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Common Cause Partnership

- Partnership of nine Anglican entities in North America

- Mission:

We intend by God's grace:

- *to partner together in a renewed **missionary** effort in North America and beyond, driven by our passion for Jesus and His Gospel.*
- *to ensure an **orthodox Anglican Province in North America** that remains connected to a faithful global Communion.*
- *to create a **unity in the essentials** of our Anglican faith that respects our varied styles and expressions.*
- *to build **trusting relationships** marked by effective coordination, collaboration, and communication.*



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North American Province

- CCP is building a federation worthy of being recognized as a Province
 - Task forces – including ANiC reps – are building “structure”
 - Collaboration beginning and encouraged at local level
- GAFCon Primates Council recently wrote:
 - “...priority will be given to the possible formation of a province in North America for the Common Cause Partnership.”
- GAFCon Primates currently represent over 50% of Anglicans in church on Sunday



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- Against this backdrop of an emerging North American orthodox province...
 - ANiC is growing and developing structures and ministries needed to support parishes
 - While remaining flexible enough to easily adapt and meld into new province



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ANiC / AEN – Past growth

- Launched ecclesiastical organization - November 2007
- Today:
 - ANiC - 22 parishes & church plants
 - AEN – 4 parishes, many individual members
 - Average ANiC Sunday attendance of about 2500 (more than 12 ACoC dioceses)
 - 2 bishops, 45 priests and 14 deacons
 - Others prayerfully considering ANiC or AEN



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ANiC parishes – Oct 2008



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ANiC organization

- Moderator – Bishop Donald Harvey
- Suffragan – Bishop Malcolm Harding
- Board – lay & clergy from across Canada
- Chancellor – Cheryl Chang
- Prolocutor – George Sinclair
- Executive archdeacon – Charlie Masters
- Legal committee



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Organizational structure

- **Territorial archdeacons**
 - West – Trevor Walters
 - Prairies – Bishop Malcolm Harding
 - Central – Desiree Stedman
 - Eastern - TBA
- **Examining chaplains for ordination candidates**
 - Trevor Walters, Convener
 - Desiree Stedman, Central Canada
 - Archie Pell, Western Canada
 - TBA – Eastern Canada



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ANiC organization

- Executive archdeacon – Venerable Charlie Masters
 - Business manager – Ron Bales
 - Program manager – John MacDonald (Nov 1)
 - Office administration – Jude Carriere
 - Communication – Marilyn Jacobson



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ANiC ministries

- Prayer – Garth Hunt
- Anglican Orphans – Desiree Stedman
- Membership – Keith Stodart
- Church planting – Ray David Glenn
- Spiritual development
 - Clergy retreats
 - Conferences
- Missions – Anglican Relief & Development Fund (ARDF) Canada



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Operational support for parishes

■ Finances

- Provide safe avenue for collecting and receipting tithes and gifts
- Help with setting up bank accounts
- Access to insurance
- Assist with payroll, pension and benefits

■ Clergy and staff development, support & coaching

- Operational best practices coaching
- Safe church procedural guidelines



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Legal support for parishes

- Strategy is to defend parishes and clergy when hostile action taken against them by former diocese
- Support for clergy, trustees/wardens
 - Information and advice
 - Assistance finding local legal counsel, if needed
- Legal defence fund
 - Needed to protect clergy and congregations and to secure church buildings for ongoing worship and ministry
 - Contributions must be designated “legal defence fund”



Legal support for parishes

- **Legal case in Vancouver**
 - Short term - BC court asked to clarify who the valid trustees are in Vancouver area
 - Offer of alternative dispute resolution rejected
- **Legal case in southern Ontario**
 - Offer to negotiate out of court rebuffed
 - Further interim actions will be necessary
- **Legal case on Vancouver Island**
 - Not pushing forward right now



Legal support for parishes

- Long term legal case
 - Courts will determine whether the parish properties are held in trust for the ACoC dioceses or for the parish congregation
 - Each parish's situation is different
 - Each case will establish precedents for Anglican churches in Canada which may wish to realign in the future



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ANiC / AEN – Future Growth

- **Primary strategies (fishing boat)**
 - Church planting
 - Evangelism
- **Secondary strategy (life boat)**
 - Assisting Anglicans who appeal for help



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Inaugural synod – Nov 13-15 08

- **Synod delegate selection**
 - Parishes consulted on process
 - Minimum two lay delegates/parish; maximum eight
 - Lay representation based on average Sunday attendance
- **Goal: thoroughly Christian synod**
 - Worship, prayer and Bible teaching
 - Time to reflect on how we can reach Canada for Christ
 - Goal: All Synod decision informed by and aligned with the teaching of the Bible
- **Goal: thoroughly Anglican decisions**



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- Examples of issues to be addressed
 - Episcopal election process
 - Synod membership
 - Synod rules of order
 - Appointment, licensing and institution of clergy
 - Admission of parishes
 - Discipline matters
 - Accepted liturgies



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Desired ANiC character

- Thoroughly Christian organization
- Focused on Great Commission – reaching the unchurched with the Good News
- Committed to prayer
- Committed to theological education
- Ministering to the poor, widows, orphans, prisoners and marginalized



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