



SERVING THE LIFE OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Highlights report from the Anglican Communion Office 2026



All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

ACTS 4: 32-33

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



Dear Friends,

With deep gratitude and joy, I share this year's Highlights Report – a celebration of how the Anglican Communion Office has strengthened our global family of faith in 2025.

With your support, the ACO has served Anglican member churches around the world, as they share the hope of the Gospel in their communities.

2026 will be an important year in the Anglican Communion that will see:

- The Installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, at Canterbury Cathedral.
- The 19th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council, hosted by the Church of Ireland.
- Proposals for 'Vision 36' – a bold new initiative for a decade-long focus on evangelism and church planting across the Anglican Communion.
- Discussion of *The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals*, a theological framework to strengthen Christian unity and help member churches walk together.
- Ongoing advocacy and campaigning about major issues impacting the world today.

Your partnership – whether through Provincial Contributions, grants, or individual donations – makes this work possible. Every gift strengthens the ACO's ability to serve the Communion effectively.

In a world marked by fragmentation and division, the ACO is fully committed to our shared witness. May we not tire of Christ's call to unity. Together, let us confront despair with hope, division with grace, and injustice with courage, living out the transforming love of Christ.

The Rt Revd Anthony Poggo,
Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

ABOUT THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION OFFICE



The Anglican Communion Office (ACO) is the secretariat of the Anglican Communion – a worldwide network of Anglican churches, in over 165 countries. The ACO serves the life of the Anglican Communion, encourages mission and fosters Christian unity.

PRIORITIES

The ACO pursues the following key priorities:

- **Listen to the Communion:** The ACO listens to the Communion to discern matters of common concern and enables the cooperative work of member churches. The ACO assists the Instruments of Communion: The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Anglican Consultative Council, The Primates' Meeting and The Lambeth Conference.
- **Global Conversations:** The ACO amplifies vital conversations about church and world affairs, representing the work of Anglican commissions and networks so that Anglicans can collaborate on mission, advocacy, and vocational priorities that matter most.
- **Unity, Faith and Order:** The ACO convenes inter-Anglican and ecumenical dialogues in pursuit of the full visible unity of all Christians and churches—a witness to Christ's prayer that all may be one.

- **Advocacy:** The ACO stands with Anglicans in advocating for justice, peace and equality. It represents the distinctive Anglican voices in civil society and at the United Nations on issues affecting people and planet.
- **Connect and resource:** The ACO shares resources to support bishops, clergy and laity as they live out the Five Marks of Mission. The ACO champions theological education and training around the world.

PROMOTING THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

- **Tell:** Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- **Teach:** Teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- **Tend:** Respond to human need by loving service.
- **Transform:** Transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
- **Treasure:** Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

ANGLICAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL: ACC-19

CALLED TO ONE HOPE

During 2026, ACC-19 (the 19th in-person meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council) will meet in Belfast, hosted by the Church of Ireland.

The theme of ACC-19 is 'Called to One Hope'. ACC will explore how the Church can share the reconciling love of Christ in a broken world.

ACC meetings are one of the most diverse Anglican forums, inviting bishops, clergy and lay people from each province of the Anglican Communion. Members will discuss priorities in global mission, advocacy and ecumenical matters.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

EPHESIANS 4: 4-6



The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals:

Another major focus will be consideration of proposals concerning Christian unity, Anglican identity and the structures of the Communion. Daily sessions will be hosted by the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order (IASCUFO) and resolutions emerging from its paper, *The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals*, published in 2024.

The paper was commissioned at ACC-19 in 2023 'to help address our differences in the Anglican Communion' in service of 'seeking to walk together to the highest degree possible.' The paper is set within the longstanding commitment of the Anglican Communion to answering God's call to unity in the Body of Christ.

The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals outline two principal measures. The first proposes an updated description of the Anglican Communion to reflect its current structure and reality. The revised description enables all Anglicans to speak truly and honestly about the faith, ministry, and mission that they share.

The second proposes a broadening of the leadership of the Anglican Communion, to better reflect the

diversity of the Communion in today's world and ensure that the leadership of the Communion 'looks like the Communion.' The proposed modest structural reforms are offered to enhance the collegiality of the Instruments and complement the unique ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Since publishing its original paper, IASCUFO has engaged in a period of listening to responses from around the Anglican Communion, with an eye to presenting revised proposals for ACC-19. This has entailed careful consideration of various published responses, online consultations with bishops and members of the ACC, ecumenical consultations and regular conversations with the Standing Committee of the Communion and with Archbishop Mullally.

The commission is publishing a 'Supplement' to *The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals* before ACC-19, offering some refinements to the proposals, along with a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) text as an accompaniment.

The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals and other resources are available [online](#).

PRIORITIES AT ACC-19 THIS YEAR:

Vision 36 – Evangelism and Church Planting:

An Anglican church planting network, and the Commission for Evangelism and Intentional Discipleship will share plans for a bold decade-long focus on mission and evangelism called: *Vision 36*, that has the ambition of seeing new churches being planted around the world.

The Archbishop of Canterbury:

ACC-19 will be one of the first Anglican Communion gatherings attended by The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE.

Global Conversations:

Every day, Anglicans around the world collaborate on key areas of mission and advocacy. At ACC-19, sessions will be run for member churches, commissions and networks to share plans and collaborate on topics including: Discipleship, peace and reconciliation work, science and faith, environmental justice, inter faith relations, refugee crisis and many more.



The Archbishop of Canterbury

HOW YOUR FUNDING HELPS

The ACO is seeking provincial contributions and other donations. Your support helps us to:

- Plan and support key meetings of the Instruments, including ACC-19 in 2026.
- Provide travel bursaries so that members from under-resourced settings can take part.
- Cover translation, interpretation and resources to support diverse participation.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025

THE SECRETARY GENERAL



Through visits to member churches, advocacy and ecumenical relations, the Secretary General – The Rt Revd Anthony Poggo – is an Ambassador for the Anglican Communion.

ADVOCACY



The Secretary General supports advocacy on a range of issues. This includes humanitarian crisis impacting countries like South Sudan and Sudan. In November

2025, he received the Most Revd Ezekiel Kondo, Archbishop of Sudan, at the Anglican Communion Office, to hear more about the deteriorating situation in Sudan and support the Sudanese Bishops' 'Appeal for Peace'.

PREACHING



During Member church visits, the Secretary General makes time to meet with local parishioners. In June 2025, he gave the Pentecost Sunday

sermon at St Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas. Preaching on Acts 2, he said: 'I am privileged to see the many ways in which Anglicans around the world are acting in the strength and power of God's Spirit to build his Church.'

MISSION



The Secretary General supported the commissioning of a new diocesan outreach project at St Brigid's Cathedral, in Kildare.

'The Community of the Celtic Cross' will explore fresh expressions of Christian community. He said: 'I pray for the power of the Spirit to guide their footsteps as they seek to reach those who feel disconnected from the body of Christ.'

ENCOURAGEMENT



On the Secretary General's Oceania tour, visits were made to Anglican

Churches in Papua New Guinea, Australia, Melanesia, Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Meeting people in local communities, education and health initiatives, he reflected: 'Their witness to the Gospel, formed through perseverance and faith, is a powerful reminder of the vitality and diversity of our Anglican Communion.'

UNITY

In October, the Secretary General shared a Pastoral Letter, calling for all Anglicans to uphold the unity of God's church. An extract urges: 'Every Anglican, and indeed every Christian, should seriously seek to discern a future of faithfulness according to God's own calling and enabling of our confession and obedience. In the Gospel of John, Jesus calls his disciples to unity in the truth and identifies himself as the means and the end of both. Divisions among Anglicans, and many other divisions in the Body of Christ, are sadly well known, as we see in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:17). These divisions require urgent attention and repair, by means of every instrument available to us.'



The Archbishop of Canterbury with The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion.

THE 106TH ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The 106th Archbishop of Canterbury is the Most Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE. The ACO will provide ongoing assistance to the office of the Archbishop as one of the 'Instruments of Communion'.

WHEN HER ROLE WAS ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER 2025, THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY SHARED THIS MESSAGE TO THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:

When I think about the Anglican Communion, I am filled with joy and hope. As a vibrant part of God's universal church, it serves millions of Christians across the globe, spanning diverse cultures and traditions. I give thanks for the churches of the Anglican Communion and their faithful Christian presence in communities worldwide.

Yet in these times, we are called to bear with one another in love, extending grace and standing as witnesses to Christ's reconciling power. Let us be a communion that strives to bridge divisions, look outward in compassion, and stand with the vulnerable, modelling the love of God that knows no boundaries.

Through the deep bonds of friendship shared between the Provinces, I know that every day, Anglican churches strengthen one another in mission; stand alongside one another in times of adversity and speak out on matters of injustice and inequality.

As I prepare for this ministry, I am committed to listening deeply, serving faithfully, and fostering unity and mutual support throughout the Anglican Communion. I look forward to working alongside my fellow Primates and bishops across the world, and learning from the rich diversity of each Province and their local congregations. I also look forward to joining the Anglican Consultative Council when it meets in 2026.

This is possible, because as Christians, we are all called to one hope. Paul's letter to the Ephesians says: "...We all share in one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Wherever your church is located and whatever challenges you face, be assured of my prayers and my partnership. Through the daily Anglican Cycle of Prayer, let us continue to uphold one another in prayer, asking for God's guidance and blessing on our churches and communities. Together, may we share God's love and work tirelessly for social justice in our world.

My prayer for the Anglican Communion is that we will continuously respond to the hope of the Gospel with confidence and conviction. In our world today, millions are suffering from the effects of war, conflict, injustice and inequality in many forms. Globally and locally, there is much to discourage and divide us.

GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

The Anglican Communion Office champions several Global Conversations that relate to Anglican shared priorities in church and world affairs.

THE ENVIRONMENT



Lungs of the Earth' is a call for environmental action and advocacy, launched in the lead up to COP30 in

November 2025. It invites Anglicans to restore and protect God's world with a particular focus on three vital ecosystems that act as the planet's natural lungs: oceans, forests and ice caps. To develop the campaign, the ACO worked in collaboration with environmental activists and indigenous communities.

INTER FAITH



The Anglican Communion Inter Faith Commission met in Kuching, Malaysia, to explore how Anglicans can

build positive partnerships in inter faith work. The meeting also considered changes in the world since the publication of 'Generous Love', a key Anglican document, published by the 'Network for Inter Faith Concerns' in 2008.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION



At St John's Theological College in Auckland, the ACO was represented in a landmark gathering of

Anglican Seminary Deans from East Asia and Oceania to explore ways to reshape theological education through an indigenous lens.

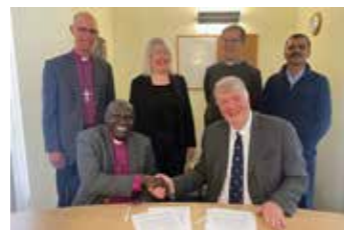
SAFE CHURCH



The ACO assisted with the first-ever Spanish-speaking regional conference of the Anglican Communion

Safe Church Commission (ACSCC), hosted by The Anglican Church of Mexico and the Anglican Church of the Central America.

SCIENCE AND FAITH



The ACO aided the Anglican Communion Science Commission's work to bring 'lead science bishops'

together, for online discussion and collaboration. Webinars in 2025 included a session about the ethics of vaccine development. As churches are at the heart of community life, they often play a partnering role in health provision. Equipping churches to be more conversant with the science community is vital.

COMMISSIONS AND NETWORKS

Many Global Conversations relate to the work of Anglican commissions and networks, who are involved in mission, theological education and advocacy. Mission priorities include: Church Planting, Youth, Health, Liturgy, Peace and Justice, Environment, Inter Faith, Family, Women, Bishops' Spouses, Francophone, Lusophone, Legal Advisors, Science and Faith, Theological Education, Safe Church and more.

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RESOURCE AND CONNECT

The ACO facilitates and connects Anglicans as they live out the Five Marks of Mission, with a focus on episcopal ministry, but with a wider offer to clergy and laity. The ACO also champions theological education and training around the world.

FRANCOPHONE NETWORK



A gathering for Francophone bishops and their spouses met in Nairobi, to discuss mission, leadership development

and community transformation. Recognising the shared values, traditions and customs of those who identify with the Francophone world, the meeting was facilitated by the ACO and provided an opportunity for French-speaking bishops to resource one another as they develop their Francophone Anglican identity.

THE LAMBETH CALLS

The ACO delivered a series of online webinars and resources to continue discussions about the Lambeth Calls, which were shared by the bishops of the Lambeth Conference in 2022. During 2025, topics covered included: Mission and Evangelism, Inter Faith relations and Reconciliation.

NEW BISHOPS

The ACO provided training to seminarians and newly ordained bishops in partnership with Canterbury Cathedral. This helped participants develop their ministry and explore the Anglican Communion's traditions and spirituality.

HOW YOUR FUNDING HELPS

The ACO is seeking provincial contributions and other donations, which help to:

- Support Anglican commissions on an ongoing basis, including the work of ACO staff to assist in the facilitation of key meetings, communications and discussions.
- Develop relevant resources and materials to aid learning, theological reflection and mission.
- Cover translation, interpretation and resource development to support diverse participation.
- Aid The Secretary General's ambassadorial role in global forums, ecumenical settings and on member church visits.
- Support The ACO's work in assisting the office of the Archbishop of Canterbury and other 'Instruments' of the Anglican Communion.

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UNITY FAITH AND ORDER

The ACO's Unity, Faith and Order team organises and oversees all Anglican ecclesiological engagement at a global level, both between member churches and with other Christian denominations and provides advice on doctrine, polity and liturgy to the Instruments of Communion.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS: ANGLICANS AT THE PAPAL FUNERAL AND PAPAL INAUGURATION

The formal theological dialogue between the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church represents one of the most significant ecumenical journeys of the modern era.

In 2025, Anglicans were among representatives of world Christian Communions and faith groups attending both the funeral of Pope Francis, and the Inauguration of Pope Leo XIV.

On each occasion, the delegations were facilitated by the ACO, the Anglican Centre in Rome and the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity at the Vatican.



At the inauguration of Pope Leo, the Rt Revd Graham Tomlin, Chair of the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order, said: 'It has been wonderful to be here as part of a gathering of churches from all around the world... the Christian family in one place and to hear Pope Leo talking about love and unity is such a crucial thing for us at this particular moment as we try to bear witness to Jesus Christ in our world and we do that together.'

ANGLICAN COMMUNION REPRESENTED AT SIXTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER



Ecumenical representatives from the Anglican Communion participated in the Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order in October, which also marked the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. The conference issued a 'Call to All Christians', at a significant gathering that had explored the question of 'Where now for visible unity?'.

INTER-ANGLICAN UNITY

As the Communion's only standing theological commission, IASCUFO advises the Instruments of Communion on matters of doctrine and church life, helping articulate a shared Anglican identity for today. A vital example of this work is *The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals*. Commissioned by the Anglican Consultative Council, these proposals are exploring how the Communion's structures can be renewed to reflect its global nature and help navigate differences faithfully. These will be discussed at ACC-19 (see page 5).

For more information on various ecumenical dialogues visit the Anglican Communion Office [website](#).

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ADVOCACY AND ANGLICANS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The ACO supports Anglicans act globally and locally in advocating for justice, peace and equality. It represents a distinctive Anglican voice to civil society and engages with the United Nations and other global bodies.

The ACO has official consultative status at the United Nations and works on the following priorities:

- Sharing the voices of Anglicans on matters of peace, the environment and migration.
- Listening and learning from global best practice at the UN, so that Anglicans can be informed on how to work together globally and locally.
- Advocacy: Sharing what the Anglican Communion stands for on major issues at the UN level, equipping Anglicans to act locally.
- Accompaniment and partnership: Creating partnerships between UN entities and Anglican Churches and sharing resources, in response to challenges like conflict, forced migration, environmental crises and health.

RECENT REPRESENTATION

Environment: The ACO supported the advocacy of an Anglican delegation attending COP30. They called to 'restore and protect the lungs of the earth'. Hosted by the Anglican Church of Brazil, an Anglican delegation also joined with other faith and

civil society groups to advocate for environmental justice during the COP negotiations.

Migration: The Anglican Communion and the Lutheran World Federation, issued a joint statement reaffirming their commitment to work and respond to the growing refugee crisis ahead of the Global Refugee Forum Progress Review (GRF) in Geneva (December 2025). The statement calls for an 'increased dialogue between governments, international organisations, and faith actors' and affirms 'the need for a multilateral approach, where the countries of the world come together to address the root causes of displacement, including violent conflicts and climate change'.

PEACE

The ACO coordinated responses to escalating violence in Israel-Palestine conflict, DRC, South Sudan and more, through connections with the UN Mediation Support Unit and influential political centres around the world. Anglicans continue to convene in situations of conflict in ways few other faith actors can.



COP 30



Advocacy at the UN



UN Status of Women



Pastoral support and advocacy



Anglicans and Lutherans speak out about migration and refugee crises around the world

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