



Anglican Network in Canada

An Open Letter to Anglicans in Newfoundland and Labrador

For many years the Anglican Church of Canada, in the name of inclusivity, has been moving further and further away from the commonly held teachings of the Bible. While there are many people who affirm these changes, there are many people who do not. Though there are calls to remain together, it seems to us that orthodoxy and heterodoxy, or right belief and wrong belief, cannot stand together. It makes no sense that what one cleric says is 'sinful', another says is 'holy'.

We are writing so that those of you who are struggling with your place in the Anglican Church of Canada will know that there is an Anglican alternative. The Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC) is a Diocese of the Anglican Church in North America. It is recognized by the vast majority of the Anglican Communion as a faithful, biblical, orthodox expression of Anglicanism in North America.

The Anglican Church in North America unites into a single Church 134,000 Anglicans in 1,062 congregations across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. On April 16, 2009 The Anglican Church in North America was recognized as a province of the global Anglican Communion by the Primates of the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. Members of the Anglican Church in North America are in the mainstream of Christianity, both globally and historically. We wholeheartedly embrace *The Jerusalem Declaration*, the founding declaration of the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. The Anglican Network in Canada is a continent-wide family of churches which, like the majority of Anglicans worldwide, remains faithful to established Christian doctrine and Anglican practice.

We are writing to assure you of our sadness at these developments within the Anglican Church of Canada and the challenge they present to ordinary Anglicans – both clergy and laity – in living out the gospel and making disciples as Anglicans. We are praying for you because we understand how difficult this is for you; we ourselves went through this ordeal just a few years ago. We want to assure you that we are willing and eager to stand with you in every way we can. Feel free to contact us at anicnewfoundland@gmail.com and we will direct your email to the ANiC cleric responsible for your area of the province.

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