



## ACYN 18th Anglican Consultative Committee Report

The ACYN is a gathering platform for young people and youth workers in the Anglican Communion. It functions under the guidelines for approved networks of the Anglican Communion and connects, equips, motivates, and encourages youth movements and structures at all levels as they fulfil their respective mandates.

The mandate to renew The ACYN is grounded in ACC Resolution 16:34 which encouraged provinces to support the renewal of the Youth Network. ACC 16 recognized that there was, at that time, no communion-wide organization to connect young people and youth workers, and through which to gather and uplift youth voices in the communion. The ACYN has grouped the Anglican Communion member churches into 7 Regions, namely: Africa 1, Africa 2, Americas, Asia, Europe, Middle East & South Asia, and Pacific.

The ACYN has created 5 mission committees, 1 for each Mark of Mission, as its primary mechanism for implementing, mobilizing, and coordinating missional youth engagement.

### Activities 2019-2022

The ACYN's mandate is to gather, support, and promote the ministries of young people (aged 18-35) and youth workers (of any age) in the Anglican Communion. The ACYN fulfils this mandate by:

- **Praying** together to deepen loving service and friendship in Christ's name.
- **Advising** the Instruments of Communion and enabling young voices to be heard in the Communion's life, work, and decision-making.

- **Celebrating** grassroots mission stories; and through its mission committees, encourage and equip young leaders and youth workers for active local engagement.
- **Encouraging** youth connections across distinct locations, cultures, interest, and skills to share information, tools, and resources.
- **Facilitating** the transition of youths and young adults into adult ministry; bridging the existing generational gap between the youth and adults

During the period 2019-2022 the ACYN has undertaken the following initiatives:

- Connecting provinces and consolidating regions and regional representation (an ongoing activity)
- Restructure and expand the leadership to include more young people and youth workers from around the communion
- Organizing activities with interpretation/translations into regional languages
- Listening to concerns and experiences of young people; and carrying/sharing those stories.
- Sharing and connecting young people to developmental opportunities such as scholarships, competitions, and Community of St Anselm.
- Collaborating with IAFN, IAWN, COP 26 & 27, Young Anglican Theologians, Young Anglican Musicians, Anglican Alliance, Anglican Communion Office & ACOUN, Lambeth Palace Reconciliation Team, Climate YES, UN Environment Programme, and Five Talents, on shared areas of interest.
- Supporting the Lambeth Conference: running a booth, facilitating seminars, helping with planning, helping with online calls and pre-conference bishop's conversations, facilitating online bible studies and sessions during the conference, and promoting the Lambeth Stewards Programme
- Create a finance committee to develop an ACYN finance strategy
- Create a communications committee, and launch website and social media pages
- Establish five (5) mission committees (one for each Mark of Mission) that mobilize young people and connect with other entities in the communion
- Advocate for effective and meaningful youth representation and participation
- Formally Launch the ACYN using two online events
- Hire a part time Administration and Governance Officer

### Goals and plans for the coming three years until ACC 19 in 2026

- Elections: replace all appointed leaders with elected persons over a 3-year period. Each region has three seats, and one seat will be filled in each year.
- Launch a new ACYN logo
- Complete fundraising strategy and engage in targeted fundraising activities

- Expand interventions to expand membership in underrepresented regions
- Expand partnerships with networks, commissions, and organizations in the Anglican Communion
- Expand communications through regular strategic postings, and regional messages
- Launch an initiative to specifically engage young adults and youth workers

### **Mark 1 - Evangelism**

- Initiatives around evangelism in everyday encounters and places of conflict
- Theology: free online seminars, publishing essays, videos, and art
- Musicians: virtual events, create new music, and online musicians' meetups

### **Mark 2: Faith and Leadership Formation**

- Advocacy about effective ways of youth engagement and participation.
- Launch a Difference Course with the Reconciliation Team at Lambeth Palace
- Promote leadership formation initiatives

### **Mark 3: Humanitarian Service**

- Youth training for Disaster Risk Management
- Initiatives to respond to resolution ACC17:15 safeguarding youth livelihoods

### **Mark 4: Advocacy**

- Facilitating joint learning and capacity building for young advocates
- Mapping youth advocacy concerns and best practices in the communion

### **Mark 5: Creation Care**

- Mobilize youth to live out the 5th Mark of Mission as a testament of their faith.
- Link young Anglican environmental leaders and facilitate cross-learning

### **Celebration**

We celebrate the growth and recognition of the network in the life of the communion. We celebrate the support we gave to the Lambeth Conference.

### **Question**

How can ACC help the ACYN to become a stronger mechanism for meaningful youth engagement through which Anglican young people grow spiritually and temporally?

## Suggestions:

- ACC renew commitment to A17:15 Pathways to education and employment for young people.
- The ACYN can be meaningfully engaged and included in selecting youth representatives in the communion (including ACC pursuant to resolutions ACC – C17:03 and ACC – 16:34)
- The ACC and ACYN can collaborate to conduct research and design responses to the findings in order to enable evidence-based decision making
- ACC and ACYN can support young people in contexts where youth activity and support are de-prioritised in provincial diocesan budgeting processes and youth desks are closed or left unstaffed.
- ACC Support the youth network to explore options to transition from reliance on provincial subscriptions to a more sustainable model