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ANiC news

ANiC and ACNA events calendar

October 31 – November 3 – ANiC Clergy Retreat in New England

November 1 – ANiC Clergy gathering at St Peter & St Paul's (Ottawa, ON)

November 2, 9am – "[Sex and spirituality... talking about it](#)" seminar, St Peter & St Paul's, Ottawa

November 5-10 – Bishop Stephen ministering in Lahore, Pakistan at a diocesan annual conference

November 7 – ANiC House of Bishops and Archdeacons meet in Vancouver

November 7-8 – ANiC Council meets in Vancouver

November 8-9 – "[Band of Brothers](#)" men's weekend at Faith Mission (near Campbellville, ON)

November 9 – [Bible-in-a-Day seminar](#) at the University of BC in Vancouver

November 10 – [International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted](#)

November 16 – [ANiC's electronic synod](#) at 1pm eastern time (Please note revised date and time)

November 23 – [Bible-in-a-Day seminar](#) at St George's (Burlington, ON)

January 28-29 – Ontario clergy gathering on the "*Craft of Preaching*". Information to come.

April 8-10 – Ontario clergy silent retreat (details to come)

May 20-24 – Anglican 1000 church planting regional conference, [Toronto, ON](#)

June 25-28 – Anglican Church in North America [Assembly 2014](#) at St Vincent College, Latrobe, PA

November 5-7 – ANiC Synod 2014 at a location to be announced

Welcoming a new congregation in Fergus, Ontario

A new ANiC project has launched in Fergus-Elora, Central Wellington. The congregation has chosen the name: The Circle. Sunday services are held at 2:30pm at The Door (the Youth for Christ centre) which is at the back of 212 St Andrew Street West in Fergus, Ontario. For more information, you can [see the ANiC website](#).

ANiC delegates at GAFCon 2 in Nairobi, Kenya

Because Archbishop Bob Duncan [was hospitalized](#) for much of the week, Bishop Don Harvey, Dean of the ACNA and ANiC's moderator, shouldered the extra responsibility of filling in for our Primate by leading Provincial meetings. Bishop Don also led a breakout session for bishops. Following GAFCon, Bishop Don stayed in Kenya to preach on Sunday at back-to-back services, each with about 700 worshippers, at St James Cathedral just outside Nairobi.

Archbishop Bob suffered from a severely abscessed tooth which required emergency surgery and hospitalization. [ACNA reports](#) that he was well enough to fly home on Sunday following GAFCon, and is resting at home under doctor's care. Please pray for a full and speedy restoration of health.

Bishop Charlie Masters spoke very briefly to the entire conference on the surprising hostility faced by faithful Canadian Anglicans from their former denomination. You can watch this interview, starting at the 9 minute and 50 second mark of [this video](#).

Several ANiC delegates posted on social media - Facebook and Twitter – during the conference. The Venerable Dan Gifford (aka GAFCon Dan) wrote [a daily blog](#) for his parish, St John's Vancouver. And the Rev Paul Donison recorded a [3-minute video](#) following GAFCon to be shown during Sunday service at St Peter and St Paul's (Ottawa, ON).

One of our Nairobi delegates had the sad news of his mother's passing away in Germany on the final day of GAFCon. Please remember Claus Lenk in prayer.

Further coverage on GAFCon 2 follows below.

International day of prayer for the persecuted Church

Sunday, November 10 is set aside as the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted. Please go to www.idop.ca and use the prayer resources, including videos, in your parish. You will be joining Christians in 130 countries who stand together in prayer for the estimated 200 million who suffer for their faith in Jesus Christ. In addition to praying, there are specific things we can do. For example, the government of Canada is looking for sponsors for refugees. And we can voice our concerns to our elected officials. What will you do?

ARDFC Christmas card fundraiser

Want to give meaningful gifts this year? Give Christmas gifts that honour your loved ones while helping to "*restore health, hope and dignity*" for those in need. The Christmas cards acknowledge that a donation has been made to the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada. See the [ARDFC's website](#) for more information or contact the ARDFC ambassador in your parish.

All-expense-paid trip to explore partnering with Cuban churches

ANiC clergy and church leaders are invited to join a mission trip to Cuba to explore partnering with fledging Cuban Anglican churches. ANiC is joining the other Canadian ACNA diocese, the [Reformed Episcopal Church](#) under Bishop Charles Dorrington, in this partnership. The mission trip, which is planned for next year at a date to be determined, will be the second trip by ANiC members. The 2013 trip resulted in three partnerships between ANiC and Cuban congregations.

The 2014 trip is all-expenses paid thanks to the mission agency Hungry For Life International which is covering travel costs for five qualified ANiC church leaders whose congregations are seriously exploring a church-to-church partnership with Cuban Anglican leaders and their ministries. The partnership commitment is surprisingly inexpensive. Read more about this opportunity [here](#). If you would like to be considered for this grant and the 2014 mission team, please email your interest to dblundell@hungryforlife.org.

Bible-in-a-Day seminar comes to Burlington

On **November 23** St George's (Burlington, ON) will host a **Bible-in-a-Day seminar**, led by the Rev Sean Love (St John's Richmond, BC). The day runs from 9:30am to 3:30pm and includes lunch and snacks. Cost is only \$30. If you are in the area, do attend and bring your friends. Also, the seminar will be offered again in Vancouver, this time at the University of British Columbia on November 9. More information is on the [Bible-in-a-Day website](#). You can register for either seminar [here](#).

Healing ministry offers support to ANiC congregations

Since the *Living Waters, Healing Streams* ministry was launch in Ottawa last February the team has facilitated several events for ANiC parishes and clergy including: healing services, prayer sessions, and a ½ day seminar. The ministry works with and trains congregations interested in developing a healing ministry; presents and leads Scripture-based teaching events on healing and reconciliation; and offers personal prayer to those seeking Jesus' healing in their life. If your parish or group is interested in hosting any of the above, please [email](#) the ministry or get more information on the www.livingwaterhealingstreams.ca.

Parish and regional news

[Good Shepherd \(Vancouver, BC\)](#) held a concert October 19 which raised \$23,000 for two mission projects to which the congregation is deeply committed – an orphanage for disabled orphans in China and work among Karen refugees on the Thai-Myanmar border. More than 350 people attended the event, exceeding expectations. Praise God!

[St Luke's](#) (Pembroke, ON) raised \$3200 for the ANiC Time to Build Campaign at their Fall Supper – and had a lot of fun in the process.

[St Peter & St Paul's \(Ottawa, ON\)](#) was in the news recently when the rector, the Rev Paul Donison, was interviewed by [a local Ottawa newspaper](#). The article compared dwindling attendance

at theological revisionist churches to the 35 per cent growth seen at St Peter & St Paul's over the last five years. Paul+ attributes this growth to the preaching of the Gospel – or “gospels” as the reporter mistakenly wrote.

St Peter's Fireside (Vancouver, BC) which launches this coming Sunday, is featured on the [Church For Vancouver website](#). The write-up says, “*Pastor Alastair Sterne has been careful, almost methodical, in planning for the church.*” It then quotes Alastair+ discussing the series of partnerships that birthed St Peter's Fireside: “*Summit Church in Orlando sent us, Redeemer City to City trained us, C2C Network have coached and supported us, and as of most recent St John's Vancouver has joined us in our work.*” Please continue to pray for this fledgling congregation.

An Ontario regional women's event will be hosted by St George's (Burlington) on Saturday, November 30 from 11:30am- 2:30pm at the Crossroads Centre, 1295 North Service Rd. The Rev Marion Karasiuk from Christ the King, Toronto will speak on the theme of Advent. The cost – \$27 – covers both the lunch and a one-hour Christmas ballet celebrating the miracle of God's gift of His Son called “*Here with Us*”. To reserve a seat please [email](#) Donna Rigo or call 905-339-7601. Alternatively, [email](#) Anita Chambers or call 905-693-0295.

Be sure to email your parish news to [Marilyn Jacobson](#).

Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) news ACNA releases *Texts for Common Prayer*

ACNA's [Liturgy and Common Worship Task Force](#) has released *Texts for Common Prayer* including the Offices of Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, and the Holy Communion (Long Form and Short Form), as well as Supplemental Canticles for Worship. These are the “working” forms approved by the College of Bishops for use in the Province. Also bound with these working texts is The Ordinal which was adopted and authorized earlier. *Texts for Common Prayer* will be printed by Anglican House Publishers and, God willing, should be available on Amazon at \$7.95 per copy by January 1st. For more information and to download these texts see [the ACNA website](#). [Anglican Ink comments](#) on the retention of the Filioque clause.

Bishop Schofield, retired bishop of San Joaquin, passes away

The ACNA Diocese of San Joaquin is grieving the death of their former diocesan, Bishop John-David Schofield. Archbishop Bob Duncan [paid tribute](#), calling him “a *great man of God*”, a man of “*spiritual depth*” with an “*unparalleled sense of humor*”. Bishop Schofield led the diocese when the membership chose to disassociate from the US Episcopal Church and later joined the ACNA.

Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCon 2) Report on the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCon 2)

Communique – Last week's historic GAFCon 2 gathering in Nairobi, Kenya produced a [communique](#). One attendee [commented](#) on the “*strongly consultative*” process of preparing the Communique, resulting in participants viewing it as “*the heartfelt desire of the conference*”.



Communique highlights:

- A call to repentance and an affirmation of the power of the Gospel to transform lives.
- Positions the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (GFCA) – the continuing fellowship of which GAFCon is the gathering – as an effective Instrument of Communion for Biblically faithful Anglicans unlike the failed official structure of the Anglican Communion. GFCA will expand its role by authorizing and affirming isolated, faithful Anglicans and, when needed, authenticating the ministry of new provinces, dioceses and churches, and ordaining and consecrating clergy.

- Pories include: evangelizing, teaching and contending for the Gospel; deepening discipleship; and working for the transformation of society.
- GFCA structures will be strengthened by organizing, in addition to the Primates' Council, a Board of Trustees, an Executive Committee, and regional liaison officers who will be charged with effective communication. To achieve this and the pories noted, funding will be sought from individual members and member churches, dioceses and provinces.

During GAFCon 2, the 331 bishops and archbishops gathered in Nairobi [unanimously affirmed](#) the GAFCon Primates' role in recognizing and overseeing theologically isolated Anglicans – including expanding the Anglican Mission in England and similar bodies around the Communion. For example, the Diocese of Recife, formerly part of the Church in Brazil, is now directly overseen by the GAFCon Primates.

Repentance – personal, corporate and public – was one of the overarching themes of the gathering. The East Africa Revival [grew out](#) of public repentance and transformed the lives of millions. The challenges of [radical Islam](#) and equally radical secularism [were examined](#) as well. Mini-conference focused of a number of other concerns as well. These all significantly influenced the final communique. *Anglican Ink* offers [a good summary](#) of the communique.

Commitment by participants – Included in the [communique](#) is the multi-point commitment made by GAFCon 2 participants to:

1. ... *The Jerusalem Statement and Declaration.*
2. ...*supporting mission... outreach... lay training... with particular attention to recruiting and mobilizing young people for ministry and leadership.*
3. ...*give greater priority to theological education...*
4. ...*defend essential truths of the biblical faith*
5. ... *the support and defence of those who in standing for apostolic truth are marginalized or excluded from formal communion with other Anglicans in their dioceses...*
6. ...*teach about God's good purposes in marriage and in singleness...*
7. ...*work for the transformation of society though the gospel...*
8. ...*the continuation of the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans... [and] work within the Anglican Communion for its renewal and reform.*
9. ...*meet again at the next GAFCON.*

Archbishop of Canterbury – Archbishop Justin Welby's [sermon](#) at All Saints Cathedral in Nairobi on Sunday prior to GAFCon and his [pre-recorded video message](#) to the conference left most unimpressed. He [did note](#) the need to update the organizational and power structures of the Anglican Communion and suggested that the Primates Meeting (one of the "Instruments of Unity" should elect its one Chairperson – as the GAFCon Primates had recommended several years ago.

GAFCon's general secretary Bishop Peter Jensen [told a media conference](#) that GAFCon "...stands with Canterbury as ever", but clarified that Canterbury's influence is greatly reduced since 2008. An interesting [VirtueOnline article](#) explores the relationship between the Archbishop of Canterbury and GAFCon given ++Justin's continued meetings with and communion with those who defy clear Biblical teaching.

In his [opening address](#) to the conference, Archbishop Eliud Wabukala (Kenya) who is chairman of the GAFCon Primates, responded to Canterbury's failure to acknowledge, much less address, the "depth of the spiritual crisis we face". He said that "traditionalist" who may be a minority in their geography context should remember that "...our Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans links us together as what we are, a global majority."

An interesting [VirtueOnline article](#) explores the relationship between the Archbishop of Canterbury and GAFCon given ++Justin's continued meetings with those who defy clear Biblical teaching. And a [Church of England Newspaper report](#) offers a balanced overview of his time in Nairobi. Amusingly, officials in the Anglican Communion [continued to insist](#) that the Archbishop's visit had nothing to do with the GAFCon conference.

Statistics and other interesting tidbits – The conference attracted 1,358 delegates: 871 clergy, including 30 archbishops, 301 bishops, and 487 lay leaders. The largest delegation came from Nigeria – 481 including a nine-month old baby. Included in the numbers were two clergy and a lay delegate from the US Episcopal Church and a bishop from the Anglican Church of Canada (Diocese of the Arctic). ANiC sent 21 delegates.

The event [was reported](#) to be efficiently run and entirely funded by attendees.

The gathering generated significant media coverage and buzz on social media. *Anglican Ink* [reports on](#) what GAFCon was like behind the scenes and another [article explores](#) the “*Top 10 things you may not have expected about GAFCon*”.

Photos from GAFCon 2, including a photo of the [assembled bishops](#), are [posted online](#).

Videos – Short GAFCon [video highlight reports](#) are posted to the GAFCon website, while recordings of some of the sessions are [posted on AnglicanTV](#). Unfortunately, the morning sermons based on the Epistle of Ephesians, which reportedly were so powerful, do not seem to be online.

In his latest “[Anglican Perspective](#)” [video](#), the American Anglican Council's Canon Phil Ashey speaks of GAFCon as an ecclesial body establishing, overseeing and authenticating churches and dioceses. He also expresses great hope about the future of GAFCon and its commitment to Christ's Great Commission. In a [25-minute audio recording](#) Canon Ashey offers a fuller discussion of GAFCon 2 and its significance.

Want to learn more? Full information on the gathering can be found on:

- The GAFCon [website](#), including [transcripts of talks](#)
- ACNA's GAFCon [webpage](#)
- The Anglican Mainstream [website](#), which provides thorough daily reports from Nairobi. VirtueOnline also offers [extensive coverage](#).
- [Kendall Harmon's blog](#), which compiles links to virtually all GAFCon resources.

If you simply want to get an overview of the gathering, you can read this [Christian Today article](#) or this summary on the [Sydney Anglicans website](#) or this [Church Times article](#).

Anglican Communion



Archbishop of Canterbury christens future head of the Church of England

Prince George, who is third in line to the throne, was christened in the Chapel Royal at St James' Palace in London on October 23.

In [this short video](#), the Archbishop of Canterbury talks about the christening, as well as the broader significance of baptism.

International news in brief

Canada – In [a letter](#) published in *The Gazette* two Anglican Church of Canada bishops called on the government to step back from legalizing euthanasia. They write, “...*legalization of euthanasia in Quebec could present special risks for those in our society who are already vulnerable, especially the elderly, those suffering from clinical depression, and those with disabilities.*”

England – Four more women [have been added](#) to the Church of England House of Bishops. As the debate regarding women bishops continues, the House of Bishops decided in February to add

eight senior female clergy, elected regionally, to their meetings. A full list of these women is [posted to Anglican Mainstream](#). A 15-member committee, appointed by General Synod, is formulating legislation to allow women bishops, including safeguards for those who oppose women in the episcopate. This legislation [may be ready](#) for synod's consideration as early as 2014.

Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali [is reported](#) by *The Telegraph* to be warning "...that a move to celebrate same-sex relationship in church would be a 'red line' for traditionalist parishes". This warning comes amid [growing speculation](#) that a commission appointed to advise the CoE House of Bishops will recommend the introduction of a same-sex blessings liturgy.

[Writing in Anglican Ink](#), George Conger notes that this battle for the "soul of Anglicanism" within the Church of England was clearly anticipated in the GAFCon Nairobi Communique and Commitment. For example, point 5 of the [Nairobi Commitment](#) states, "We commit ourselves to the support and defence of those who in standing for apostolic truth are marginalized or excluded from formal communion with other Anglicans in their dioceses. We have therefore recognized the Anglican Mission in England (AMiE) as an expression of authentic Anglicanism both for those within and outside the Church of England, and welcomed their intention to appoint a General Secretary of AMiE."

Australia – Bushfires raged near Sydney resulting in the declaration of a state of emergency. More than two hundred homes were lost and two died. The Diocese of Sydney [reports](#) that churches organized special prayer meetings and raised funds for victims.

The Archbishop of Perth [has again vetoed](#) a synod motion to recognize same-sex relationships within his diocese.

New Zealand – The [Church of England Newspaper reports](#) that a Human Rights Tribunal has ruled that the Anglican Church of New Zealand is exempt from laws banning discrimination based on sexuality. The complainant, a self-proclaimed gay man, was unhappy that he had been denied ordination by the Bishop of Auckland.

Hong Kong – The Anglican Church [is disputing](#) a \$180 million (HK) tax bill resulting from a property project.

Malaysia – Anglican Primate for South East Asia, Archbishop Datuk Bolly Lapok, says Christians will defy the Malaysian Court of Appeal [which ruled](#) that non-Muslim do not have the right to use the word "Allah" when referring to God. Christians in Malaysia have been using the term for centuries.

Syrian – Rebel snipers are reportedly targeting pregnant women. A surgeon claims that rebel snipers seem to be making a game of targeting specific individuals and body parts. *LifeSiteNews* [reports](#) the physician saying, "One day it would be shots to the groin. The next, it would only be the left chest. The day after, we would see no chest wounds; they were all neck [wounds]." But, the article continues, "...the worst that he [the physician] saw was the shooting of the pregnant women"

Iran - International Christian Concern [reports](#) that four Christians have been sentenced by an Iranian court to 80 lashes each for drinking communion wine when celebrating the Eucharist.

Egypt – [The Christian Post reports](#) that "Four people, including an eight-year-old girl, were killed outside a wedding ceremony at a Coptic Christian church in Cairo after masked gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire on Sunday night, local officials said." Many other Coptic Christians, guests at the wedding, were injured.

Eritrea – Eritrean security forces [are reported](#) to have raided a prayer meeting several days ago and arrested 150. About 2000 Christians are thought to be imprisoned in Eritrea – which is known as the "North Korea of Africa". In their desperation to escape the country many pay smugglers. The 17-metre boat that sank off the Italian coast in early October carried 550 people – most Eritreans. 370 bodies [are reported](#) to have been recovered, while 156 survived.

Nigeria – Voice of the Martyrs [reports](#) that officials in the Muslim state of Borno in northern Nigeria intend to demolish 25 churches and schools simply to persecute believers. This is an area where the violent militant group Boko Haram is active.

Kenya – Two evangelical pastors [were killed](#) in eastern Kenya following an earlier attack on a church. This is an area where Muslims are in the majority.

Persecution – US Senator Rand Paul is championing the “...war the mainstream media is ignoring. From Boston to Zanzibar, there is a worldwide war on Christianity.” You can read his [speech on the Anglican Ink website](#).

Resources

Ministry resources

Mere Anglicanism – The 2014 edition of the [Mere Anglicanism conference](#), to be held January 23-25 in Charleston, South Carolina, will focus on “*Science, Faith and Apologetics: An answer for the hope that is within us*”. A stellar cast of speakers is booked, including renowned mathematician and philosopher John Lennox.

Canon Dr J I Packer is [listed by Pastor Mark Dever](#) as one of the 12 factors responsible for the resurgence of Calvinism.

Leadership – Pastor Andy Stanley, [speaking at the Catalyst 2013 conference](#), said the core of his leadership boiled down to knowing – and ensuring others know – the answers to three questions:

1. What are we doing?
2. Why are we doing it?
3. Where do I fit in?

Resources for Christian living

Discipleship – Bishop Thad Barnum of PEARUSA has a new book, *Real Identity: Where Bible and Life Meet*, endorsed by ACNA’s Archbishop Bob Duncan and ANiC’s Canon Dr J I Packer. For more information and to order, please see the [Call2Disciple website](#).

Spiritual attack – [This article](#) discusses eight ways church leaders make themselves vulnerable to the attacks of the enemy of our souls.

Sharing hope – Billy Graham, in what is likely to be his final message, has recorded *My Hope for America*. This will be broadcast on TV November 7. It is reported to be his clearest, most powerful, most loving presentation of the Gospel. You are invited to participate by preparing, then inviting friends and neighbours. Information, resources, training and two additional programs – each less than 30 minutes – are already available on the website: <http://myhopewithbillygraham.org>. The two videos include testimonials of illusionist Jim Munroe, NFL player David Tyree, singer Lacey Sturm, a comedian, a pro skateboarder, and a young professional.

How could God command Israel to kill every person – including babies – in Canaan? – RC Sproul provides a tremendous, short, [two-part explanation](#). He says instead we should ask “*Why does He not kill us all?*”

National marriage week – The seventh annual *National Marriage Week* is February 7-14. The goal of this campaign, which is reported to be celebrated in 20 countries, is to bolster marriage and promote it as a social benefit. A [resource kit](#) is available on the US-website.

Parenting – Pastor Tim Challies [lists](#) “18 things I will not regret doing with me kids”.

Understanding God’s sovereignty and love in the midst of tragedy – With his family home just burnt to the ground by the raging bush fires in Australia, a young Bible College student [reflects](#) on how God can be both good and sovereign and yet allow seeming tragedies. Very inspiring!

Why the Gospels could not be legend – J D Greear [provides four solid reasons](#) why the Gospels are trustworthy and could not possibly be legends.

Biblical hospitality – The Resurgence blog [explores](#) Christian hospitality and differentiates it from “entertaining” which it describes as “*a terrible bondage... [based on] human pride*”. Rather, Scriptural hospitality “...flows from a hospitable heart. It is more about your open heart and home, not your impressive entertaining skills.”

Social and cultural matters

Slavery – The [BBC reports](#) that “*Nearly 30 million people around the world are living as slaves...*” – almost half of them in India. Other countries with high numbers of slaves include China, Pakistan and Nigeria. The list of countries with the highest proportion of the population enslaved is led by Mauritania at 2 per cent, followed by Haiti and Pakistan. The [Global Slavery Index 2013](#) which provides this information is intended to prod and help government to tackle this largely hidden crime. The definition of slavery used in the report encompasses debt bondage, forced marriage and human trafficking.

Euthanasia – The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada [reports](#) that the British Columbia Court of Appeal has ruled that “*only Parliament is constitutionally empowered to consider changes to Canada’s law prohibiting assisted suicide and euthanasia*”. The Mercatornet blog carries [a disturbing article](#) that looks at how legislation governing euthanasia in Belgium has rapidly evolved to encompass a wider and wider range of people and *circumstances* – known as bracket creep.

Soul food

Just for laughs

WIFE'S DIARY: Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong; He said, "Nothing"... I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving. I can't explain his behavior. I don't know why he didn't say, "I love you, too."

When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly, and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep; I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

HUSBAND'S DIARY: A two-foot putt ... WHO misses a stupid two-foot putt!

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Thought

God is working out his eternal purpose, not only in spite of human and satanic opposition, but by means of them. —A W Pink

And now a Word from our Sponsor

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you...

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Romans 16:17-27 ESV