

## **FAQ's for Diocesan/Parish Affiliation**

### **1. Why is assent to the Jerusalem Statement and Declaration a precondition of affiliation?**

Gafcon is a movement of confessing Anglicans. We recognize that the primary mark of authentic Anglicanism is not historical or institutional, but faithfulness to God's self-revelation in Scripture. The Jerusalem Declaration is a contemporary articulation of key truths of biblical Anglicanism while the Jerusalem Statement sets out the context and essential doctrinal identity of the movement.

### **2. What is the benefit to a diocese or parish of Gafcon affiliation?**

Affiliation is a great stimulus to mission, locally and globally, and to standing firm in the 'faith once delivered to the saints' (Jude 3). In particular:

- The Gafcon Secretariat can facilitate international mission links with partners which open up exciting opportunities for reciprocal mission.
- Updates can be sent on request before each meeting of the Diocesan Synod or Parish Council to help maintain prayerful awareness of Gafcon's work around the world
- By adopting the Jerusalem Statement and Declaration, dioceses and parishes anchor themselves in mainstream faithful Anglicanism. This is a way of being very intentional 'lest we drift away' (Hebrews 2:1). No one has automatic immunity from false teaching.

### **3. What are the commitments of affiliation?**

The essential commitment is active participation. We hope that every diocese or parish will:

- Encourage prayer using the Gafcon daily prayer diary and other resources.
- Be informed by using the various channels of Gafcon communication.
- Participate in the Gafcon networks as appropriate
- accept the principle that fellowship, the sharing of a common life in Christ, includes finance. However, circumstances vary greatly and we do not set out any particular figure, but encourage the practice of an annual gift as a way of participating in the global mission of Gafcon.

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