



Commission on Evangelism and Mission

Report to ACC (February 2023)

1. Introduction and its background

1.1 This new Commission was created and began its official function on January 2022. This is a combination of two groups, namely the Anglican Communion Church Planting Network (ACCPN, launched in September 2020 and known as Plant Anglican, and its website is www.PlantAnglican.org/home) and the Season of Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making: Jesus Shaped Life (SIDD:JSL) Coordinating Group (launched after the ACC16 in 2016)

1.2 The aim of the Commission is to promote a **culture change with best practice of church planting and a movement of whole-life missional disciples and disciple-making** within the Anglican Communion through sharing stories, resources, consultations, facilitator training, encouraging contextual strategies for church planting and intentional discipleship to further the Church's mission.

2. Activities in the last year

2.1 The two steering groups have met every two to three months to develop the vision and update on progress. Its members are from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Congo, England, Ghana, Kenya, Malaysia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Philippines, Southern Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, United States, Wales, and Zambia.

2.2 The website has had new stories, resources and training materials added to it each month. These are translated into Spanish, Portuguese, French, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and English.

2.3 Webinars have been run to train church planters and intentional discipleship in Malaysia, Chile, South America, Central America, Southern Africa, East Africa, Central Africa, East Asia, and England through PlantAnglican and JSL.

2.4 Newsletters to signed-up members and populating our social media channels were sent out, as well as distribution done within the Lambeth Conference 2022.

2.5 Bishop Martin Breytenbach, our Prayer Coordinator, and his team have regularly mobilised prayer groups throughout the Communion for prayers online as well as through the Facebook.

2.6 The Intentional Discipleship group is working with the Grove Books to produce a series of books on Discipleship. Eight books were produced in 2021 and 2022.

2.7 Together, the two groups, under a single "Commission" for Discipleship and Evangelism met for the first time in an Inaugural Retreat just before the Lambeth Conference 2022 in London UK.

2.8 Funding of \$100,000 has been received from Trinity Wall Street to support the Church Planting network for 3 years. This will mainly cover editorial work for stories and resources and enable the network to achieve financial sustainability within that time.

3. Activities in the year to come

3.1 We will continue to source stories, resources, and training materials for the newsletter and website. We will continue to have consultations, webinars and facilitator training and create Discipleship Training Animators in Provinces. We will develop social media channels to promote content.

3.2 We will continue to expand the prayer network through newsletter, online and facebook.

3.3 We will source new long-term funding from local churches.

3.4 All websites and social media channels will be streamlined with the ACO.

3.5 We will continue to promote among churches a culture change with church planting and to target one million new church plants in ten years. We will continue to facilitate a movement of discipleship and disciple-making in all provinces, dioceses and parishes.

Steering Committee of the Commission on Evangelism and Mission
(Plant Anglican and JSL Groups)

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