**A Call To Mission**

**The American Anglican Council**

The American Anglican Council is a network of individuals (laity, deacons, priests and bishops), parishes and specialized ministries who affirm Biblical authority and Christian orthodoxy within the Anglican Communion. In response to the Lord’s calling and by His grace, we commit ourselves to proclaim the Good News to every person and to reform and renew the Church of Jesus Christ. We are uniting in order to fulfill our apostolic mission and ministry, working to build a faithful Anglican witness in the Americas.

**WE COVENANT:**

**FOR COMMITMENT**
To encourage individuals to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and live a holy life in the power of the Holy Spirit;

**FOR LOCAL CONGREGATIONS**
To educate and provide resources for congregations which are the center of the Church’s life and mission;

**FOR BIBLICAL FAITH**
To strengthen, inform, connect and mobilize people of Biblical faith who will stand for Jesus amidst the challenges of contemporary culture and false teaching within the Church;

**FOR LEADERSHIP**
To recruit, form and deploy a new generation of Church leaders committed to upholding Biblical orthodoxy;

**FOR WITNESS**
To uphold the Great Commission mandate to make disciples as the primary purpose of the Church;

**FOR ONE ANOTHER**
To build up the Body of Christ through faithful prayer, shared resources, and unyielding commitment to one another in pursuit of the Lord’s work.

Proclaim the Biblical and Orthodox Faith  Fulfille the Great Commission  Transform the Church

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The mission of the Church, according to Jesus’ Great Commission, is to:

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

A COMMON CONFESSION OF THE GOSPEL

THE GOSPEL AND THE TRINE GOD: We rejoice in the grace of the Triune God, who has forgiven our sins and given us redemption in Jesus Christ. We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, who became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, lived a life of perfect obedience to his heavenly Father, died on the cross to atone for the sins of the world, and rose bodily in accordance with the Scriptures. God the Holy Spirit draws us to faith in Jesus Christ, through whom we are justified and made acceptable by God the Father.

CHRISTIAN OBEDIENCE: We confess Jesus as the Lord to whom all authority in heaven and earth has been given. We commit ourselves to follow him, to love one another, and to continue his mission in accordance with Holy Scripture.

HOLY SCRIPTURE: We believe all Scriptures were “written for our learning” (Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16), that they are “God’s Word written,” and that we may know the whole counsel of God from them. We hold that all periods of the inspired writers, including the Old Testament, are divinely inspired as it relates to the moral and religious principles, and are therefore relevant to our lives as his example and teaching by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

MINISTRY IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY

We desire to be supportive of congregations, dioceses, provinces, and structures of the Anglican Communion as an expression of the one holy, catholic, and apostolic church. We, therefore, encourage the spread of true Anglicanism, for all spouses, for communities of faith, and for the development of strong Christian structures in the Anglican Communion as an expression of the one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

A NEW COMMITMENT TO MISSION, WE JOIN TOGETHER IN COMMON CONFESSION OF THE GOSPEL

AND IN A RADICAL COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLASSICAL ANGLICAN ORTHODOXY.

CULTURAL, international mission, with particular concern for the peoples and the unreached peoples of the world.

HISTORIC FAITH, ECUMENICAL VISION: We affirm the Faith of the Church as it is set forth in the Nicene and Apostles’ Creeds and in the classical Prayer Book tradition, including those documents contained in the “Historical Documents” section of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (bcp p.863). We further affirm the principles of the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral (bcp p.874) as an expression of the normative authority of Holy Scripture and as a basis for our present unity with brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion and for the future reunion of all the divided branches of Christ’s one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

CONTEMPORARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE GOSPEL

Christian mission is rooted in unchanging biblical revelation. As particular times, however, specific challenges to authentic faith and holiness arise which require thoughtful and vigilant response. We therefore speak to the following issues of our time and culture.

THE UNIQUENESS OF JESUS CHRIST: While religions and philosophies of the world are not without elements of truth, Jesus Christ alone is the full revelation of God, and in and through the Gospel, Jesus judges and corrects all views and doctrines. All persons everywhere need to learn of him, come to know and believe in him, and receive forgiveness and new life in him, as there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12).

CHURCH AND STATE: Biblical social commandments and Christian ethical principles are foundational to the well-being of every society. Recognizing the call of Christians to be faithful witnesses and a challenging presence in society, we are committed to seek ways to express these commandments and principles in all spheres of life, including the public life of the nation.

SANCTITY OF LIFE: All human life is a sacred gift from God and is to be protected and defended from conception to natural death. We uphold the sanctity of life and bring the grace and compassion of Christ to those who face the realities of premarital, unwed maternity, and end-of-life illness.

TRUE INCLUSIVITY: In grateful response to Christ Jesus, in whom there is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor freeborn, male nor female, called to cherish, honor, and protect human life and bring the grace and compassion of Christ to those who face the realities of premarital, unwed maternity, and end-of-life illness.

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