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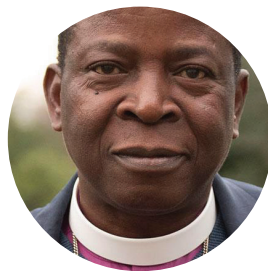
FUEL FOR PRAYER

Keeping the Gafcon Movement
moving with praise and petition

“GUARDING AND PROCLAIMING THE UNCHANGING TRUTH IN A CHANGING WORLD”

Gafcon's mission is to **'Restore Anglican Commitment to Biblical Truth'** and our strategy is summed up in the strapline above. The authority of the Bible is under attack from aggressive secularism outside the church and progressive groups within, determined to 'revise' God's revealed will in Scripture. Gafcon, therefore, is committed to guarding the truth of the Gospel by challenging the error of false teaching particularly on issues where salvation is at stake.

Gafcon is outward focussed being equally committed to Gospel Mission. We recognise the purpose of our shared lives as Anglicans is to fulfil the Great Commission by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to all nations. The size, strength, experience and world-wide presence of the Anglican Communion mean it still has the potential to be a powerful and effective agent for global mission.



CHAIRMAN'S GREETING

Dear People of God,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

As we approach the 10th anniversary of the founding of the movement we have an opportunity to look back and reflect on what has been achieved by Gafcon through God over the past decade. Let us join in thanking Him for his immeasurable blessings. And with the third Global Anglican Future Conference just weeks away our minds are also drawn to what lies ahead and the need to come humbly before the Lord in prayer.

I commend this little prayer booklet to you. Might you be encouraged by examples of God's evident sovereignty, despite severe opposition, and might you grow in humble dependence as we face together the challenges that lie ahead.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Jerusalem next month.

Archbishop Nicholas D Okoh



GENERAL SECRETARY'S FOREWORD

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the many initiatives planned for the conference next month is the launch of the Gafcon Prayer Network. Prayer is, of course, the life blood of the movement and we are determined to be more intentional in our prayers going forward, drawing intercessors together and providing Gafcon supporters worldwide with regular prayer updates.

In many respects this booklet marks the first step in a concerted drive to praise and petition more effectively. Thank you for your partnership in the vital work.

Dr Peter F Jensen

FILL YOUR TANK WITH PRAISE!



The Lord has been wonderfully gracious since the movement was founded in 2008. Our hearts should be overflowing with thanksgiving. The following praise points aim to help you do just that.

We have grouped them around Gafcon's three principal activities.



Inaugural Conference
Jerusalem 2008



Gathering 1

uniting the global family of authentic Anglicans

Authentic Anglicans are those who hold true to apostolic, bible-based doctrine; who haven't erred from the founding principles of Anglicanism and the supreme authority of scripture in particular.

As liberal elements within the Communion have adopted a secular worldview, many authentic Anglicans have felt isolated; either as whole provinces, or as dioceses within provinces, or as local churches in dioceses.

Gafcon gathers faithful Anglicans both physically, through conferences and networks, but also electronically through e-communications and social media.



Panel of Assistance
sub-group in Chile,
March 2018



Choir at 2nd
conference in
Nairobi, 2013

give thanks for:

- Two previous Gafcon Conferences; Jerusalem 2008 (where over 1,000 attended) and Nairobi 2013 (where 1,300 were present).
- The Jerusalem Statement and Declaration, our basis of faith, which unites the movement.
- Over 11,000 GAFCON subscribers and 125,000 Facebook followers.
- The Primates who lead the movement and the 'Panel of Assistance' who support them.
- The launch of Gafcon Ireland in April and the creation of the new province of: The Anglican Church in Brazil in May led by Archbishop Miguel Uchoa.

Equipping

providing faithful Anglicans with resources and training to contend for the true gospel

Because the Anglican Communion is episcopal, Gafcon recognises the key role bishops play in upholding biblical truth. And so, in October 2016, the Bishops' Training Institute (BTI) was launched as 30 Gafcon supporting Bishops met for training, fellowship, bible-study and prayer for 10 days in Limuru, Kenya. There have now been 3 BTI courses and we aim to hold two more each year.

Theological education for priests and laity is equally important and yet the opportunities to receive a good biblical training are far fewer than they should be. In February 2017 a Theological Consultation was convened to establish a training philosophy for Gafcon. A team of theological educators is currently being recruited to move this initiative forward (see Petitions overleaf).



give thanks for:

- The 80 bishops trained through BTI.
- The monthly Bishops' Bulletin circulated to 365 bishops keeping them informed about developments within Gafcon and the wider Communion.
- The growing resources available on the website and the recent launch of the Gafcon YouTube channel.
- The formation of 9 networks to gather and equip specialist groups within the movement. (See further in 'Petitions' overleaf.)



BTI 1 (Oct 2016)



BTI 2 (Mar 2017)



BTI 3 (Nov 2017)

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Evangelising

making disciples and planting churches

At the conference in Nairobi in 2013 Gafcon commissioned AMiE (the Anglican Mission in England) to evangelise and plant churches in the spiritually barren areas of that country. Give thanks for the 13 churches that have been planted so far and their aim to plant 25 churches by 2025 and 250 by 2050.

In June 2017 the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) consecrated Andy Lines to be the Gafcon Missionary Bishop for Europe. He has immediate responsibility to shepherd those in the Scottish Episcopal Church who cannot accept the decision of their leadership to adopt same-sex marriage, and also to provide oversight for pastors and congregations of AMiE. Please thank God for ACNA and for Andy's bold leadership.



Bishop Andy Lines

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give thanks for:

- The 'Caminemos Juntos' program which links the ACNA and the Anglican Church in Brazil in a joint evangelistic and church planting initiative.
- The imminent launch of the Gafcon Church planting network in Jerusalem
- The focus on outreach in the forthcoming conference with the theme: 'Proclaiming Christ Faithfully to the Nations'

'POUR OUT YOUR HEARTS TO HIM'

PSALM 62:8

In Psalm 62 King David urged the people of God to 'trust him at all times' and to pour out their hearts to Him. And James warned his readers: 'you do not have because you do not ask'. (James 4:2). We trust that these two pages will encourage you to petition God on Gafcon's behalf.

GAFCON
Jerusalem
2018

3rd Global Conference 17th-23rd June 2018

The Jerusalem conference is just weeks away and your prayers are hugely valued. Please pray for the program of events:

- For Dr Peter Jensen, the Gafcon General Secretary and convener of the conference who is responsible for the program as a whole and organising plenary sessions and speakers.
- For those giving talks, making presentations and leading sessions that they would prepare well.
- For fellowship: that delegates from 50+ countries would be united in Christ and would form lasting friendships.
- For the outcome of the conference: that it would be clear what Gafcon needs to do next.

Please pray for practical matters occupying the organisers:

- For Canon Daniel Willis, the Conference Director, charged with pulling the whole thing together.
- For last minute arrangements with flights visas and hotel accommodation
- For security and safety in Jerusalem and the Middle East as a whole

The Leadership and Evolution of Gafcon

Please pray for:

- For the chairman of the Primates Council , Archbishop Nicholas Okoh and deputy chairman, Archbishop Stanley Ntagali.
- For the development of plans to devolve responsibility from the Primates; including the proposal to establish a Council of advisors
- For the Primates and branch chairmen as they lead their local Gafcon groups
- For the secretariat as they serve and support the Primates
- For the launch of 9 key networks in Jerusalem: Global Mission Partnerships, Church Planting, Theological Education, Bishops Training, Youth and Children's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Sustainable Development, Intercessory Prayer, Lawyer's Task Force

Resources and sustainability

The provision of both people and finances over Gafcon's first 10 years has clearly been God given. As the movement grows and plans become more ambitious for the gospel, we will need to be even more dependent on Him.

Please pray that:

- Funds will be found to establish the 9 networks to be launched in Jerusalem.
- The number of Gafcon Supporters (those who assent to the Jerusalem Statement and Declaration) would grow from 6,000 currently, and of those who donate (around 700) more would become regular donors.
- Communications would be developed to reach a broader audience more effectively.



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Training
Institute



Church
Planting



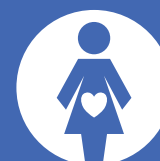
Global
Mission
Partnership



Intercessors
Fellowship



Lawyers
Task
Force



Mothers
Union



Sustainable
Development



Theological
Education



Youth and
Children
Ministry

How can you help?

1. Pray

Our top priority. If you've been sent this prayer leaflet you are on our subscriber mailing list and will be kept informed of Gafcon news, and receive our blogs, prayer letters and regular updates to fuel your prayers. Go to the home page of our website for more regular updates.

2. Become a Supporter

For the movement to grow and have real influence globally we need to recruit more active Supporters who will assent to the Jerusalem Declaration, Gafcon's commitment to Biblical truth. If you haven't done so already please join online at gafcon.org/join

3. Become a Partner (donor)

Our hope is that those of our supporters who are able will become Partners by donating to the movement. A modest donation given regularly by a large number of Partners will make it possible to maintain a sustainable movement. You can donate online at gafcon.org/donate

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