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‘The Being Anglican video project is a very impressive achievement and it is really good to hear voices from all around the communion. The testimony is really warm and a joy to see. It also puts very clearly, just by looking at it, that the Anglican Communion is broad and global. It also brings voices (and not just printed words) from all over the place together.’

Revd Dr Will Adam,
Director of Unity, Faith and Order and Deputy Secretary General of the Anglican Communion.
Welcome

Welcome to this set of videos on the experience of being Anglican today across the world. It is designed for anyone interested in learning more about worldwide Anglicanism, especially for study groups and for use within academic programmes. The Theological Education department at the Anglican Communion Office (TEAC) has received requests for such a resource from different parts of the world especially from regions where study materials are limited. In response to this need, TEAC has produced a project 'Being Anglican' in two parts:

Part 1 is ‘Learning from our History’, which can be found on its webpages (https://www.anglicancommunion.org/theology/theological-education/being-anglican.aspx).

Part 2, this one, 'Learning from Global Perspectives', consists of a set of videos on a YouTube channel accompanied by this Guide Book. This is produced by a small international working group who have been collaborating for two years. We hope it will fill a gap and help to enhance the learning and discipleship of Anglicans and others in many different places.

As the Anglican Communion grows and spreads around the world, now encompassing 42 autonomous churches including the united churches of the Indian subcontinent, in over 165 countries, its nature becomes more and more diverse, famously described by Bishop John Hind as ‘the bewildering diversity of Anglicanism’. The pressures within it also become more complex. All of this raises the question of the nature of Anglicanism – what does it mean to be an Anglican and what is the Anglican Communion? Current controversies and divisions within Anglican churches make the search for answers all the more pressing, not least for ordinands and other trainee ministers as they prepare to become public ministers within this branch of God’s church.

Why This Project?

In a post-colonial body of churches it is for each member church to explore, discern and inhabit its own point of view. But Anglican churches belong to a communion, which means they share a common ancestry, share a family likeness with a common set of values and practices, share a commitment to the mission of Christ expressed through the Five Marks of Mission, and meet and worship with each other in a number of different settings on a regular basis. This means there is common ground on the basis of which they can listen to and learn from each other if given the opportunity. This project is about helping that to happen by collecting together
a range of testimonies from lay people and clergy, and scholarly commentaries from academics and church leaders, from across the Anglican Communion in a structured way that provides a concise yet broadly-based set of windows onto this phenomenon. Every attempt has been made to make the testimonies represent every region of the Anglican Communion. They do not cover every member church but they do open many windows onto the breadth of Anglican experience across the world. They represent a large scale global conversation of reflections and personal testimonies and do not represent the official teaching of any Anglican bodies.

Why a YouTube Channel?

This resource is a set of video testimonies and short commentaries. One reason for using videos is that we do not want to exclude those Anglicans who prefer to communicate through the spoken word rather than the written word. Also using an online platform means that the study materials will be accessible to a wide range of people in many different places.

For these reasons a YouTube Channel has been created: “Being Anglican: Learning from Global Perspectives” (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg) which is readily accessible to those with internet connection. This is free to viewers. It can be accessed and downloaded onto devices for use in classrooms and in study groups.

The videos feature lay people and clergy from different continents and diverse cultures and languages. Members of the Communion speak many different languages. English subtitles are included when the speaker uses a language other than English. We hope Spanish, Portuguese and French versions of the channel will be available in due course.

This Guide Book provides questions for discussion and lists of further resources (videos and books) for any who want to use the materials within an accredited course or for self-study.

Learning Goals

This project will increase the participants’ ability to

- understand the global diversity of Anglicans for the enriching of faith and deepening of experience
• hear from those groups of Anglicans who have not been sufficiently heard up to now, especially non-English speakers
• foster unity and growth in mission in the Anglican Communion and beyond
• generate conversation about the nature of Anglicanism in churches, seminaries, theological colleges and other contexts.

A Guide for Facilitators

The study materials have six sections, on Anglican Discipleship, Anglican Worship, Anglican Mission, Anglican Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations, the Anglican Communion and Anglican Spirituality. Each section can be used in small group discussions and/or incorporated into teaching programmes or modules. Each has between four to six short testimonies and two longer commentaries from scholars (both academics and church leaders), which offer reflections and further questions on the testimonies.

It will be helpful for facilitators to watch the videos before leading the session. Participants should watch the videos together within the following structure for each session:

Session Outline

1. Facilitators create a welcoming environment so that participants can respect and listen to each other with openness and humility.
2. An opening prayer invites God's Spirit to open hearts and minds to the insights of others.
3. The video testimonies are watched, with participants making a note of what they learn from them.
4. Each participant shares with each other what they have learnt from the testimonies.
5. The discussion questions printed below are used to encourage discussion.
6. Short break
7. The two commentaries are viewed, with participants making a note of what they learn from them.
8. Each participant shares with each other what they have learnt from the commentaries and respond to the other discussion questions.

9. Each participant discusses and decides on some practical response to what they have learnt, to be put into practice in the week ahead.

10. Closing prayer.

The discussion questions are meant to invite conversation and the sharing of experiences. There are no right or wrong answers.

Facilitators should be aware of the power dynamics in the group (such as race, gender, class, age, and educational level, etc.) when creating a safe space for dialogue and mutual learning. Participants may have different levels of knowledge about Anglican experience and history. Some may not have had many opportunities for listening to Anglicans from another culture, especially those from marginalized communities. They will need encouragement, guidance and patience from facilitators. Facilitators also need to leave space for individual learning, knowing that each participant learns in his or her own way and speed.

In addition to creating a safe space, it is important to pay attention to the local context and culture as these shape the experience of being Anglican. We hope that entering into conversation with other Anglicans through watching and discussing different videos will provide a mirror to look at our context anew. Facilitators can adapt the discussion questions to the local contexts and add other questions.

Each section includes references to videos available from the Internet and important books on the topic. They will be helpful for those who want to pursue studies in these topics.

We recommend that study groups are small, with around six members, so that there is opportunity for everyone to contribute. These study materials can also be used by people studying on their own.

Thank you to all the contributors for making these study materials possible. They are a taonga (Maori for 'treasured gift') from the Anglican Communion for the Anglican Communion and for anyone else who is interested in learning more about it.

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Session 1: Anglican Discipleship
Aims

To promote understanding and be inspired by different expressions of Anglican discipleship within the Anglican Communion

To understand that Anglican discipleship is not static but changing

To discover the unity and diversity of Anglican discipleship, especially what is common and of Christ across the differences

Scripture

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Galatians 3:27)

PART 1

Please watch the four testimonies in Section 1 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Testimonies

- Mr Jacob Trent Ngileb is a student at St. Andrew’s Theological Seminary, Quezon City, and a member of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

- Rev Seipati Ngcobo is a priest in the Diocese of Natal in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

- Ms Catherine Pate is Director of Communications for the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia, Canada.

- Rev Dr Stephen Burns, originally from UK, is Professor of Liturgical and Practical Theology at Pilgrim Theological College of the University of Divinity in Melbourne, Australia.
Discussion Questions

1. Each participant shares with each other what they have learnt from the testimonies.

2. Do these testimonies speak to your experience?

3. What is common to them all, and how do they differ from each other?

4. How would you describe Anglican discipleship in light of these testimonies?

PART 2

Please watch the two commentaries in Section 1 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Commentaries

- Dr Esther Mombo is Professor of African Church History, Gender and Theology at St. Paul’s University in Limuru, Kenya.

- Rev Canon Dr Anderson Jeremiah, originally from India, is Senior Lecturer in the department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion at the University of Lancaster, UK.

Discussion Questions

1. What have you learnt from these commentaries?

2. How do they broaden and deepen your understanding of Anglican discipleship?

3. How will you respond to this in a practical way in the week ahead?
Recommended Resources

Videos

Ng, Moon Hing. 'Archbishop Datuk Ng Moon Hing (former Primate of Anglican Church of South East Asia) Interview' (33:55). YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kl8e92cp2XQ.


Books


Section 2: Anglican Worship
## Aims

- To become familiar with the diversity of ways of worship in churches of the Anglican Communion
- To identify commonalities in the worship of churches across the Anglican Communion
- To recognise the cultural context expressed in worship
- To be inspired by the worship of others across the churches of the Anglican Communion
- To be able to relate worship with justice and peace

## Scripture

‘Do this in remembrance of me.’ (Luke 22:19)

Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?’ (Acts 2:7-8)
PART 1

Please watch the six testimonies in Section 2 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Testimonies

- Mr Lucas Schumacher is a Lay Minister in the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

- Rev Carmen Kawano is a priest in the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

- Rev Ada Wong Nagata, originally from Hong Kong, is a Chinese American priest in the Diocese of Los Angeles in The Episcopal Church, USA.

- Mr Tonderai Muzhinji is a member of the Anglican diocese of Harare in Zimbabwe in the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

- Ms Gabriela Merayo is a theologian in the Anglican Church of Argentina.

- Rev Yanel Valvidia is a deacon in the Episcopal Church of Cuba.

Discussion Questions

1. Each participant shares with each other what they have learnt from the testimonies.

2. Liturgy finds expression in different ways in different contexts. What do you see as common in these testimonies?

3. What questions do these testimonies raise for you?
PART 2

Please watch the two commentaries in Section 2 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Commentaries

- Bishop Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassotto is Bishop of the Diocese of Amazonia in the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

- Rev Dr Ruth Meyers is Dean of Academic Affairs and Hodges-Haynes Professor of Liturgics at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in California, USA.

Discussion Questions

1. What have you learnt from these commentaries?

2. How do they broaden and deepen your understanding of Anglican worship?

3. How will you put into practice something of what you have learnt about Anglican worship in the week ahead?

Recommended Resources

Videos


Books


Section 3: Anglican Mission
Aims

To understand the breadth and plurality of Anglican mission by sampling missional initiatives and activities from a range of contexts

To introduce the Five Marks of Mission as a framework for living Anglican mission, with a special focus on the relevance and urgency of the Fifth Mark of Mission

To reflect on the ways in which your local/regional/national Church is engaging in mission and to identify new ways/areas in which (a) you personally, and (b) the church might engage missionally

Scripture

Is not this the fast that I choose:
  to loose the bonds of injustice,
  to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
  and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
  and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
  and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
  and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
  the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
  you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. (Isaiah 58: 6-9)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16)
PART 1

Please watch the five testimonies in Section 3 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Testimonies

- Bishop Alfredo Cooper is Bishop in the Anglican Church of Chile.
- Bishop Jorge Cabral is Bishop of the Luisitanian Church in Portugal.
- Ms Ellie Payne is a youth worker at St Barnabas Church, Winchester, UK.
- Ms Jillian Aballe is former Advocacy Manager and Head of Office, Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations.
- Dr Elizabeth Perry is Advocacy and Communication Manager, Anglican Alliance, Anglican Communion Office, London.

Discussion Questions

1. What have you learnt from these testimonies about Anglican mission?

2. Were there things in the testimonies which you found surprising or would not have thought of as being ‘mission’?

3. In what ways are you personally engaged in mission and what other things could you do?

4. Do you agree that sharing the good news of Jesus is about our words and our actions? What happens if our actions don’t match our words?
The Five Marks of Mission

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

PART 2

Please watch the two commentaries in Section 3 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Commentaries

- Dr Cathy Ross, originally from Aotearoa-New Zealand, is the Head of Pioneer Mission Leadership, Church Mission Society, UK,
- Bishop Jean Pierre Methode is the bishop of Karongi Anglican Diocese in Rwanda.

Discussion Questions

1. What have you learnt from these commentaries?
2. How do they broaden and deepen your understanding of Anglican mission?
3. ‘Mission is global and mission is local’ – how do you understand this statement in the light of the testimonies and commentaries you have watched?
4. How will you participate in God’s mission in the week ahead? Formulate a simple and practical way of doing this.
Recommended Resources

Videos


Presler, Titus. ‘Reconciliation in God’s Mission’ (26:53). YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWIacGW6rHY.

Books


Section 4: Anglican Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations
Aims

To learn how Anglicans in different parts of the world relate to their neighbours from other denominations and religions and engage in society

To have a self-reflection about one's own relationships to neighbours

To reflect on how relationships can be improved and practice them in one's own contexts

Scripture

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him’. (Acts 10: 34-35)

Then Esau said, ‘Let us journey on our way, and I will go alongside you’. (Genesis 33:12)

PART 1

Please watch the five testimonies in Section 4 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Testimonies

• Rev Lilian Conceição da Silva is a priest in the Southern Diocese of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

• Ms Lubna Younas is from the Church of Pakistan and teaches at St. Thomas Theological College in Karachi, Pakistan.

• Very Rev Canon Richard Sewell, an Anglican priest from UK, is Dean of St. George’s College in the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, Israel/Palestine
• Mr Yin-An Chen from the Episcopal Diocese of Taiwan is currently training for ordination in the UK.

• Bishop Steven Abbarow is Bishop of West Malaysia and previously vice principal of Seminari Theoloji Malaysia.

Discussion Questions
1. Tell each other what you have learnt from the testimonies.
2. How does your church community relate to its neighbours?
3. Why are those relations important? How might they strengthen your faith and life?
4. What are some of the challenges in trying to build good relationships with other churches and faith communities?

PART 2

Please watch the two commentaries in Section 4 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Commentaries
• Rev Dr Lydia Mwaniki is an ordained minister in the Anglican Church of Kenya and currently director for Women, Gender and Youth at the All Africa Conference of Churches.

• Rev Efren Velázquez is a priest in the Anglican Church of Mexico and the current General Secretary of that church.
Discussion Questions

1. What have you learnt from these commentaries?

2. How do they broaden and deepen your understanding of relationships with other churches and faith communities?

3. How will you put into practice good relationships with other churches and/or faith communities in the week ahead? Formulate a simple and practical way of doing this.

Recommended Resources

Videos


Books


Section 5: The Anglican Communion
Aims

To find encouragement from being part of the Anglican Communion

To learn what is the Anglican Communion and how it functions

To find ways of participating in the life of the Anglican Communion beyond the parish and diocese

Scripture

The truth will make you free. (John 8:32)

PART 1

Please watch the five testimonies in Section 5 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Testimonies

- Rev Marcia Chanta Bhan, originally from Pakistan, is an Episcopal priest resident in the Diocese of Massachusetts, USA.

- Rev Luiz Lima, originally from Brazil, is the Vicar of Christ Church, Worksop, Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, UK.

- Rev Canon Dr Vincentia Kgabe is Bishop of Lesotho and previously Rector (principal) of the College of the Transfiguration, Grahamstown, South Africa.

- Rev Dr Kahwa Njojo is Rector of the Anglican University of Apolo Kivebulaya, Butembo, Democratic Republic of the Congo.
Discussion Questions

1. Tell each other what you have learnt about the Anglican Communion from the testimonies.

2. What links does your church and diocese have with the Anglican Communion?

3. How would you now describe the Anglican Communion?

PART 2

Please watch the two commentaries in Section 5 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Commentaries

- Venerable J. W. Kofi deGraft-Johnson from Ghana is now General Secretary, Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.

- Dr Jenny Te Paa Daniel was previously Principal of the College of Saint John the Evangelist, Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand.

Discussion Questions

1. What have you learnt about the Anglican Communion from these commentaries?

2. How would you sum up the Anglican Communion in all its diversity and unity: as an institution? or as a family? or as a movement, or something else? On what are your conclusions based?

3. How will you put into practice your memberships of the Anglican Communion in the week ahead? Formulate one or two simple and practical ways of doing this.
Recommended Resources


Videos


Daniel, Jenny Te Paa. ‘Redeeming Anglican Imperialism: We Can, We Must, We Will’. Cheney Lecture 2020 (44:03). YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbbjyDsC5qQ.


Books


Section 6: Anglican Spirituality
Aims

To promote understanding and be inspired by different expressions of Anglican spirituality within the Anglican Communion

To understand that Anglican spirituality is not static but changing

To discover the unity as well as diversity within the different ways that Anglicans pray and connect with the presence of God.

Scripture

. . . there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:6-7)

PART 1

Please watch the five testimonies in Section 5 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sd8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Testimonies

• Ms Maria Thomas is from the Diocese of West Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

• Rev Dr Stéphanie Burette, from France, is now Chaplain at University College, Durham, UK.

• Mr Ray Wong is a university student and a member of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Church of Hong Kong).
• Rev Julius Anozie is from Nigeria and an ordained minister in the diocese of Derby in the Church of England.

• Rev Tariro Matsveru is from Zimbabwe and an ordained minister in the diocese of Birmingham in the Church of England.

Discussion Questions

1. Tell each other what you have learnt about Anglican spirituality from the testimonies.

2. Which of these testimonies do you identify with most?

3. What is common to these testimonies, and what are the contrasts?

4. In the light of these testimonies how would you describe Anglican spirituality?

PART 2

Please watch the two commentaries in Section 6 on the YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-Xb_sdp8Y9guqo72m1-qhg)

Commentaries

• Ms Sunshine Dulnuan is lecturer in systematic theology at St Andrew’s Seminary in the Episcopal Church of the Philippines.

• Bishop Ian Douglas is Bishop Diocesan of The Episcopal Church in Connecticut, USA.
Discussion Questions

1. What have you learnt about Anglican spirituality from these commentaries?

2. How would you now sum up Anglican spirituality in the light of what you have heard?

3. How will you put into practice Anglican spirituality in the week ahead? Formulate one or two practical ways of doing this.

Recommended Resources

Videos


Tutu, Desmond. ‘Reconciling Love’ (56:10). YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV2LURTu3eQ.

Books


Section 7: Additional Resource
One of the key features of the 'Being Anglican' project is its diversity of participants, reflecting something of the diverse make-up of the global Anglican Communion. To be Anglican is to recognise and celebrate that no matter where we come from, what language we speak or what colour our skin, we are all loved by the God in whose image we are made and we are all one in Jesus Christ our Lord. This video comprises a conversation between people who are working for the recognition and celebration of ethnic diversity within the Church of England and against racial prejudice and discrimination. It considers biblical and theological principles which speak powerfully to these issues and relates these principles to the participants' experiences of Anglicanism.

- Ms Rosemarie Davidson-Gotobed is from Jamaican heritage and serves as National Minority Ethnic Vocations Officer in the Church of England.
- Rev Shemil Mathew is Vice-dean of Emmanuel Theological College. Originally from South India, he is founding member and current general secretary of Anglican Minority Ethnic Network (AMEN).
- Rev Eileen Harrop is from Chinese heritage and is a parish priest in the Diocese of Durham and a member of the Anglican Minority Ethnic Network (AMEN) Executive.
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