

The Traditional Anglican Communion - Christians on the move!



Nothing is worse than the feeling of not knowing where one is going. Being 'lost' is never pleasant, but this has become a common experience for many main-stream Anglicans who have seen their communion disintegrate, and who have ended up feeling 'displaced' in their spiritual lives. The Traditional Anglican Communion offers a solution to this deeply upsetting spiritual problem.

The Traditional Anglican Communion is a strongly unified global body of orthodox Anglicans, determined to carry the Gospel into the world with intensity and vigour, the message enhanced by the beauty and grace of Anglican liturgy and worship and the use of the Book of Common Prayer. It offers a 'place of safety' for those whose Anglican home has been so disrupted that they no longer feel welcome.

The leadership of the global Traditional Anglican Communion is well organised and Christ-centred, and fellowship between the leaders, Bishops, Vicars General and Chancellors, is regular and congenial. We share a common commitment to growth and spiritual excellence in our churches, and the future for the TAC looks extremely bright. The Bishops and Vicars General of the Traditional Anglican Communion are determined that all faithful members shall have good pastoral and Episcopal oversight, and we work to ensure spiritual care for all our people, no matter how remote their location may be...

The sense of fellowship and inter-church co-operation within the TAC is strong, and there is a positive and close interaction between member churches in the USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Southern Africa, India, Australia and the Torres Straits Islands, the Church of Umzi Wase Tiyopiya, and Central American countries of Nicaragua, Honduras, Columbia, Guatemala, with Cuba and Puerto Rico in the Caribbean. It is a steadily growing communion.

Part of the task of the Continuing Anglican Movement is the need to reclaim Anglicanism from the liberal and secular men and women who currently have it by the throat. The leadership of the TAC are determined to fulfil that part of our mission and we will offer those cast out by their previous spiritual homes a place of stability and solace. We will continue in the Faith of our fathers.

Although many Continuing Anglican churches in the developed world are populated by senior citizens, that is not the picture in the TAC in the developing nations. Here, our churches are filled with young people and the growth is dynamic. Large numbers of young people are Baptised and Confirmed, and the youth groups throughout the communion are overflowing. Youth Catechists lead worship and preach in the services and many "home-grown" young men are now coming forward for Ordination and training for ministry. Women's groups are

flourishing and there is a lively interaction between countries and churches. The churches and parishes have vibrant men's fellowship groups and there is a strong commitment to answering social problems such as poverty, teenage pregnancies and the scourge of HIV and AIDS. The future of the Traditional Anglican Communion is ensured and this youthful energy will be carried into all parts of our Communion.

Brothers and sisters, we lose hope too quickly! We allow ourselves to be buffeted by negative moments in our own lives and in the life of the church. Our Lord Jesus Christ will never forsake His people, and as long as we remain faithful, diligent and obedient to His Word and commandments, He will continue to bless us! He is our Good Shepherd!

I do hope that what you have read has warmed your heart. Whether you are in the cold of Alaska or the burning heat of Botswana, in a city or in the rural countryside, the Traditional Anglican Communion is committed to your spiritual well-being, will provide you with ministry and the Sacraments, and will be there for you, your children and your children's children!

God bless and keep you

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Gill". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a separator.

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