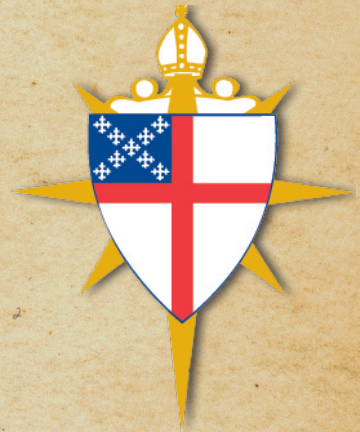


The American Anglican Council



Renewing orthodox Anglicanism worldwide



Developing faithful leaders



Equipping the church for mission

2012
Annual
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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,

Thank you for your interest in the work God is doing through the American Anglican Council (AAC). 2012 was a year of many blessings for the AAC. Our existing programs like the Clergy Leadership Training Institute welcomed new participants and continued ongoing training in practical skills that clergy need and appreciate. Sure Foundation, our ministry to congregational leadership teams, continued to mature, including an ever-increasing circle of skilled teachers who can coach and train in areas of vital importance such as how to reach young families and how to minister to youth.



We also saw God's hand of blessing upon new initiatives like our Ecumenical Leadership Summit. This group of 32 met on October 22-25 and included leaders from organizations like The Presbyterian Lay Committee, Lutheran CORE, Good News (United Methodists) and the Anglican Church in North America. We at the AAC helped convene this summit to explore ways these groups and others could work together for God's kingdom. The group plans to meet again in 2013.

Internationally, the AAC continues to serve a vital role in the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans/GAFCON movement. Our COO, Canon Phil Ashey, and Communications Officer Robert Lundy both helped plan and facilitate the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans leadership gathering in London in the spring of 2012. This conference served as an opportunity for orthodox Anglicans to further develop relationships and international networks that could not otherwise exist without such face-to-face encounters. Canon Ashey was also present for the 15th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Auckland, New Zealand, where he assisted orthodox delegates and monitored and reported on events.

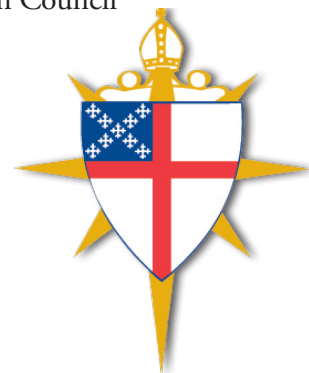
Financially speaking, we were blessed in 2012 with the ability to accomplish so much while keeping expenses to a minimum. Because of this and the generous donations of people like you, we were able to end the year in the black. That said, we still need your support and deeply appreciate any way you can help us.

I pray that 2012 was a year of blessing for you as well. I know that even greater blessings are yet to come for all of us in 2013 and the years ahead.

In Christ our Lord,

David C. Anderson

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

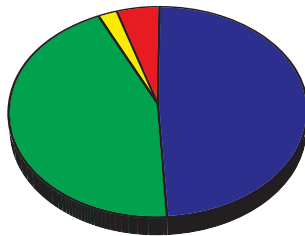


AAC 2012 Year-end Figures

- represents **310** affiliated parishes.
- represents **19** dioceses.

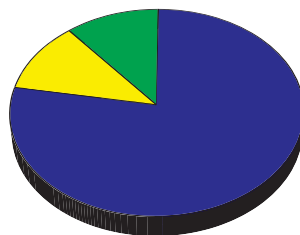
Funding

- Foundations 49%
- Individuals 44%
- Parishes 5%
- Other 2%



Expenses

- Ministry 78%
- Fundraising 11%
- Admin 11%



Developing Faithful Leaders - Equipping the Church for Mission

The American Anglican Council has two signature programs to develop faithful leaders and equip biblically orthodox Episcopal and Anglican churches. The Clergy Leadership Training Institute (CLTI) and the Sure Foundation program for congregational development equip Christians throughout the U.S. and in Canada. To date, the CLTI has 63 clergy participants while the Sure Foundation program has worked with leadership teams from more than 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. 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.

Their next meeting focused on the ministry life of the leader, led by the Ven. Don Roberts. The topic for the third meeting will be leading a growing congregation, led by The Rev. Canon David Roseberry. Several more CLTI cohorts are forming throughout North America, including ones in Texas, Georgia, and Canada. Find out more at: 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), the program 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.

While primarily used for groups of churches from a regional area (or diocese), individual churches may schedule a session as well.

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

Renewing Orthodox Anglicanism Worldwide



Canon Phil Ashley (far left), American Anglican Council COO, worked with leaders like The Rt. Rev. Ikechi Nwosu of Nigeria at the 2012 meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Auckland, New Zealand. The meeting was the last for outgoing Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.



In October of 2012, the AAC helped convene an ecumenical summit of leaders (above) from Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian churches and organizations. The group affirmed common theological ground and sought practical ways of working together.

In their statement, titled “Jesus Christ: Our common ground and common cause”, the leaders said “Even as we fully acknowledge the imperfections of Christian institutions and the broken nature of our collective witness to the world, we commit to strive together for a faithful way of being the Church together. Our hearts are burdened for the millions of our neighbors who are estranged from God and the Church.”

The leaders agreed to explore working together in areas of church planting, theological education and training. They also committed to meet again for a second summit in 2013.



The Rev. Canon Phil Ashley (above) was a key organizer of the 2012 Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans Leadership Conference in London, England. The conference was hosted by the GAFCON Primates Council and gathered prominent and influential orthodox leaders from around the Communion.



AAC Communications Officer Robert Lundy (back) worked alongside the Anglican Diocese of Sydney, Australia’s Communications Director, Russell Powell, while organizing media relations at the April, 2012 Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans conference in London.



First published in 2012, the AAC International Update email focuses on Anglican Communion news from around the world and features unique articles and analysis of international events every week.

AAC Online Communications

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.

AAC website statistics

- Over 55,000 visitors
- Visitors come from 170 countries/territories
- 53% of visitors are new to the site



Free Webinars

With free on-line classes/webinars on “Effective Parish Websites” and “The Basics of Clergy Taxes,” the AAC now brings much needed training to clergy and laity.

Facebook page

The AAC actively engages constituents on its Facebook page.

Current Resources

Encompass: Fourth Quarter 2012
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Latest News

Iranian Christians Still Imprisoned
Evangelicals and the Gay Moral Revolution
God's Defense: Anglican Perspective
Philippine 'no' to the Anglican Covenant
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Anglican Perspective

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

AAC Publications

Encompass

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

Weekly North American and International Updates

With over 10,000 subscribers, the AAC's email updates are widely read, serving Anglicans worldwide.