](#) to pray for the world's poor and act to alleviate poverty
- Oct 15-17 – [ACiC regional conference](#), Richmond, BC
- Oct 16 – Billy Graham Association [Cross the Street conference](#), Burlington, ON
- Oct 23 – St John's Richmond, [Bible in a Day seminar](#)
- Oct 24, 6:30pm – [Christ The King \(Toronto\)](#) service of celebration and thanksgiving
- Nov 3 – Clergy day, Ottawa, ON
- Nov 4-6 – [ANiC synod](#) with featured speaker Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, Ottawa, ON
- Nov 14 – [International day of prayer](#) for the persecuted church
- Jan 25-27 – [ACNA 2011 church planting summit](#) in Plano, TX with speaker Tim Keller
- Jan 25-31 – Anglican Communion Primates meeting (Dublin, Ireland)
- March 21-22 – Asian Mission conference, Vancouver, BC
- March 29-31 – ANiC's 2011 pastors' retreat near Abbotsford, BC

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

#### **AMiA flag-ship church transfers to ACNA**

The large Plano Texas church which hosted Archbishop Bob Duncan's investiture in June 2009, [has transferred](#) into the Anglican Church in North America. Christ Church was, at that time, a member of the ACNA. However, when the Anglican Mission in the Americas (AMiA), of which Christ Church was also a member, later changed its relationship with the ACNA from being dioceses within ACNA to being Ministry Partners, Christ Church found itself outside ACNA.

Now with the consent of AMiA's Bishop Chuck Murphy, Christ Church is canonically transferring membership, coming directly under the oversight of Archbishop Duncan and the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The awkwardness for Christ Church and its rector, Canon David Roseberry, of not being a part of ANCA was that Canon Roseberry was leading the charge for ACNA on the [Anglican1000](#) church planting initiative – our province's commitment to plant 1000 new churches in

the first five years of our existence. The long-term hope is that Christ Church will form the nucleus of a new ACNA diocese in the Dallas area.

### **ACNA partner, the Anglican Coalition in Canada (ACiC), plans regional conference**

The Anglican Coalition in Canada is holding its regional conference October 15-17 at Richmond Emmanuel Church, Richmond, BC. The conference follows the ACiC annual general meeting on the morning of October 15. Conference keynote speakers are Bishop Silas Ng (ACiC) and Bishop Chuck Murphy (Anglican Mission in the Americas). ACiC is the Canadian branch of the Anglican Mission. All are welcome. For more information, see [the ACiC website](#).

### **Anglican Diocese of the South to consecrate first bishop**

On October 9, one of the newest dioceses in ACNA, the Anglican Diocese of the South, will consecrate Bishop-elect Dr Foley Beach as its first diocesan bishop. The [news release states](#) that *“Rev Beach is rector of Holy Cross Anglican in Loganville, Georgia and [he] will lead a diocese of 24 member and partner parishes from around the Southeast.”* Bishop Don and Trudy Harvey will represent ANiC at the consecration as they are en route to the ACNA clergy and spouse retreat in North Carolina next week.

### **ACNA to send first longer term missionary to Diocese of Argentina**

Father David Alenskis, who is preparing to work in Argentina with Archbishop Gregory Venables, is the first long-term missionary to be commissioned by the ACNA Diocese of Western Anglicans. You can see an [interview with Father David](#) and [explore his website](#).

### **ACNA church opens free clinic in Virginia**

St Margaret’s Anglican Church in Woodbridge, Virginia [has officially opened](#) a free clinic for low-income and uninsured patients in its community.

### **Bishop calls lawsuit “vindictive”**

Bishop Jack Iker [comments on the latest lawsuit](#) filed by the Episcopal Church, which he calls preposterous and vindictive. *“Having struck out at the diocesan convention and struck out at the state court level, the minority faction filed this new lawsuit in federal court over the same trademarks as in the state court case. It looks like they are shopping for a new judge... [W]e are confident that the minority faction will not be any more successful in federal court than they have been in state court... The lawsuit is vindictive because it is aimed personally at me, as an individual. I do not use the trademarks personally – the diocese uses them! ...The question still remains: Why would they not accept our [earlier] offer to transfer title of their property to them and avoid all this costly litigation?”*

### **Anglican Perspective videos**

The American Anglican Council is producing short weekly videos on various topics of interest to Anglicans. Recent Anglican Perspective videos have dealt with [moral compromise](#) and the tragedy of a recent high-profile [teen suicide](#).

### **More ACNA news**

Savannah Morning News – Oct 3 2010 – [Religious groups urge court to side with Christ Church](#)

### **News shorts – Canada**

#### **Dr Sumner offers his thoughts on the need for catechesis**

In an [Anglican Journal editorial](#), Dr George Sumner (Wycliffe College, Toronto) links the financial challenges faced by the Anglican Church of Canada to the need for catechesis (theological teaching) and evangelistic promotion of the ACoC.

### **Christ the Way conference, Burlington, ON**

Those in the Burlington area should consider attending the *Christ the Way* conference, November 6 at Wellington Square Church, 2121 Caroline St, Burlington. Bishops Charlie Masters and Malcolm

Harding were keynote speakers at this inter-denominational conference in previous years. This year's speaker is Bruxy Cavey. For information and registration, see the [conference website](#).

## Other Canadian news

Anglican Journal – October 5 2010 – [Restructuring announced at General Synod offices](#)

## News shorts – US

### TEC bishop appeals to fellow bishops to oppose power grab

[Writing for the Living Church News Service](#), Bishop Mark Lawrence (South Carolina) attempts to urgently stir lethargic TEC bishops to action, to oppose the presiding bishop's unprecedented and unconstitutional power grabs, "*lest the polity and practice of TEC be changed*". He chooses a clever environmentalist motif to make his point, likening the Episcopal Church (TEC) to an old growth forest being clear cut. "*My concern here is that as the church's polity is felled only a few bother to cry "timber".*" Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori he likens to a "*rapacious lumberjack*" felling "*trees indiscriminately*" as "*she and her chancellor are felling our polity*" by profoundly overreaching the presiding bishop's authority.

Bishop Lawrence declares, "*Every diocesan bishop and standing committee, indeed every Episcopalian, ought to realize that if the presiding bishop and her chancellor are allowed to dictate to bishops or standing committees... then we have entered into a new era of unprecedented hierarchy and autocratic leadership... The axe swinging to rid TEC of its troublesome clerics... is becoming an environmental disaster. The presiding bishop and her unelected chancellor intruding into diocesan independence; Title IV revisions [regarding clergy discipline] that undercut due process and the constitutionally given right of a diocese's ecclesiastical authority; depositions hurried for litigious convenience, while never addressing the deeper theological problems: all of these are strokes of the axe hacking at the stately grove of TEC. Just maybe, somewhere, an ecclesiastical John Muir [a nineteenth century environmentalist] will emerge, but if so, he'd better find his voice soon. For the sound that's coming from TEC these days is the sound of falling trees.*"

## News shorts – International

### The Global South's frustration with the structures of the Communion

A [Church of England Newspaper article](#) on historic and Global South perspectives on Anglican Ecclesiology states that, "*At the All African Bishops Meeting in Entebbe in August, discussion of the Anglican Covenant among the gathered bishops took a decided second place to the conciliar programme for a renewed Anglican ecclesiology propounded by Rwanda and the Global South group of churches... Frustration with the present model of "instruments of Communion" and objections to an international church that centered round the authority of an English bishop not accountable to the wider church, has fueled discussion within the Global South about new ways of ordering the church.*"

### Dr Ephraim Radner analyzes the four broken "Instruments of Unity"

In a [paper posted on the Anglican Communion Institute website](#), the Rev Dr Ephraim Radner (Wycliffe College) expresses his surprise at how quickly the Communion has crumbled since Bishop Gene Robinson's consecration in 2003. He says, "At this point, all the so-called Instruments of...Unity for the Anglican Communion are broken, some, it seems to me, beyond any hope of repair... With the demise of the Instruments of Unity, the question of the Anglican Communion's survival and vocation is necessarily raised."

He assigns primary responsibility for the **Primates' Meeting** "quickly [sinking] into obscurity as a body" to "a failure to carry through on the part of the Archbishop of Canterbury" the discipline outlined in the Primates Communique following the 2007 Dar es Salaam meeting.

The **Lambeth Conference** was rendered ineffectual by: both the boycott of the 2008 gathering by about 1/4 of the bishops in the Communion, likely representing a majority of global Anglicans; and by "The agenda of the meeting, that sought to eschew decision-making... in favor of discussion... at a time of obvious confusion". "In one fell swoop, the Lambeth Conference as the Communion's must



(sic) august and authoritative council... lapsed into a marginal position..."

Regarding the **Archbishop of Canterbury**, the traditional *"gatherer"* and *"bishop primus inter pares"* and *"focus of unity"*, he says, *"...it is undeniable that the office has lost its stature within the Communion... Does anybody listen to Canterbury anymore? What the present situation indicates is that the Communion herself, including perhaps the Archbishop of Canterbury, has become deeply confused and conflicted about the very nature and active demands of Canterbury's "moral authority", and that this confusion has come to color the office itself."* Dr Radner anticipates that increasingly the Archbishop of Canterbury will align with the liberal western provinces, but advises the Global South not to replace Canterbury.

The fourth instrument of unity, the **Anglican Consultative Council (ACC)**, *"...became, along with its ongoing executive arm, the Anglican Communion Office, the place-setter for a range of common enterprises and discussions"*. However, in more recent years, it offered *"... a ready arena for political maneuverings" which ultimately "...left the group, by mid-2010 without any public or even private credibility."* Dr Radner pronounces the ACC "defunct" and "altogether finished".

The result of this collapse of the instruments of unity is that *"the Anglican Communion herself moves from ad hoc disruptions in her common life to de facto structural disintegration"*. He goes on to point out that a *"failure to be honest"* has eroded the credibility of the instruments of unity, that continued gathering of these dysfunctional bodies given the worsening division has been a mistake, and that *"lack of leadership has left us drifting"*.

As far as solutions go, he advises we *"be less demanding of immediate solutions; more patient with less structured relations"*. He also proposes a *"moratorium"* on meetings of the instruments – except for the Lambeth Conference which he sees *"as the only real continuity into the future"*. Despite the bleak picture he paints of crumbled Communion structures, Dr Radner concludes on a hopeful note, saying *"...individual Anglicans and their congregations are going to be drawn into new forms of witness, ones they perhaps never imagined, in a sense more globally bonded because less tethered to structures whose strength lay in local orderings we have now outgrown"*.

### **Bishop Mouneer Anis' leadership in a broken Communion**

An editorial in The Churchman (an international Anglican journal produced by the [Church Society](#)) and [posted on VirtueOnline](#) provides a synopsis of the continued devolution of the Communion with specific focus on the importance and implications of Presiding Bishop Mouneer Anis' (Middle East) resignation earlier this year from the powerful Anglican Consultative Council Standing Committee. It says, *"Bishop Mouneer was one of the very few voices from the non-Western world who was still supporting the Archbishop of Canterbury, and his disillusionment will be seen by many as evidence that such support is pointless... it now seems obvious that the [bureaucracy of] the Anglican Communion will accept the American Episcopal Church (TEC) without serious reservation, making its activities legitimate within Anglicanism, if only by default... TEC's behaviour will remain the elephant in the room that nobody wants to notice, and eventually the odour given off by that elephant will permeate the entire structure of the Communion."*

The article then goes on to discuss why ACNA has not been recognized yet by official Communion bodies and the Church of England and states, *"It is well known that there are many senior Anglican figures in England who would rather see the whole of Africa depart the Communion than lose the small but wealthy American church, and whose personal sympathies lie with the radical agenda now being canonised in the USA."* It concludes by speculating on Presiding Bishop Anis' future role: *"Can it be that just as God raised up Moses to lead his people out of slavery, and centuries later allowed his Son to flee persecution by taking refuge on the banks of the Nile, that he is now calling his servant Mouneer Anis to point the way ahead for Anglicans everywhere who wish to remain faithful to the Gospel of Christ in spite of suffering and persecution?"*

### **Another option for Church of England members who oppose women bishops**

Forward in Faith [has announced](#) that a group of bishops in the Church of England have launched a

society- the [Mission Society of St Wilfrid and St Hilda](#) – for people in the Church who oppose the ordination of female bishops, but who wish to remain in the Church of England rather than convert to Roman Catholicism. Draft legislation is currently being debated at regional synods in the Church of England and will return to General Synod in 2012 for approval. The [Church Times reports](#) that, in the coming weeks, detailed plans and a theological foundation for the Society will be developed.

### **Archbishop of Canterbury blows it in a press conference**

Even members of the British media were shocked when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, in [an interview with a London Times journalist](#) replied “Pass” when asked if he hoped one day partnered homosexual bishops would be acceptable.

### **Divisions within the *Traditional Anglican Communion* intensify**

Some within the Anglican denomination that had lobbied the Vatican for years for an accommodation for Anglicans to be admitted en masse to the Roman Catholic Church are having second thought. The Traditional Anglican Communion, headed by Archbishop John Hepworth, had earlier determined to accept the resulting offer from the pope – in the form of the “Anglicanorum Coetibus” – that would allow them to become Roman Catholics while retaining some Anglican traditions. However, [VirtueOnline reports](#) that three bishops are now lobbying to instead join the Anglican Province of America, another “continuing” Anglican denomination.

### **News in brief from around the world and around the Communion**

**All Africa Bishops conference** – [AnglicanTV has posted](#) the 45 minute final news conference in which Archbishops Anis (Middle East) and Ernest (Indian Ocean) present the conference’s final statement and a panel of six primates answer questions. A [Church Times article](#) highlights Archbishop Ernest’s statement that he would not attend the next Primates’ Meeting called for January 2011 if TEC’s primate is present – and TEC’s presiding bishop has already stated that she will attend the meeting. The article goes on to say, “*Primates of the Global South are expected to meet this month to discuss whether they will refuse en masse to attend.*”

**South Africa** – The [Anglican Communion News Service reports](#) that the Anglican Church of Southern Africa has voted to adopt the Anglican Covenant. However, the decision must be ratified by at the next synod in three years’ time.

**Sudan** – An [article in the Fort Worth Star Telegram](#) recounts the story of one of Sudan’s newest bishops, Abraham Yel Nhial. Bishop Abraham was one of the Sudan’s “lost boys” who survived harrowing experiences as he escaped the violence in the Sudan. He eventually ended up in the US where he went to Trinity School of Ministry in Ambridge, PA. He was in Fort Worth for the recent Anglican Relief and Development Fund’s board meeting.

Dr Rowan Williams [has told the BBC](#) that he fears Sudan is sliding back towards civil war. The predominately Muslim government based in the north is dragging its feet on implementing a promised referendum on independence in the oil rich south – scheduled for 9 January 2011. Primate of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, Archbishop Daniel Deng, is afraid the north is looking for an excuse to invade the south and reignite war. He is urging foreign intervention.

**Nigeria** – The [Church of England Newspaper reports](#) that, the Bishop of Ngbo, Bishop Christian Ebisike, was released unharmed one day after being abducted at gunpoint by kidnappers in Southeastern Nigeria’s Ebonyi State. “*It is not known if a ransom was paid.*” This is the second time a Nigerian bishop has been kidnapped this year.

**Pakistan** – [Compass Direct News reports](#) that a mob of Muslim extremists lead by three local politicians severely beat dozens of Christians in the Christian colony of Mohalla Kalupura, Gujrat city. The unrelenting violence – coupled with the corrupt, ineffectual legal system – has precipitated public demonstrations by Christians in front of the parliament building in the capital city Islamabad.

It is [also reported](#) that Islamic extremists recently shot and killed a Christian lawyer, together with his wife and five children in their home in northwestern Pakistan.

**Egypt** – [Assist News Service reports](#) that radical Islamists are attempting to foment religious persecution and violence against Christians and specifically the Egyptian Coptic Church. Recent media broadcasts have included false accusations such as that the Coptic Church is in league with Israel and is stockpiling weapons.

**Kenya** – [Details are now coming to light](#) that would suggest the August 1990 car accident that killed Anglican Bishop Alexander Kipsang Muge, an outspoken critic of the Kenyan government at that time, was premeditated and orchestrated by government officials.

**Somali** – One of the most lawless countries on earth is also one of the most dangerous for Christians. Although Christians represent a tiny minority, they are persecuted relentlessly and must practice their faith secretly. It is even dangerous for Christians to have a Bible in their home. In a recent incident [Compass News reports](#) that the daughter of a Christian family was kidnapped by Islamic militants. Pray that God would protect and safely return Anab to her devastated family.

### Other international news

Church of England Newspaper – September 24 2010 – [Kunonga grabs two more churches](#)

Church of England Newspaper – October 1 2010 – [Bishop defends honours for Robert Mugabe](#)

Church of England Newspaper – October 1 2010 – [2011 primates meeting set for Dublin](#)

Church of England Newspaper – October 1 2010 – [Israel is an apartheid state, archbishop declares](#)

Church of England Newspaper – October 1 2010 – [...bishop resigns on the eve of misconduct trial](#)

Church of England Newspaper – October 1 2010 – [Christianity will keep... Europe alive, Pope says](#)

Church of England Newspaper – October 1 2010 – [Archbishop warns of civil war in the Sudan](#)

Church of England Newspaper – October 8 2010 – [Anglican Covenant and the Jerusalem](#)

[Declaration offered for study to the Anglican Church of Australia](#)

The Standard [Zimbabwe] – September 26 2010 – [\[Bishop\] Kunonga behaves like... gorilla](#)

Church Times – October 8 2010 – [If Jefferts Schori is at meeting, I won't come, says Primate](#)

Anglican Communion News Service – October 8 2010 – [Archbishops appeal to government, international community as Sudan approaches referendum](#)

### Soul food

#### Just for laughs

A short, humorous segment of the British comedy “Yes, Prime Minister” is [posted on YouTube](#). It touches on the liberalism in the Anglican Church.

### Worth reading & watching

- For those wishing more insight into the Emerging Church – and what appears to be a distorted gospel – you will want to [read Tim Challies' review](#) of Brian McLaren's recent book.
- A former Muslim gives a powerful testimony [on The 700 Club](#) of his amazing journey to faith in Christ.
- Cranmer's Curate offers a [more detailed review](#) of Charles Raven's new book on the Archbishop of Canterbury – *Shadow Gospel: Rowan Williams and the Anglican Communion Crisis* – which he calls “an elegantly written theological thriller” and “a theological investigative report of the highest quality”.
- The 2010 Desiring God national conference is over but the audio and video of the sessions, featuring top Christian leaders, are [now posted online](#). The theme of the conference was “Think: The Life of the Mind & the Love of God”.
- Dr Gerald Bray, of Beeson Divinity School, offers a [brief overview](#) of the origins of the Prayer Book and the Thirty-Nine articles on the Ligonier Ministries website, founded by R C Sproul.

## Resources – A challenge to understand and teach God’s “big picture”

[Canadian Christianity reports](#) that many Christian young people are woefully ignorant of the Bible. Annual Bible knowledge tests taken by incoming college students at one of the US’s preeminent evangelical colleges, Wheaton College, expose the failure of churches to teach basic Bible knowledge. Although students love the Lord, their faith lacks a solid Bible foundation. The solution, according to Wheaton professor Gary Burge is for churches to adopt a “curricular approach that tells the story” of the Bible.

Two ANiC clergy, the Revs Sean Love and David McElrea are developing a tool for increasing Bible literacy – the [Bible in a Day seminar](#). The seminar will be offered at St John’s Richmond on October 23. This seminar provides God’s “big picture”, a coherent overview of the Bible that helps people better understand how all the parts fit together.

If you can’t wait for the *Bible in a Day* seminar to come to a venue near you, you can get one of the resources used in the seminar: Vaughn Roberts’ book, *God’s Big Picture*.

And you can listen to a [highly recommended 53 minute message](#) given to pastors at a 9Marks conference by well-known Washington, DC pastor and author Mark Dever. The message offers a high-level overview of God’s big picture and convincingly demonstrates the importance of understanding the whole of the Bible. Some of his key points are:

- The Old Testament, which we too often ignore, is a specific, earthy history of God working with His people where we see what God is like, His character, His passion for holiness as well as His passion for relationship. It provides the needed context for understanding the fulfilment in Jesus Christ of God’s promises and prophecies made in the Old Testament. Unless we understand the full picture, that God is a God who makes promises and keeps them, we struggle with being in relationship with God because we don’t have a solid foundation for trusting Him.
- The Bible is a whole. The riddle of how God can forgive the wicked – how we as sinful people can be reconciled to a holy God – is laid out in the Old Testament, perhaps most clearly in Exodus 34:6-7. And the solution to that riddle is revealed in Jesus Christ in the New Testament, for example in Revelation 5 where the slain Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, is found worthy to open the scroll.
- The New Testament is the story of how the promises made in the Old Testament are and will be fulfilled. It is about how we, who are committed to following Christ, can be the Covenant people of God.
- Books Mark Dever recommends include Vaughn Robert’s *God’s Big Picture*, as well as:  
 JI Packer, *God has Spoken*  
 Graham Goldsworthy, *Gospel and Kingdom*  
 Ed Clowney, *The Unfolding Mystery*  
 Michael Lawrence, *Biblical Theology in the Life of the Church: A Guide for Ministry*

## Please pray...

For preparations for **ANiC’s 2010 synod** in Ottawa, November 4-6.

For our **bishops and clergy** and their families – especially those battling illness.

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 three BC Court of Appeal judges considering the decision regarding the use and beneficial ownership of Vancouver-area ANiC parish properties and a bequest, as well as the awarding of court costs.

For the other legal challenges faced by ANiC parishes, including:

- The mediation process involving **St George’s & St Alban’s (Ottawa)** and their former Anglican Church of Canada diocese.



- The ongoing litigation involving **St Aidan's (Windsor)** and the ANiC parishes in the Niagara Diocese region, resulting in mounting 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.

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

For those affected by devastating storm damage and flooding in **Newfoundland**.

For funding of the **ARDFC's** [malaria prevention project in Kenya](#).

For **persecuted Christians**, especially in Muslim lands.

For a fair and peaceful referendum in the **Sudan** in January.

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

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.

### **And now a word from our sponsor**

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah  
that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*

*The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.  
God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

*Psalms 67*