



Anglican Essentials
Federation

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Dear Friends

I write to you as the interim chair of the Anglican Essentials Federation (AEF) and following a most successful Consultation in Toronto on November 25. About 50 people were present representing eighteen dioceses from coast to coast. Because there has been some misunderstanding of where the Federation is going, here is the statement I made about our basic orientation as a movement:

we're **Standing!** not just *staying*

We see our primary task as taking place within the Anglican Church of Canada (ACoC). In order to do this, and include as many orthodox as possible in the ACoC, we are using the expression, "**We are standing**" rather than "We are staying." There are some within the church who wonder how much longer they can remain part of a body that appears to be departing from traditional Christian faith and practice. There are others who see their call to remain within the established structure because they see their ministry as maintaining a witness within. By saying "**We are standing**" we wish to focus on what we are for rather than what we are against; to emphasize our call to ministry within the existing structure of the Anglican Church of Canada.

I am excited by what God is calling us to do at this time. None of us can predict what will happen in the future, but as a member of the Anglican Church of Canada, I am going to give it my all as I take my stand for orthodoxy and I feel the Federation is one of the best places to do it!

AEF's *renewed* Mission!

Anglican Essential Federation's renewed vision of its mission will be carried out according to the following strategy:

Political Action

We will continue to take our stand in the councils of the church both nationally at General Synod and through supporting biblically orthodox people in their local diocesan synods. Murray Henderson and his team are already up and running and available to support those who seek advice and ideas.

Networking the grassroots

We seek to encourage individuals and groups working at the grassroots level as well as within regional and national church circles. One of the ways of doing this is through the network of regional chapters across the country.

AEF represents *you* nationally & internationally

AEF will ensure that the majority of orthodox Canadian Anglicans, those who are still within the ACoC, are represented through active fellowship links with orthodox Anglicans in all jurisdictions, new and old, in Canada and around the world.

AEF's Organizational changes

Due to the launch of the Anglican Network as an independent ecclesial body, the existing structure of Anglican Essentials, our parent body, is being reworked and we are now setting up the Federation as an organization in its own right with a new name. We are excited by the new people who are coming on board to help us in this reshaping. As we look ahead to this new work, we unhesitatingly ask for your prayer and financial support at this time. We anticipate the need of \$25,000 to carry out the projects and initiatives mentioned in this letter, as well as to fix our website and improve communication.

read this: **We are living in important times** in the life of the Church we love. Although times seems dark, there are countless signs of renewal across Canada - in our parishes, in our theological colleges, and in our national institutions (almost every bishop under 50 is orthodox!) **This is no time to succumb to the spirit of despair and apathy.** Please give generously and encourage others to give so that we can work together toward the authentic renewal of our Church.

Brett Cane

The Reverend Dr. Brett Cane,
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If you care about the Anglican Church of Canada, and about the work of Anglican Essentials with our Church, we ask that you seriously consider **giving generously** so that our mission can be accomplished!

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AEF *Renewed* **Mission & Ministries** *BRAND NEW*

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AEF's *BRAND NEW* Ministries!

Much of AEF's activities could be categorized as political or organizational initiatives – which are vitally important. However, we feel that now is the right time to expand our scope and engage in ventures that build up the faith and help people grow in discipleship.

The Anglican Project

One such venture is the launch of a new practical initiative to promote the understanding and exploration of authentically Anglican Christianity in ways that particularly reach, recruit and deploy younger Anglicans across the country through networking and personal encounter. While promoted and supported by the Federation, the proposed Anglican Project would operate at arm's length from it, with an independent board whose membership would reflect the modes, channels and expertise of constituencies such as recent graduates and "Generation X," melded with the experience of seasoned advisors and regional leaders.

THEOLOGICAL INITIATIVES

We want to help coordinate and encourage Canadian conservative theologians to network together and look at the theological dimensions of the current challenges facing our Church. In the same way as "the Anglican Project," this will not need to be organizationally linked with the Federation but we can help encourage it to take place and support it.