



# Anglican Network in Canada

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My dear ANiC Sisters and Brothers,

It is my joy to report on a process that was set in motion at our first synod in November 2008. At that synod, Bishop Malcolm and I were entrusted with the task of identifying three faithful leaders to be consecrated as bishops in the Anglican Network in Canada.

In fulfilling our responsibilities, Bishop Malcolm and I met earlier this year to prayerfully develop a shortlist. After we'd discussed our choices, we opened an envelope containing nominations submitted by synod delegates last November. To our great joy, our shortlist and the individuals nominated by synod members were virtually identical. This we took as clear confirmation of God's leading.

Archbishop Greg Venables gave his seal of approval in April in London, when I met and discussed the selections with him. Then, this weekend, the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) College of Bishops also endorsed our selections.

I am delighted to tell you that, God willing, at our 2<sup>nd</sup> synod this November, we will consecration:

- [The Rev Stephen Leung](#), rector, Church of the Good Shepherd (Vancouver, BC)
- [The Venerable Charlie Masters](#), Executive Archdeacon and National Director of the Anglican Network in Canada (Burlington, ON)
- [The Venerable Trevor Walters](#), Territorial Archdeacon (BC) and rector, St Matthews (Abbotsford, BC)

As part of this process, we also had approached another individual whom we thought especially suitable but after much prayerful discernment he came to the conclusion that he was not being so called at this particular time.

More extensive information on each of our bishops-designate will be available in the coming weeks.

All three will retain their respective roles at least for the next year, serving as "Rector Missionary Bishops" – which is the norm for a substantial majority of the College of Bishops in ACNA.

Bishop-designate Stephen will have a specialized role of ministering to Asian Anglicans in Canada. Our other two bishops-designate will be given geographic

responsibility in eastern and western Canada. Charlie also will continue as national director, while Trevor will continue his ministry at St Matthew's in Abbotsford though his actual role in that parish is under review.

I will continue in my position of moderator and as such be the diocesan bishop until November 2010.

Please thank God with me and do keep these bishops-designate and their families in your prayers

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol followed by the name "Donald" in a cursive script.

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