

ANIC Newsletter 28 October 2014

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ANiC news

ANIC and ACNA events calendar

November 2 – Church of Our Lord celebrates its 140th anniversary

November 4 – Pre-synod equipping workshops, Ottawa, ON

November 5-7 – ANIC Synod 2014 in Ottawa, ON

November 9 – International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (See resources here.)

November 14-15 – Dig and Delve Apologetics Conference, Ottawa, ON

November 16 – Grady Buhler will be ordained a deacon at St Timothy's (North Vancouver, BC)

November 16, 4pm – Michelle Terwilleger+ installed as St Peter & St Paul's associate rector

November 20-21 – 1st meeting of the new ANiC synod council in Vancouver, BC

November 21-23 – Bishop Charlie holds meetings in Victoria, BC (See website for details)

November 28-30 – Bishop Charlie holds meetings in Montreal, QC (See website for details)

December 6, 1pm – Ordination of Trudy Hardy as deacon at St Luke's, Pembroke, ON

December 12-14 – Bishop Charlie holds meetings in New England (See website for details)

December 13, 7pm – Jacob Moon Christmas Concert for refugees at St Peter & St Paul's (Ottawa)

January 22-25 – Bishop Charlie holds meetings in Greater Toronto (See website for details)

February 5-8 – Bishop Charlie holds meetings in Ottawa/Pembroke (See website for details)

February 13-15 – Bishop Charlie holds meetings in St John's, NL (See website for details)

February 15 – Alex Pryor+ to be ordained to the priesthood at <u>Good Samaritan</u> (St John's, NL)

February 24-25 – Southern Ontario clergy event at Faith Mission (Milton) – Information to come

May 14 – March for Life 2015 in Ottawa

May 26-28 - AMMiC mini-conference in Richmond, BC

June 22-26 – ACNA Executive Cabinet, Council, College of Bishops meetings in Vancouver

News on Synod 2014 & pre-Synod workshops (November 4-7 in Ottawa)

With only a week until synod starts, please keep this important event, and all those involved in organizing it, in prayer. Although registration is now close, the November 6 (Thursday) evening installation service for our diocesan bishop is open to all; no need to be registered. Full information on synod is posted on the ANIC website. Be sure to consult the agenda for last minute changes, including a change of preacher.

If you are coming – to synod and/or the installation service – and are bringing a camera, Marilyn would appreciate receiving some of your better shots of synod events, delegates, speakers, etc. The best will be posted online. Thanks!

If you're not able to join us in Ottawa, you can follow along at home! <u>Anglican TV</u> will be covering key sessions and services. In addition, the <u>AEC blog</u> will post occasional summaries.

We also will launch a new ANIC blog which will feature synod highlights and (hopefully) photos. After synod this blog will be devoted to supporting and encouraging ministry within ANIC – especially Bishop Charlie's 5 priority ministries.

Ordinations

Trudy Hardy will be ordained a deacon on December 6 (St Nicholas Day) at 1pm at <u>St Luke's</u> (Pembroke, ON). She will continue a church planting ministry at <u>Grace Anglican</u> in Mississippi Mills.

The Rev Alexander Pryor will be ordained to the priesthood on February 15 at <u>Good Samaritan</u> (St John's, NL).

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church – Sunday, November 9
Let's join with over half a million churches in 150 countries in praying for Christian believers who are suffering, even dying, for their faith. Resources for churches are here.

Ottawa ANiC church in lock-down during terrorists attack

St Peter and St Paul's (Ottawa), where our synod will be in a few days, is only a couple blocks from the war memorial and the Parliament buildings, so where the terrorist attack occurred on October 22, the rector, the Rev Paul Donison, and those in the church building went into lock down. During the lock down, Paul+ recorded a video which you can see here. During the five hours locked in the church, they received calls of concern and support from a number of people including Bishop Charlie and four other ACNA. Paul was interviewed hours later on an Australian radio station, an interview you can hear here.

Bishop Charlie also responded to the tragic day's events by issuing a statement which concluded, "My prayer is that we, as individuals and as a nation, will be shaken from our complacency and turn to God. In just a few days, when the Anglican Network in Canada holds its annual synod at St Peter & St Paul's Anglican Church in Ottawa, just blocks from yesterday's shooting, we will devote focused time on praying for our nation."

More opportunities to support the Cuba church

Five new pressing partnership needs have been posted on the ANiC website. If your church has not yet partnered with a Cuban church plant, this is your opportunity. You can see which ANiC churches are already partnered here. Churches interested in supporting the ministry in Cuba should contact the Rev Barclay Mayo who is planning to take 5-6 pastors and church leaders to Cuba on a vision trip, February 15-21. Contact information is here.

Christmas concert at St Peter & St Paul's to benefit Iraqi & Syrian refugees, Dec 13

St Peter and St Paul's (Ottawa) is hosting a Jacob Moon Band concert on December 13 at 7pm with part proceeds donated to ARDFC to aid Iraqi and Syrian refugees. Read more here and plan to attend. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC) – Christmas gift cards
Want to give meaningful gifts this year? Give ARDFC Christmas gift cards. These cards let the
recipient know that a donation has been made in their honour which is helping to build a pediatric
ward operated by the Diocese of Yei in South Sudan. This year we are offering two versions of the
card, one of which can be downloaded and printed on our home colour printer. See the ARDFC's website for more information or contact the ARDFC ambassador in your parish.

The pediatric ward which we are sponsoring is now built, so there is increased urgency for us to raise the remaining funds so the Diocese of Yei can pay the bills. You can learn more about the project on the ARDFC website as well as see photos of the construction and opening of the ward.

Changes at AMMiC

ANiC's Asian and Multicultural Ministries in Canada (<u>AMMiC</u>) has announced the interim appointments of Nona Leung, wife of Bishop Stephen Leung, as ministry coordinator and Alvin Ng as webmaster.

ANiC member news

- Bishop Ken Short, father of Canon David Short (St John's Vancouver), passed away
 October 19. David+ preached at his father's funeral service, which was held with military
 honours, at St Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney, Australia on Monday, October 27. Bishop
 Short was bishop of all the armed forces for Australia. The Sydney Anglicans website has
 photos and full coverage of funeral and Canon Short's sermon based on Revelation 21.
- Because of this, David+ will not be able to preach at the ANiC synod as planned; however the Rev Keith Ganzer has graciously agreed to step in and fulfill this commitment for David+,

preaching on the theme of synod drawn from Luke 24:44-53. Please remember the Shorts as well as Keith+ in prayer.

- On October 22, Dr James Packer (Honourary Assistant, St John's Vancouver) <u>celebrated 70</u> <u>years</u> as a follower of Christ.
- The Rev Alastair Sterne <u>has a post</u> on the Gospel Coalition website entitled, "Laboring that Vancouver might reflect the beauty of Christ".
- Congratulations to Trudy Harvey and her husband, our founding diocesan Bishop Don Harvey, who celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss on October 31.

Parish and regional news

Ottawa, ON – Church of the Messiah and St Peter and St Paul's are among the sponsors – and Canon George Sinclair (Church of the Messiah) is chairman – of an annual apologetics conference, called "<u>Dig and Delve</u>", which will be held at Ottawa's Little Theatre on **November 14-16**. The top notch speakers will explore the question of whether the New Testament is "fact or fabrication". For more information see the <u>conference website</u>. Do plan to attend and bring your friends!

<u>Good Shepherd</u> (Vancouver, BC) celebrated 125 years of faithful Gospel ministry with a service and banquet on October 19.

Church of Our Lord (Victoria, BC) – The Ven Ron Corcoran plans to step down in February as the co-rector of Church of Our Lord after 35 years of being involved in parish ministry. He is stepping aside as it is his desire that younger clergy have an opportunity for a curacy and gain experience as a rector. The bishop has requested Ron+ remain on as archdeacon of Vancouver Island; he plans to remain very active in ANiC.

<u>St Peter & St Paul's</u> (Ottawa, ON) has appointed <u>the Rev Michelle Terwilleger</u> as associate rector. She will be installed on Sunday November 16 at 4pm with Bishop Charlie Masters presiding. Michelle+ comes to ANiC from the ACNA Diocese of the Great Lakes.

Church of All Nations, Japanese (Vancouver, BC) – The Rev Shihoko Warren (Church of All Nations, Japanese) reports that 66 people attended a harvest celebration and baptism in Richmond, BC. This included many who volunteer with All Nations' New Eden Garden Ministry. In addition to the harvest party potluck and the baptism, there was opportunity to share the Gospel with those who do not attend church. See the photos here. Also, All Nations is beginning a puppet ministry.

Sojourn Church (Vancouver, BC) has a nifty <u>new website</u> and is swelling the ranks of ANiC church <u>blogs</u>.

Got parish news? Let the rest of us know about it! **Email Marilyn**.

Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) news

Literature – New ACNA brochure

Have a look at the ACNA's <u>new brochure</u> which you can download and print to have available for church visitors or anyone wishing to know more about our province.

Coverage of Archbishop Foley Beach's investiture

Our new Primate Archbishop Foley Beach was installed on October 9. You'll find links to news releases, photos, news coverage and even video of the 3½- hour service all on the ACNA website.

In his sermon, Archbishop Foley Beach outlined his desired four marks of ACNA (similar to ANiC's five ministry priorities), which he said were:

- 1. A repenting church
- 2. A reconciling church
- 3. A reproducing (disciplining) church
- 4. A relentlessly compassionate church

Archbishop Beach's investiture caused some ripples in the Anglican Communion when GAFCon and of Anglican Communion Global South primates – representing the majority of global Anglicans – participated in the investiture. They then released a statement saying they received him "as a fellow Primate of the Anglican Communion". They also pledged their "continued partnership with the Anglican Church in North America to pursue the work of Christ." This pointed statement followed hard on the heels of the Archbishop of Canterbury's media in which he said the ACNA was not part of the Anglican Communion, but an ecumenical partner.

Later, in <u>a radio interview</u>, Archbishop Beach says that the Archbishop of Canterbury has the authority to say who he is in communion with, but not who is part of the Anglican Communion

Bishop Greg Venables, former primate of what is now the Anglican Church of South America (formerly the Southern Cone), also spoke at the investiture and, and brought congratulations and greetings from Pope Francis. A script of this message is on Canon Kendall Harmon's TitusOneNine blog. An article in The Telegraph reported: "Underlining the challenge faced by Archbishop Welby... Bishop Venables added: "This is a celebration of true Anglicanism. This evening meeting in this place is the majority of the Anglican Communion, this evening here the majority of the Anglican Communion is represented because the vast majority in the Anglican Communion believe that the word of God is true, believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God, and believe that he is our only hope as we move forward.""

Additional coverage is available on <u>VirtueOnline</u> and <u>Anglican Ink</u> and <u>AnglicanTV</u>. In addition, Bishop Bill Atwood offered his usual insightful thoughts in an American Anglican <u>newsletter article</u> – in which he also recounts a recent incident which clearly demonstrated that the Anglican Church in Malaysia unambiguously demonstrated that it was in communion with the ACNA, but not with the US Episcopal Church.

Shortly after, Archbishop Beach's installation, the synod of the Diocese of Sydney (Australia) passed a resolution which both embraced GAFCon and congratulated ++Beach "recognizing synod's desire to be in full communion with the ACNA".

More ACNA news

- Speaking to a congregation in Rome, Georgia, Archbishop Foley Beach <u>said</u> that he'd be visiting and preaching in Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar and Australia in November and still returning home in time for US Thanksgiving.
- The ACNA College of Bishops <u>has received</u> Bishop Peter Beckwith, former diocesan for the US Episcopal Church Diocese of Springfield. He will serve as assisting bishop in the ACNA Diocese of the Great Lakes.
- The Rev Dr Steven Peay has been named the new dean and president of Nashotah House.

Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans and Anglican Communion news

GAFCon chairman's October pastoral letter

In his October pastoral letter, GAFCon chairman and Primate of Kenya, Eliud Wabukala discussed the restructuring of the global Anglican Communion. He stated that "...the investiture [of the ACNA's Archbishop Foley Beach] demonstrated that the realignment of the Anglican Communion is now established and unstoppable ... The task before us now therefore is that of rebuilding, developing institutions and networks which help rather than hinder the proclamation of the gospel and reflect the new thing God in his mercy is doing in the Anglican Communion."

More of the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent statements

Canon Phil Ashey offers an <u>excellent response</u> to the Archbishop of Canterbury's logically contradictory statements in early October. Canon Ashey writes, "How do we square his declaration on Monday [October 6] "There is no Anglican Pope. Decisions are made collectively and collegially," with his unilateral declaration the previous Friday [October 3] that ACNA is not part of

the Anglican Communion because he (Canterbury) has not recognized us?" The article is worth reading as it nicely synthesizes the elements of the debate.

<u>Anglican Unscripted</u> commentators also discuss the irony and muddled thinking shown by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his attempting to define who is and who isn't Anglican.

In discussing Archbishop Welby's comments, one factor the commentators do not consider is that the Archbishop of Canterbury's statements come immediately following GAFCon Primates <a href="https://hatch.com

International news in brief

Canada – The Anglican Church in Canada's marriage commission <u>received dozens</u> of submissions prior to the September 30 deadline. The Rev Brett Cane tells us the submissions were running two to one against changing the canon.

United States

- The US Episcopal Church continues its decline according to 2013 statistics. An <u>Anglican Ink</u> article states, "The 2013 reporting year saw a continuation of the downward trend, with a membership drop of 27,423 to 1,866,758 (1.4 percent) while attendance dropped 16,451 to 623,691 (2.6 percent). A net 45 parishes were closed, and the denomination has largely ceased to plant new congregations." These statistics however, do not reflect some departed churches; the 28,000+ members of the Diocese of South Carolina, which left TEC in 2012, are still included. AnglicanTV commentators also discussed the numbers.
- In a legal dispute over a new ordinance which would, among other things, allow transgender individuals to use the washroom of the gender they choose, City of Houston attorneys have subpoenaed sermons and other documents anything having to do with homosexuality or gender identity from five city pastors. Dr Albert Mohler calls this action "nothing less than ruthless thuggery by an elected public servant [the mayor] and her attorney"... What she is doing amounts to raw political intimidation."
- In Idaho, Coeur d'Alene officials <u>have told</u> two ordained ministers that they must officiate at same-sex weddings or face fines and jail time.

England

- Reform, which is committed to calling the Church of England back to conformity to Holy Scripture, released a statement expressing its dismay that the objectives agreed to by General Synod on the "shared conversations" on Scripture, Sexuality and Mission Had been arbitrarily changed by the House of Bishops. Saying this change resulted in orthodox Anglicans being excluded from the process, it called on its members not to participate in the process. Reform Council chairman Rod Thomas said, "It is difficult to see how the process... can command credibility if those who are most committed to the Church of England's official teaching are in effect excluded... The shared conversations must acknowledge that Scripture remains authoritative for the Church of England and that the outcome of the conversations is genuinely open-ended. Unless that is clarified and the recently announced new objective is withdrawn, we cannot see a way forward." Anglican Ink has more on this.
- A survey of 1500 Church of England clergy found that four out of ten believe that Christianity
 is only the "best" path to God, but not the only way and one in 50 believe God is entirely a
 human construct. For more, see this *Christian Today* article.

- Anglican Ink reports that "The House of Bishops of the General Synod of the Church of England... have released a joint statement urging Parliament to back a motion recognizing Palestine as an independent state."
- The Telegraph reports that "The House of Lords has approved plans for women to become bishops in the Church of England in a historic debate which clears the way for the first female members of the episcopate within months". The Queen now has also given royal ascent.
- The chairman of Forward in Faith (UK), Church of England Bishop Jonathan Baker (Fulham) has sought and been given permission from the Archbishop of Canterbury to remarry following his divorce. As Anglican Ink reports, this action is "...at odds with the public position taken by Forward in Faith on divorce and remarriage". The matter is discussed further on Anglican Unscripted.

Ukraine – <u>International Christian Concern reports</u> that non-Orthodox Christians in Eastern Ukraine and Crimea have been arbitrarily detained, abducted and even executed and their church have been destroyed or confiscated for use as barracks, warehouses and armories by separatist pro-Russian militants.

South America – The Anglican Province which is very dear to ANiC members and once called the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone is now the Anglican Province of South America. This announcement was made at the investiture of the Primate of ACNA, Archbishop Foley Beach.

Iraq – The *National Post* carries <u>an article</u> on Canon Andrew White who ministers in Baghdad, in which he reports on some of the atrocities committed by the ruthless ISIS (also called Islamic State or ISIL) militias and expresses the view that "*US President Barack Obama made the mistake of pulling out of Iraq before the country could guarantee the safety of the people."* Canon White believes that only western ground troops will be able to counter the ISIS treat.

With winter approaching, <u>Christian Today reports</u> that the hundreds of thousands displaced by ISIS are in additional danger from lack of warm clothing and housing. ARDFC <u>is collecting donations</u> to send via the Archbishop Mouneer Anis to help agencies ministering to Iraqi refugees.

<u>Mission Network News reports</u> that Iraqis are more open to the Gospel, with many finding new life in Jesus Christ. Pray for the Christians ministering in this dangerous area.

Pakistan

- Aasia Bibi's appeal of her death sentence under Pakistan's infamous blasphemy law has been denied. She has been in prison since being falsely accused by Muslim coworkers in 2009. Please pray for Aasia and her family. <u>Barnabas Fund suggests</u> writing your elected representatives.
- Those affected by last year's bombing of All Saints Church (Peshawar, Pakistan) report they
 are still waiting for justice and for the government to deliver on its promises. <u>Anglican News</u>
 reports that "According to data collected by the Diocese of Peshawar, the September 2013
 attack left 54 children orphaned, 16 widows, seven widowers. Five people that were critically
 injured are still recovering and seven others have been significantly disabled."
- <u>Asia News reports</u> that young Christian girls are still being kidnapped and forced to marry and convert to Islam.

India – <u>One News Now reports</u> that violence against Christians and other religious minorities in India has skyrocketed since the election in May of a party linked to Hindu radicalism, with 600 attacks reported since the election in one province alone.

Egypt – Presiding Bishop Mouneer Anis has expressed his shock at the terrorist attack on Egyptian military personnel in north Sinai, killing 26 and wounding another 25. <u>He writes</u> that the terrorist seem linked to the ousted Muslim Brotherhood regime in Egypt. In calling for prayer and political support, he says, "*Many people in Egypt now believe that this country was saved from a fate similar*

to that of Syria when the Muslim Brotherhood was removed from power. This explains why morale remains high here, despite the terrorist attacks we have suffered since July 2013."

Ethiopia – Bishop Grant LeMarquand told Anglican News that "The churches in the refugee camps in this country are thriving". The Gambela region where Bishop LeMarquand is based, hosts three UN refugee camps sheltering 18,000 mostly South Sudanese. These churches are a witness to the ability of people of different tribes to worship together in peace and unity. The article describes more of Bishop LeMarquand's ministry and the growing food shortage in the region due to drought and civil war.

West Africa – Ebola <u>has taken the life</u> of an Anglican doctor in Sierra Leone. Dr Olivette Buck was the wife of the vicar of St Charles Parish in Freetown.

Nigeria

- Despite a supposed agreement to end hostilities, the Boko Haram Islamic militants continue their rampage in north east Nigeria. In a recent attack on a village gunmen killed 17 and abducted 30 teenagers. The kidnapped boys are expected to be forced to join the Boko Haram ranks. The BBC has a report on earlier attacks and on the Boko Haram itself.
- Barnabas Fund <u>reports</u> that four girls who were among the 270 girls kidnapped six months
 ago by the Boko Haram recently escaped in the country of Cameroon. The report adds that
 an estimated 2053 people were killed by Boko Haram in the first six months of 2014.
- VirtueOnline reports that church leaders in Nigeria are calling for Christian unity, saying that
 "...failure of the church to unite is partly responsible for the continuous intimidation of citizens
 by the Boko Haram..." Vanguard reports that the Primate of the Anglican Church of Nigeria is
 calling for both unity and detribalization in Nigeria. He is advocating that the church model
 and teach unity for nation building.
- A lengthy, but well worth readying, <u>Christianity Today interview</u> with a Nigerian church leader offers excellent insight into the particular problems or strengths of the Nigerian church.

China – Authorities continue to demolish church buildings in China's coastal province of Zhejiang, especially in Wenzhou, reports China Aid.

North Korea – There is speculation that North Korean is in the midst of a power struggle. The country is the world's most repressive and anti-Christian regime. Open Doors <u>call us to pray</u> for North Korean Christians many in labour camps, and for God to change the hearts of leaders.

Roman Catholicism – The commentators on *Anglican Unscripted* discuss and speculate on what is going on behind the scenes in the Roman Catholic Church in <u>Episode 129</u> and <u>Episode 133</u>.

Refugees – The <u>Anglican Planet reports</u> that "Across the world, the number of people forced to flee their homes has exceeded 50 million for the first time since the Second World War. This is an exponential rise that is stretching host countries and aid organizations to breaking point, according to figures released on June 20th by the UN" It is estimated that half of these refugees are children. Unfortunately, many refugees fall captive to violent human traffickers.

Resources

Resources for ministry

Short poignant videos – Dan Stevers offers <u>an ever growing library</u> of poignant mini-movies for use in church, or other group setting, to illustrate a Biblical passage or theological point. These can be previewed online before purchasing for a nominal fee. Some are even free.

Resources for Christian living

Rethinking Halloween – The Rev J John, a high-profile Church of England priest, calls us to rethink the celebration of Halloween for six reasons. Read his rationale in *The Mirror* newspaper.

1. Halloween celebrates evil

- 2. Halloween is unhelpful, sending children mixed messages
- 3. Halloween trivialises bad things
- 4. Halloween is offensive, costumes often depict deformities, gory wounds and disfigurement.
- 5. Halloween is getting worse, darker and nastier
- 6. Halloween allows evil a victory

Prayer... There's an app for that! – Pastor Tim Challies <u>highly recommends</u> a prayer app (for both Android and Apple users which he says "revitalized my prayer life".

Memorizing Scripture – <u>Jemar Tisby offers</u> a helpful "how to" for memorizing passages of Scripture, even entire books of the Bible.

BCP – A Christianity Today <u>article</u> discusses why "the nearly 500-year-old Anglican prayer book retains its influence, and why it should appeal even to (non-Anglican) evangelicals".

Christians at work – Read <u>this helpful examination</u> of what it means for us – the 97 per cent of us not in full-time Christian ministry – to live as followers of Christ in the workplace.

Wannabe Anglican – Evangelist Billy Graham <u>is said</u> have told a reporter that, were he just starting out in life, he would choose to be an evangelical Anglican.

Response to euthanasia – As governments and courts consider euthanasia and public opinion evolves, it is helpful to <u>read this beautiful response</u> by a young Christian mother dying of cancer.

Modesty – A <u>LifeSiteNews columnists writes</u> that "Modesty means to refuse to unveil the mystery of who you are." In speaking with and counseling young people, the author says "...modesty protects. It protects the one who dresses in a way that discourages another from viewing them as an object for self-gratification. And it protects those who see a person dressed modestly against impure thoughts and the desire to lust." We need to protect our modesty in order to protect our dignity and worth as human beings created by God with minds, souls and bodies.

The talk – Pastor Tim Challies recommends <u>Christian resources</u> for having "the talk" with your children as they approach puberty.

Restoring health – The Rev Dr Ed Hird's new book, endorsed by Dr J I Packer and Bishop Felix Orji, is called *Restoring Health: Body, Mind & Spirit*. It is based on the New Testament book of Titus and focuses on strengthening a new generation of healthy leaders. Drawing on examples from Titus' leadership in the pirate island of Crete, Ed+ shows how we can embrace a holistically healthy life. For more information and links for purchasing the book from major online retailers, see Ed's blog post. To receive a signed copy within North America, send a \$20 cheque (USD/CAN) to Ed Hird, 1008- 555 West 28th Street, North Vancouver, BC, V7N 2J7, Canada.

Soul food

Just for laughs

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How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Selah