

# The American Anglican Council



## Renewing

orthodox Anglicanism worldwide



## Developing

faithful leaders

## Equipping

the church for mission



## 2011 Annual Report



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## OUR MISSION

is to build up and defend Great Commission Anglican churches in North America and worldwide through advocacy and counsel, leadership development and equipping the local church.



**FOUNDED IN 1996**, the American Anglican Council, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a network of individuals, parishes, dioceses and ministries who affirm biblical authority and Christian orthodoxy within the Anglican Communion.



Brothers and Sisters,

On August 19 of 2011 the American Anglican Council (AAC) turned 15 years old. Since 1996, a lot has changed in the life of this nonprofit as well

as in the life of the church we serve, and I submit to you that the two are connected. In the AAC's early years, when the theological drift in The Episcopal Church (TEC) worsened, the AAC responded with an increasing zeal for renewal and defense of orthodox Anglicanism. As TEC introduced theological and canonical innovations and alienated its Bible-believing parishes, the AAC responded by standing with those who remained within TEC and strategically advising those who, for conscience sake, needed to leave the drifting church. When the dioceses, parishes and individuals who left TEC and linked up with overseas provinces needed a more permanent and local structure for mission and organization, the AAC responded by working cooperatively to form what became the Anglican Church in North America.

Today, as the parishes of the Anglican Church in North America are looking to the future and putting behind the wearisome struggles from their days in TEC, the AAC has responded by developing programs for clergy and congregational health. The Clergy Leadership Training Institute and Sure Foundation program are in their third year with participants and congregations joining every month. And as the infection of unbiblical theology tries to spread from North America and Europe to areas South of the equator through promises of financial aid and unending conversation, the AAC is responding by strengthening its ties with leaders in the Global South.

Every week, Canon Phil Ashey, Robert Lundy, our Communications Office, our board members and I work with our global partners to inform, encourage and plan for the propagation and defense of the Gospel on their continents and ours.

Over the past three years, our focus on building up and equipping the local congregation has intensified and I know that these efforts will continue to be a blessing for Anglicans in North America. The Anglican Communion right now is in a state of uncertainty. Who is going to replace Rowan Williams as Archbishop of Canterbury and will they boldly proclaim the Gospel? Will the Communion's structures ever address the apostasy of the leaders in The Episcopal Church and Anglican Church of Canada? Will other orthodox primates and provinces join with the GAFCON/Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans or will they remain "on the fence"? I don't know the answers to these questions but I do know that the American Anglican Council will continue to adapt and respond to your needs and the needs of Christ's church, and to do so in unique ways that only the American Anglican Council is equipped to do. Besides assisting Primates and Bishops in orthodox areas of the Anglican Communion overseas, and assisting in very key ways the Anglican Church in North America and Primate Robert Duncan, the AAC is carefully watching developing situations and is ready to respond as needed.

Watch, respond, and support us as we move into our 16th year of service to the church and the people of God.

In Christ our Lord,

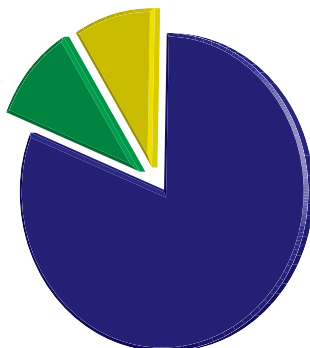
The Rt. Rev. David C. Anderson  
President & CEO, American Anglican Council

## In 2011 The American Anglican Council . . .

- represented **312** affiliated parishes.
- represented **19** dioceses.
- website was accessed over **106,000** times
- distributed more than **33,000** *Encompass* newsletters.
- sent a weekly email update to more than **10,000** subscribers.

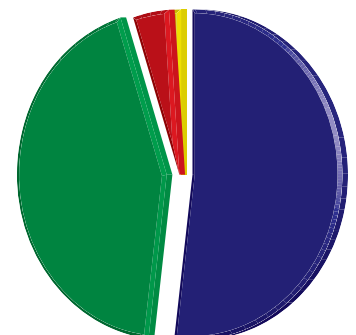
### Expenses

- Ministry 81%
- Fundraising 10%
- Admin 9%



### Funding

- Foundations 52%
- Individuals 43%
- Parishes 4%
- Other 1%



# Developing Faithful Leaders - Equipping the Church for Mission

In 2010, the American Anglican Council began a major effort to develop faithful leaders and equip biblically orthodox Episcopal and Anglican churches by developing two programs targeting parish leadership and individual clergy members.

In 2011, those programs, the Clergy Leadership Training Institute (CLTI) and the Sure Foundation program for congregational development, equipped Christians throughout the U.S. and in Canada. The CLTI began training 34 pastors in 2011 while the Sure Foundation program worked with leadership teams from 30 Anglican congregations.

Both programs continue to grow in terms of the number of people served.



The AAC developed the Clergy Leadership Training Institute (CLTI) to meet the needs for clergy mentoring and peer support. CLTI is a three-year program where participants meet every nine to twelve months for teaching and fellowship. At the first CLTI gathering in February, 2011, clergy formed small groups for peer support which will continue to meet in between gatherings and afterward. These small groups are a key element of CLTI and provide accountability, consultation, and peer support. The first session focused on the personal life of the leader. Their next two meetings will focus on the ministry life of the leader, led by the Rev. Dr. John Yates, and leading a growing congregation, led by The Rev. Canon David Roseberry. Dr. Leighton Ford, president of Leighton Ford Ministries, and Dr. Jim Osterhaus of The Armstrong Group along with Canon Phil Ashley of the American Anglican Council led the first CLTI gathering at the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove, Asheville, N.C.

Several more CLTI cohorts are forming throughout North America, including ones in Texas, Florida, North/South Carolina and Canada. Find out more at: [www.AmericanAnglican.org/CLTI](http://www.AmericanAnglican.org/CLTI)



Sure Foundation is a training and equipping program that enables congregations to grow numerically and spiritually.

Designed for parish leadership (clergy and lay), Sure Foundation addresses issues of vision, evangelism, discipleship, every member ministry and much more! Sure Foundation also helps parish leadership teams develop a strategic growth plan for their congregation.

The program is primarily for groups of churches from a regional area (or diocese); however, individual churches may schedule a session.

There are six Sure Foundation sessions. During these sessions, church leadership teams meet for training with Canon Phil Ashley of the AAC and other selected teachers. A typical session includes 10 hours of training and spans two days (usually a Friday night and Saturday morning/afternoon). Depending on the session, participants may hear lectures, watch videos, form break-out groups, take spiritual gift inventories, perform skits along with other activities that promote discussion and engage the listener.

The six Sure Foundation sessions are:

1. Plateaued and Perplexed:  
Getting our Churches Growing
2. Evangelism with an impact:  
The ABCs of Making Disciples
3. People with a Kingdom Focus:  
The Prayer Driven Church
4. From Maintenance to Mission:  
Becoming an Outreach Focused Church
5. Reaching Young Families:  
Small Group, Youth & Children's Ministries
6. Church Planting & Mission Partnerships:  
Multiplying Disciples and Congregations

While participating churches are not required to take every session, they are asked to take them in order.

Between sessions, congregations are strongly encouraged to meet with a regional coach to follow up on the sessions' topics and other issues as they arise. The two-day sessions must be accompanied by one-on-one coaching to best encourage and support the congregations. Find out more at: [www.AmericanAnglican.org/SureFoundation](http://www.AmericanAnglican.org/SureFoundation)



# Renewing Orthodox Anglicanism Worldwide



The Rev. Canon Phil Ashey, American Anglican Council COO, was a keynote speaker at the Anglican Network in Canada's annual synod (pictured above). Canon Ashey travelled to Victoria, British Columbia for the November, 2011 event not only to speak but to train Canadian clergy, presenting material from the AAC's Clergy Leadership Training Institute.

In May of 2011, The AAC and Sharing Of Ministries Abroad (SOMA) partnered to bring the retired Bishop of Rochester, England, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali, on a speaking tour of the United States. He spoke in the Pittsburgh area, then in Atlanta, then Newport Beach, Calif., then in the Ft. Worth, TX area, in each case presenting a program called "Hold Fast: An Urgent Call to the Western Church." Dr. Nazir-Ali was born in Pakistan to a Shia Muslim family. His father accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and converted to the Christian faith, as did Dr. Nazir-Ali, who has shared the Gospel around the world despite countless threats against his life and safety.

Dr. Nazir-Ali experienced first hand the difficulty of growing up in a predominantly Muslim majority nation, with the additional difficulty that the Muslims' Sharia Law calls for death to any Muslim who converts to other faiths. His remarkable story of growing up in Pakistan includes his own conversion as a young man, then his journey in Anglican Holy Orders, including a time as bishop in Pakistan until he was chased out of the country under threat of death.

He spoke of the nature of Islam, and the status of Christians and Jews as second-class citizens at best and objects for ridicule and accusations of blasphemy at worst in the Islamic countries. He especially cautioned the audiences to guard against the acceptance of Islamic Sharia Law in the United States. (Above: The Rt. Rev. Michael Nazir-Ali (left) speaks with Anglicans in the Diocese of Fort Worth.)



AAC Communications Officer Robert Lundy (right) organized the "Hold Fast" tour and travelled with Bishop Nazir-Ali on the nation-wide speaking tour.

A delegation of leaders from the Anglican Church of Nigeria, including the Most Revd. Nicholas Okoh (2nd from left), Archbishop and Primate, met with Canon Ashey (left) at the AAC's offices in Atlanta in July of 2011. The Anglican Church of Nigeria is the largest Anglican province with over 20 million members. For nearly a decade, leaders of the Church of Nigeria have worked closely with the AAC.





# AAC Online Communications

## AAC website statistics

- Over 50,000 visitors
- Visitors come from over 142 countries/territories
- 47% of visitors are new to the site

## Resources

Providing a variety of resources on topics such as: discipleship, Anglican Communion issues, church planting, locating orthodox parishes and more.

## Latest news and commentary

With both AAC original stories and re-posted articles from other sources, the AAC's homepage keeps many Anglicans up to date on current events in the Communion.

## Anglican Perspective

The AAC produces this weekly two minute teaching video to better inform an increasingly online and younger audience.

## Free Webinars

With free online classes/webinars on "Effective Parish Websites" and "The Basics of Clergy Taxes," the AAC now brings much needed training to clergy and laity. New classes/topics are coming soon!

## Facebook page

The AAC actively engages constituents on its Facebook page.

[www.Facebook.com/AmericanAnglican](http://www.Facebook.com/AmericanAnglican)

## AAC Publications

### Encompass

A quarterly publication that contains a broad overview of current events in the Anglican realignment, available in print and online.

### Weekly Update

With over 10,000 subscribers, the AAC's Weekly Update Email is widely read and serves Anglicans worldwide.