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Jerusalem 2008



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*Capernaum - The Synagogue where Jesus
preached*



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About GAFCON

- Global Anglican Future Conference and pilgrimage to Jerusalem, June 22-29, 2008
- A global movement to promote gospel truth
- A response to the crisis in the Anglican Communion
- Attending Primates represent more than 30 million active Anglicans

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Purpose of GAFCON

- Provide an opportunity for fellowship
- Proclaim the transforming love of Christ
- Develop a renewed understanding of our identity as Anglican Christians
- Prepare for an Anglican future in which the Gospel is uncompromised and Christ-centered mission is top priority
- Pilgrimage to the land of our Lord, setting of much of the Bible, the roots of our faith

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Worship on Mount of Olives



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Who organized GAFCON

- GAFCON was conceived and led by the Anglican Archbishops of Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, West Africa, the Southern Cone and Sydney (Australia), as well as by orthodox Bishops from the UK, USA and Canada – including Bishop Don Harvey.
- GAFCON was chaired by Archbishop Peter Akinola of Nigeria.

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Who attended GAFCON

- 1148 lay and clergy participants
 - Including 291 Anglican bishops
 - Including 42 Canadians
- Delegates came from 28 countries
- Canadian delegates were from:
 - Anglican Network in Canada
 - Anglican Essentials Federation
 - Anglican Coalition in Canada
 - Reformed Episcopal Church

Worship on temple steps



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Highlights of GAFCON

- Challenging daily Bible exposition
- Powerful keynote speakers
- Exuberant corporate worship
- Timely workshops
- Small group discussion and prayer
- Fellowship and new friendships
- Pilgrimages to various sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Galilee
- The Jerusalem Declaration

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Highlights of GAFCON

- Challenging daily Bible exposition:
 - The Promise of God - Genesis 12
 - The Presence of God - Exodus 24
 - God the King - 2 Samuel
 - The Son of God - Luke 24
 - The Throne of God - Revelation 21

Highlights of GAFCON

- Powerful keynote speakers
 - Archbishop Peter Akionola (Nigeria)
 - Archbishop Henry Orombi (Uganda)
 - Archbishop Greg Venables (Southern Cone)
 - Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali (UK) - *Nature and Future of the Anglican Communion*
 - Dr Os Guinness - *Gospel & Secularism*
 - Andrew Tanswell, Jerry Marshall, Kim Tan - *Enterprise Approaches to Poverty*
 - Lamin Sanneh, Salim Munayer, Evan Thomas - *The Gospel and Religion*

Exuberant worship



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Highlights of GAFCON

- **Insightful workshops:**

- Gospel and Culture
- Gospel and Leadership
- Family and Marriage
- Anglican Identity in the 21st Century
- Biblical Authority & Interpretation
- Evangelism & Church Planting
- Theological Education
- Bishops' wives

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Small group discussion & prayer



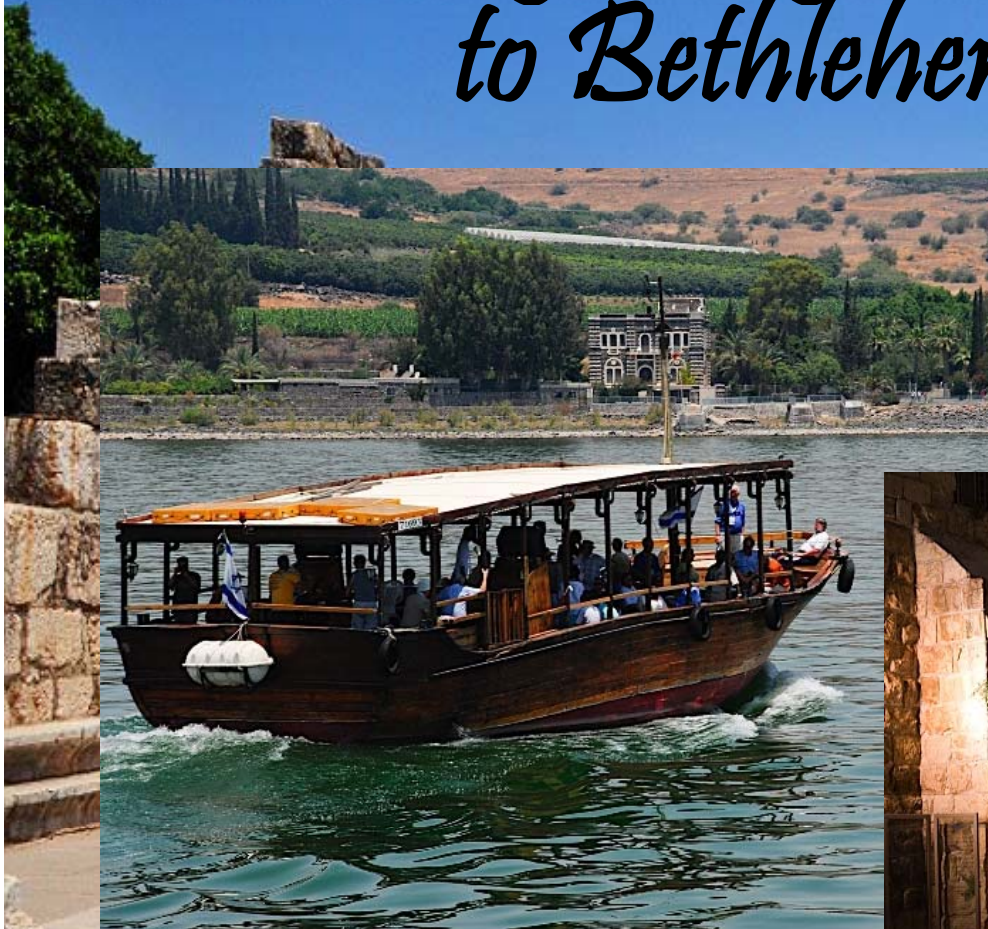
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Fellowship & friendships across borders



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Pilgrimages in Jerusalem, to Bethlehem & Galilee



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GAFCon Final Statement

- Developed and unanimously approved by 1148 global Anglicans at GAFCON
- Signals a new reality for the Anglican Communion
- Developed in Anglican context of:
 - Militant secularism and pluralism
 - Compromised churches, “different gospel”
 - Failure to discipline heterodoxy
 - Broken communion

GAFCON Final Statement

- Launched GAFCON movement as a “fellowship of confessing Anglicans”
 - Faithful to the gospel
 - Committed to each other, united in mission
 - Remaining in the Anglican Communion
 - Working to reform and revitalize the Communion
- Published **Jerusalem Declaration**
 - 14 tenets of Anglican orthodoxy
 - Signed by the Primates

Jerusalem Declaration

- Tenets of Anglican orthodoxy focused on:
 - The Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 - The saving gospel of Jesus Christ
 - The Lordship of Jesus Christ
 - The Great Commission of the risen Lord
 - Scripture containing all things necessary for salvation
 - God's standard of Christian marriage
 - God-given diversity and freedom in secondary matters
 - The unity of all who know Christ
 - The three historic Creeds and four Church Councils
 - The 39 Articles, Book of Common Prayer and classic Anglican Ordinal

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- Called for **GAFCON Primates' Council**, tasked with:
 - Recognizing and authenticating “confessing” Anglican jurisdictions, clergy, congregations
 - Encouraging Anglicans to promote the gospel and defend the faith
 - Seeking to enlarge the Council

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Called for “...the formation of a province in North America for the federation currently known as Common Cause Partnership to be recognized by the Primates’ Council”

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Questions?

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