



*Developing. Renewing. Equipping.*

# Ministry Update

Founded in 1996, the American Anglican Council is a nonprofit organization that is committed to DEVELOPING faithful leaders, RENEWING orthodox Anglicanism world-wide and EQUIPPING the church for mission. For more information on this vital ministry go to [www.AmericanAnglican.org](http://www.AmericanAnglican.org)

# CEO'S STATEMENT

Dear Friends,

THE MINISTRY of the American Anglican Council is vitally important to Anglicanism surviving and thriving in North America. We believe that our focus on developing faithful leaders, equipping the church for mission and renewing orthodox Anglicanism worldwide can have a huge impact on God's kingdom. We're already seeing the fruit of this focus in our Clergy Leadership Training Institute, our church revitalization efforts and our International work. In this ministry update you will see these results and, hopefully, you will also see the potential impact these efforts will have for generations to come.

What would happen if:

- Every Anglican priest and lay leader were focused on and equipped to fulfill the Great Commission?
- Local church leaders could effectively lead people, multiply disciples and turn congregations from maintenance to mission?
- Anglicans everywhere engaged opportunities to refute secular ideologies and false gospels?

- Global Anglican Bishops and other key leaders were fully empowered to promote and defend biblical Anglican faith in their provinces?
- Our church structures were intentionally designed to serve the Great Commission?

At the American Anglican Council we are working to turn these aspirations into realities. We purposefully design our programs to promote outcomes like these and with God's blessing we are already seeing these efforts bear fruit for the Kingdom.

I'm personally looking forward to leading the American Anglican Council in the years ahead and to what God will do with this ministry. Would you like to invest in this great Kingdom work? Please pray with us for the continued renewal of orthodox Anglicanism in North America and please consider donating to the American Anglican Council.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. Canon J. Philip Ashley  
Chief Executive Officer



*The American Anglican Council's Board of Trustees selected The Rev. Canon Phil Ashey as Chief Executive Officer in November, 2013.*



# DEVELOPING FAITHFUL LEADERS

THE CLERGY LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE (CLTI) in 2013 continued to develop faithful, competent, Anglican leaders. Our inaugural group finished their third and final session at The Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove in North Carolina on March 1. One of the participants in this group made the following comment about the presenters:

*“...I’m certain to look back at this teaching as being foundational in so many ways. All 3 years have been wonderfully helpful, and have given me personal and parish insights.”*

Later in the year, we held CLTI Session II for the Diocese of Ft. Worth, and Sessions I and II for the Anglican Network in Canada and the Diocese of Cascadia on the West Coast of the US. The year concluded with new cohorts for clergy in the Southeastern and Northeastern U.S. Describing his experience at a CLTI in 2013, Canon Patrick Smith said:

*“In 20 years of ordained ministry this has, hands down, been the best training I have ever received. I wish I had received this earlier.”*

It is this kind of impactful training that we continue to provide for Anglican Clergy.





*This retreat center in Conyers, GA was  
the site of a Southeast regional CLTI*

102

the number of priests who participated in the Clergy Leadership Training Institute in 2013

5

the number of CLTI sessions held in 2013. This includes sessions in:

Asheville, North Carolina  
Conyers, Georgia  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Seattle, Washington  
Nashotah, Wisconsin



*The Rev. Bill Midgett leads an American Anglican Council church revitalization workshop*

# EQUIPPING THE CHURCH FOR MISSION

IS YOUR CONGREGATION plateaued or in decline numerically, financially, or spiritually? Do you find the focus in your church more on survival than saving the lost? When the subject of church planting comes up, do you immediately dismiss it and wonder why the question is being asked when your church is struggling to survive? Are you feeling a lack of motivation in becoming an outreach-focused church?

**T**he American Anglican Council addresses these questions through our church revitalization program. We work to help the great number of Anglican churches in North America that are not new church plants but already in place. In 2013, the American Anglican Council partnered with the Anglican 1000 church planting movement to bring our revitalization program to regional gatherings. During each gathering, our three-day workshop helped leaders of local churches assess where their church lies on the lifecycle of a congregation: incline (growth), recline (plateau) or decline. We identified

common barriers to spiritual, missional and numerical growth at each stage of the lifecycle. We helped leaders rediscover the power of vision to renew the church at whatever stage they may find themselves so that they can enter into a new season of growth and vitality. These gatherings took place in Seattle, Fort Worth, Atlanta, and Phoenix with hundreds in attendance.

**M**ost leaders we've encountered are not lacking in passion and planning ability. What most leaders need is a more complete set of tools and spiritual disciplines to help lead their church through the cultural change that is necessary to grow it in evangelism, discipleship, mission and outreach. We seek to impart to leaders prayer, perspective, patience and pace.

**I**t is a privilege to work with leaders all across North America who want to see their churches grow. Please pray for us that the Lord would use our efforts - and this program in particular - to help equip the church for mission.

# RENEWING ORTHODOX ANGLICANISM

WHAT AN AMAZING TIME of ministry and service in Africa! The American Anglican Council sent three representatives to Nairobi, Kenya in October to help with the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) 2013. The long days and late nights put in by our staff were rewarded with deepened relationships and positive influence over the direction of this critical global move-

ment. Communications Director Robert Lundy served as a key figure on the GAFCON media team. Chief Executive Officer the Rev. Canon Phil Ashey led the conference's strategic planning team that focused on GAFCON's future and next steps. But don't just take our word for it. Read a first-hand testimony of how we served at GAFCON.



*GAFCON 2013 final press conference*





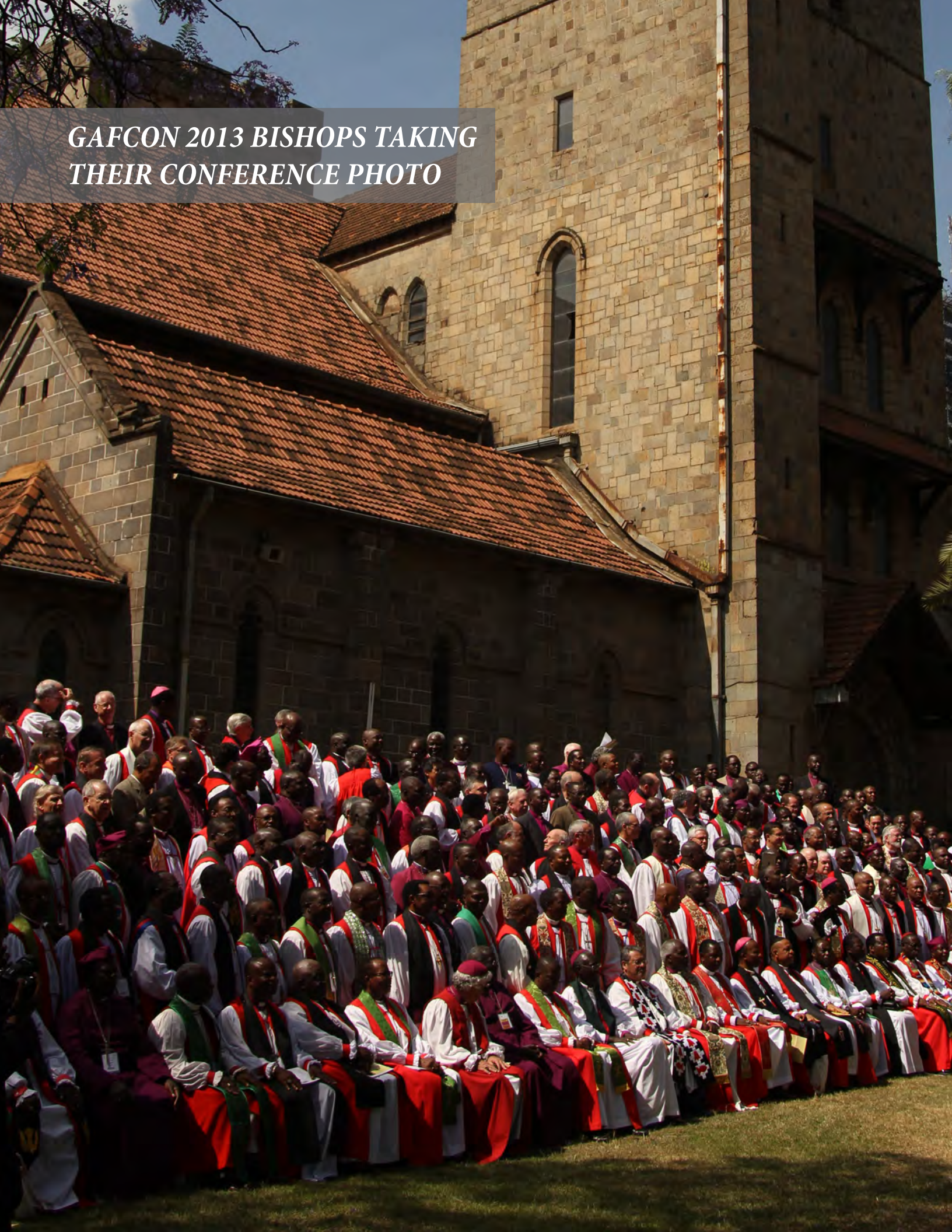
*Communications Director Robert Lundy interviews GAFCON delegates in Nairobi*

*“The AAC was a great support to the Church of Uganda as we prepared to participate in GAFCON. Canon Asheya, a former priest of the Church of Uganda, met with the entire Ugandan GAFCON delegation and briefed us on the need for GAFCON in response to disturbing trends within the existing structures of the Anglican Communion. His*

*briefing was cogent and very illuminating for our entire delegation; it provided the perfect backdrop for understanding the urgency of GAFCON as an effective instrument of communion centred on Jesus Christ and His Gospel.”*

– The Rev. Canon Dr. Alison Barfoot, Assistant to the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda for International Relations

*GAFCON 2013 BISHOPS TAKING  
THEIR CONFERENCE PHOTO*



# Financial Review

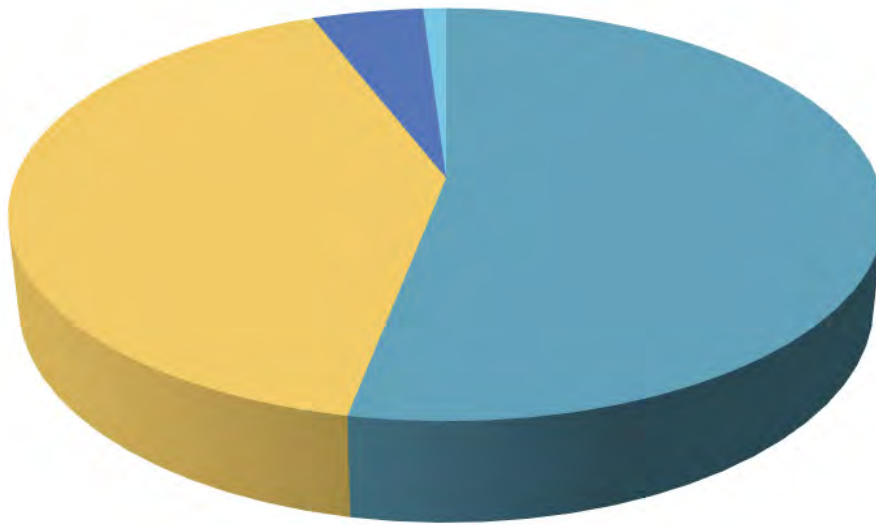
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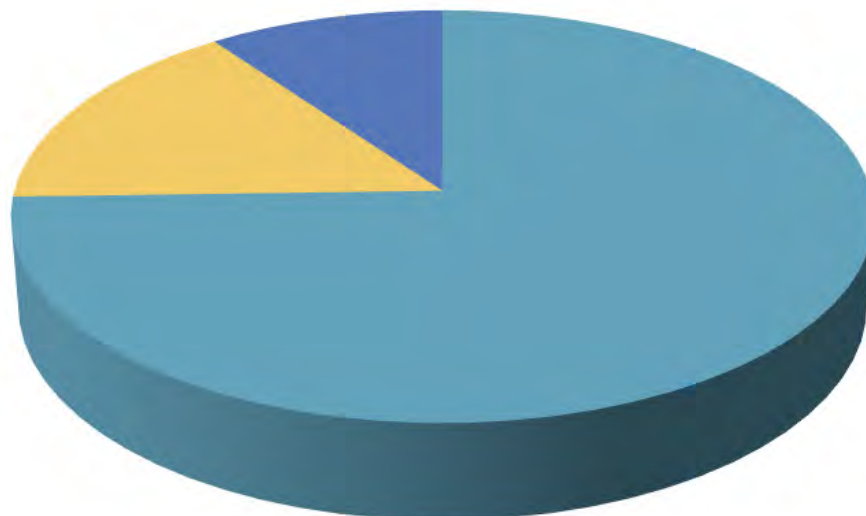
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2013 Funding Sources



2013 Expenses





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