

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION OFFICE

Staff from six continents work hard to support the whole Anglican Communion as it lives out God's mission.

As the permanent secretariat for the Instruments of Communion, the office's official function is to serve the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), the Primates' Meeting and the Lambeth Conference, as well as commissions, committees, networks and other Communion groups. Staff also act as guardians of Communion history, information and data. Mostly located at the London office, St Andrew's House, staff come from a range of countries including Pakistan, Colombia, Japan, Canada, Ireland, Australia, England, Wales, Zambia and Jamaica.

They facilitate work that has all been mandated by the Instruments of Communion, including:

THE ANGLICAN ALLIANCE

The Anglican Alliance for development, relief and advocacy brings together Anglican Communion churches and agencies to work for a world free of poverty and injustice, to be a voice for the voiceless, to reconcile those in conflict, and to safeguard the earth. Its mission is grounded in the Christian faith, and its members believe that they should proclaim this through their actions. The Alliance comprises people in the Provinces and dioceses of the Anglican Communion, their ministries and churches, and mission, relief and development organisations. It operates by sharing best practice, building capacity, increasing effectiveness and south-to-south learning.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION AT THE UN

The offices in New York and Geneva interface between the United Nations and the Anglican Communion. Those at the offices convey Anglican concerns to the UN and governments while also keeping Anglicans informed about international initiatives. In this way they enable the Communion to develop effective partnerships with the UN and its various organisations.



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INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN NETWORKS

The Networks draw together Anglicans involved in particular aspects of mission and ministry, namely, health indigenous peoples, peace and justice, the environment, francophone, refugees and migrants, colleges and universities, family, safe church, women, youth, and legal advisors. The Networks share news and information about models of good practice; join in advocacy where there are common concerns; provide briefings to the Instruments of Communion; and support one another in prayer and in practical ways.

NETWORK FOR INTER FAITH CONCERNS FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The increasing importance of inter faith relations in the life of the Anglican Communion is marked by the development of the work of NIFCON (Network for Inter Faith Concerns for the Anglican Communion) which is now a Working Party based at the Anglican Communion Office. NIFCON's mandate and areas of work are quite varied. They include taking responsibility for the administration of formal international inter faith dialogues, reflecting theologically on key questions that Anglicans need to explore in relation to people of other faiths, and offering practical support and advocacy for Christians, particularly in difficult minority situations.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION & STUDIES AND THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION (TEAC)

TEAC is a working group established in 2003, and regularly reports to the ACC and Primates' Meetings. Its members work to provide practical answers to the following questions: **1.** Why is theological education important? **2.** What is the framework within which theological education needs to be developed, and what are the ideal outcomes of theological education? **3.** How can we meet the needs and facilitate more effective theological education around the Anglican Communion?

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It is vital that the 85 million Anglicans worldwide learn what is happening in their Communion at all levels. *ACNS* is the Anglican Communion's official e-news service that — via email, RSS, Facebook, Twitter and other communications channels — delivers news and information to all 38 Provinces. Content is provided by a network of communicators in dioceses, Provinces and Anglican agencies in every region. Other delivery channels include the Anglican Communion website (www.anglicancommunion.org) and, soon, also in *Anglican World* magazine.

THE BIBLE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH PROJECT

This project was commissioned by the Anglican Consultative Council in 2009. By sharing experiences of using biblical texts to explore two major contemporary issues the project explored how members of the Anglican Communion actually use the Bible. By the end of 2012 the project produced a report on its work and offers resource material for use at all levels of Christian education to help us engage more deeply with Scripture. These can be seen in the Theological Studies area of the website.

CONTINUING INDABA

In our common life in Christ, Anglicans are passionately committed to journeying together in honest conversation. Continuing Indaba offers Bible-based resources from across the globe so — in faith, hope, and love — we are able to build our Communion and energise local and global mission.

ECUMENICAL DIALOGUES

The Anglican Consultative Council acts on behalf of the Churches in the Communion in co-ordinating ecumenical conversations with many of the other Christian World Communions. Current dialogue partners are: The Lutheran World Federation, The World Methodist Council, The Orthodox Church, and the Roman Catholic Church.

ANGLICAN WITNESS (EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH INITIATIVE)

Anglican Witness exists to promote and facilitate collaborative mutual learning and support in evangelism and church growth in parishes, dioceses and Provinces of the Anglican Communion to bring people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and become life-long disciples within the community of God's people. This is done through sharing of news, prayer, stories, resources, experiences and strategies of various evangelism and church growth initiatives around the Communion. The work is enhanced by Witness Facebook group, and regional collaboration. The work is supported by a core group representing different regions of the Communion and Anglican evangelistic ministries.

THE INTER-ANGLICAN STANDING COMMISSION ON UNITY, FAITH AND ORDER

IASCUFO's mandate is to promote the deepening of Communion between the Churches of the Anglican Communion, and between those Churches and the other churches and traditions of the Christian oikumene.

