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*All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come. —Mark 4:28-29 (NIV)*

# A LOOK BACK

## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF MISSION AND MINISTRY

by Cynthia P. Brust

**T**his year marks the 10th anniversary of the First Promise Movement and

seven years since formation of the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA). From a bold beginning in Singapore, which resulted in passionate responses, both positive and negative, the Anglican Mission quickly identified its purpose. Even as national and international reactions swirled, First Promise leaders participated in gatherings outlining their vision for a positive missionary focus and the work of church planting. While these leaders continued to work on the international stage and reached out to orthodox domestic entities seeking to reform the Episcopal Church from within, mission clearly formed the heart of the movement from its inception.



**MEMORY STONES**

*These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.—Joshua 4:7*



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# Blazing a trail toward reformation



**LIKE JOSEPH, THE ANGLICAN MISSION HAS BEEN DRIVEN BY A DREAM, AND I AM CONVINCED THE LORD WOULD HAVE US MAINTAIN THAT DREAM FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.**

**A**s I reflect on the last 10 years, I am struck again and again with the evidence of God's sovereign hand at work in this Mission. From the early days of First Promise through seven years of the Anglican Mission, the Lord has led and blessed our efforts. During this remarkable journey, we have received a clear purpose, call and mission to seek and serve those who do not yet know the saving grace of Jesus Christ in North America. Beginning with a handful of churches in 2000, we now number 130 congregations with dozens more being developed. In January, we will consecrate three additional bishops as we continue to break into new territory throughout North America with the Gospel.

As we celebrate 10 years of work together, I want to acknowledge the courageous leadership of Archbishops Emmanuel Kolini and Moses Tay, and later Archbishop Yong Ping Chung, who responded to the crisis of faith and leadership in the Episcopal Church and launched the movement that became the Anglican Mission. These primates were joined by Bishop John Rucyahana of the Province of the Episcopal Church of Rwanda, Bishop David Pitches of the Church of England, as well as Bishops Fitzsimons Allison and Alex Dickson of the Episcopal Church, in defying the conventional wisdom of the day in order to take this stand for the Gospel.

I also want to thank those who partnered with me in the early days—TJ Johnston, Jon Shuler, Thad and Eriylne Barnum, Sandy Greene and John Rodgers. As the Anglican Mission has developed and grown, leaders like Harry Griffith, Jim Beard, Tim Smith, Susan Grayson, Tony Tripi and Jay Greener have helped establish and move our nascent organization from strength to strength. Numerous others have come alongside over the years, supporting the

Anglican Mission through generous financial contributions, prayer and wise counsel. I am thankful for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Rwanda that provides faithful oversight, as well as for our current staff, board, Mission Network leaders and Council of Bishops who are taking us into this new season. Most of all, I celebrate those men and women, ordained and lay, who make up our congregations, offering their time, talent and treasure in order to fulfill the Great Commission.

The Anglican Mission has been given the great privilege of blazing a trail toward what I believe is actually an Anglican reformation. As I reflect on what has been, and what is yet to be, I am reminded of Joseph's experience recorded in the Old Testament. Like Joseph, the Anglican Mission has been driven by a dream, and I am convinced the Lord would have us maintain that dream for the next generation. Dreamers are often confronted with those without a dream, who attempt to kill the dreams of others by calling them "false;" but when we receive a dream from the Lord, I believe He expects us to stand firm and acknowledge it—in effect to see it, say it and seize it. If we do that, He will take us places we've never been and show us things we've never seen.

I have no doubt that our best and most effective days are still to come in the Anglican Mission as we remain committed and focused on our dream—to reach the 130 million. We are entering a new season, and I want us to continue to dream big as we break into new territory, launch new initiatives and expand mission and ministry of the Anglican Mission.

**The Rt. Rev. Charles H. Murphy, III**  
Anglican Mission Chairman

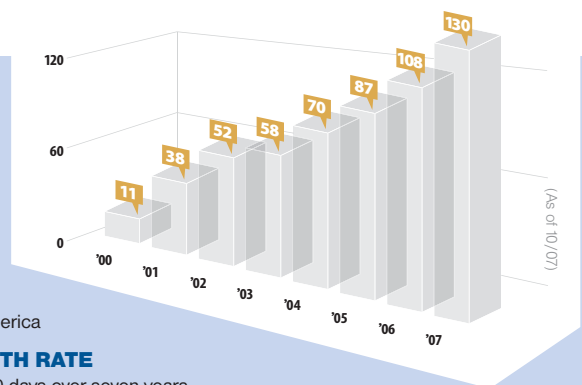
substantial growth

**TOTAL 130 CONGREGATIONS**

Affiliated Fellowships & Churches in North America

**AVERAGE SUSTAINED GROWTH RATE**

One new congregation added every 20 days over seven years



## EXCITING GROWTH

During the last two years, the Anglican Mission has added 43 new congregations, and Mission Networks now number 15. Our bishops have ordained dozens of individuals and received a significant number of other clergy. The Mission has also created three new part-time positions to expand mission and ministry:



**THE NEXT GENERATION:** Young ladies from Church of the Holy Spirit Student Ministries Group in Roanoke, Virginia.

and connecting local congregations, students, and youth ministers. Check out the new Youth Ministry website ([www.yamia.net](http://www.yamia.net)) for resources, creative ideas and employment opportunities. The site recently received significant recognition from Youth Specialties, the largest youth ministry resourcing company in the U.S.

**1. Andy Piercy** is developing worship across the Anglican Mission.

**2. The Rev. Allen C. Hughes**, Recruiting Coordinator, is identifying potential ordained and lay leadership, establishing a presence on seminary and college campuses and connecting new leaders with ministry opportunities within the Mission.

**3. The Rev. Chris Zoepfel**, Coordinator of Anglican Mission Youth Ministry, is providing oversight for national youth initiatives as well as supporting, equipping,



## YOUR ANGLICAN MISSION ONLINE GUIDE

The new Anglican Mission website, launched in July 2007, offers an array of information, news and resources for everyone within the Mission, as well as visitors. Learn more about our life and work. It all starts at: [www.theamia.org](http://www.theamia.org)

→ Register for Winter Conference 2008 in Dallas, Texas!

[www.theamia.org/winter/2008info](http://www.theamia.org/winter/2008info)

→ “Experience the Mission!” Learn what the Three Streams are all about, our Ancient...Future worship, Core Values and Distinctives. Read Real Life stories of transformation and more!

[www.theamia.org/experience/home](http://www.theamia.org/experience/home)

→ Got Questions? “Explore the Mission” addresses questions and answers about faith—and the meaning of life.

[www.theamia.org/explore/got-questions](http://www.theamia.org/explore/got-questions)

→ Sign up to receive *Currents*, our monthly e-Newsletter, and the quarterly Anglican Mission print publication *The Wave*.

[www.theamia.org/subscribe/home](http://www.theamia.org/subscribe/home)

→ Download monthly “Call to Prayer” bookmarks and pray as a congregation or individually for Winter Conference 2008.

[www.theamia.org/requestprayer/home](http://www.theamia.org/requestprayer/home)

→ Check out the award-winning new Anglican Youth Ministry website at: [www.yamia.net](http://www.yamia.net)

## CELEBRATE OUR NEW MISSIONARY BISHOPS

September 4, 2007 Kigali, Rwanda – The House of Bishops of the Province of the Episcopal Church of Rwanda (PEER) appointed three new bishops to serve in the Anglican Mission:

▶ **The Rev. Terrell Glenn**, rector of All Saints Church, Pawleys Island, South Carolina;

▶ **The Rev. Philip Jones**, rector of St. Andrew’s Anglican Church, Little Rock, Arkansas;

▶ **The Rev. John Miller**, rector of Prince of Peace Anglican Church, Melbourne, Florida.



**ANGLICAN MISSION BISHOPS-ELECT:** Glenn, Miller and Jones.

Join us as the bishops-elect are consecrated during a service on Saturday, January 26, 2008 in Dallas, Texas as part of the Anglican Mission’s annual Winter Conference, January 23-26.

Following their consecration, the new bishops will continue to serve as rectors of their respective congregations. Specific portfolios of responsibility will be developed consistent with each bishop’s individual passion and giftedness.

## CANON MISSIONERS INSTALLED

To strengthen ongoing efforts to identify and open up new territory for church planting, the Rwandan House of Bishops also approved the appointment of two “Canon Missioners.” **The Rev. Doc Loomis** and the **Rev. Mike Murphy** were formally installed at a service in St. Etienne Cathedral, Kigali, on September 30, 2007.

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# A LOOK BACK

## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF MISSION AND MINISTRY

First Promise, led by Bishop Chuck Murphy, and the Association of Anglican Congregations on Mission (AACOM), headed by Bishop John Rodgers, decided to merge into one movement, and at a meeting known as the Amsterdam Consultation July 27-29, 2000, the Anglican Mission was formalized as a missionary outreach.

"We received the go ahead to move from an interim action to an Anglican missionary movement," explained Bishop Murphy. "We were authorized to plant churches and receive those that could not in good conscience remain within the Episcopal Church."

At the conclusion of the Amsterdam Consultation, Bishop John Rucyahana of Rwanda urged the Anglican Mission to "move full steam ahead," telling Bishops Murphy and Rodgers that the mission is "not negotiable—the mission is to grow." Four additional bishops were consecrated in Denver in 2001 by Archbishops Kolini and Yong Ping Chung, Archbishop Moses Tay's

successor who served as archbishop until his retirement in February 2006.



### MISSIONARY EXPANSION

*And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.—Acts 2:48, NIV*

**The growth has indeed been remarkable.** Over the last seven years, the Anglican Mission has expanded to 130 congregations with another 49 emerging works in some stage of development. These numbers represent an average growth rate of one congregation added every 20 days, month after month, year after year. Over 60% of these congregations are new churches, while some 40% were existing churches received into the Anglican Mission.

Bishop Murphy attributes this steady growth to a sovereign movement of the Holy Spirit. He notes that these congregations were built on a Biblical model (Acts 2:37-48)

supported by leadership development and professional coaching.

"We have experienced growth as a byproduct of this model," explained Bishop Murphy.

It is significant to note that the Anglican Mission has maintained a 90% retention rate, compared to the national average of a 30% success rate for church plants.



### BUILDING THE MISSION

*Build up, build up the highway, remove the stones, lift up a standard over the peoples.—Isaiah 62:10b*

**Steered by Scripturally-based core values** adopted early in its history, the Anglican Mission has kept first things first—reaching those who do not yet know Christ. Anglican Mission distinctives have also heavily impacted its growth and development. The Anglican Mission reaches back to the first century Church for its message and much of its methodology

## HIGHLIGHTS IN THE LIFE OF THE ANGLICAN MISSION



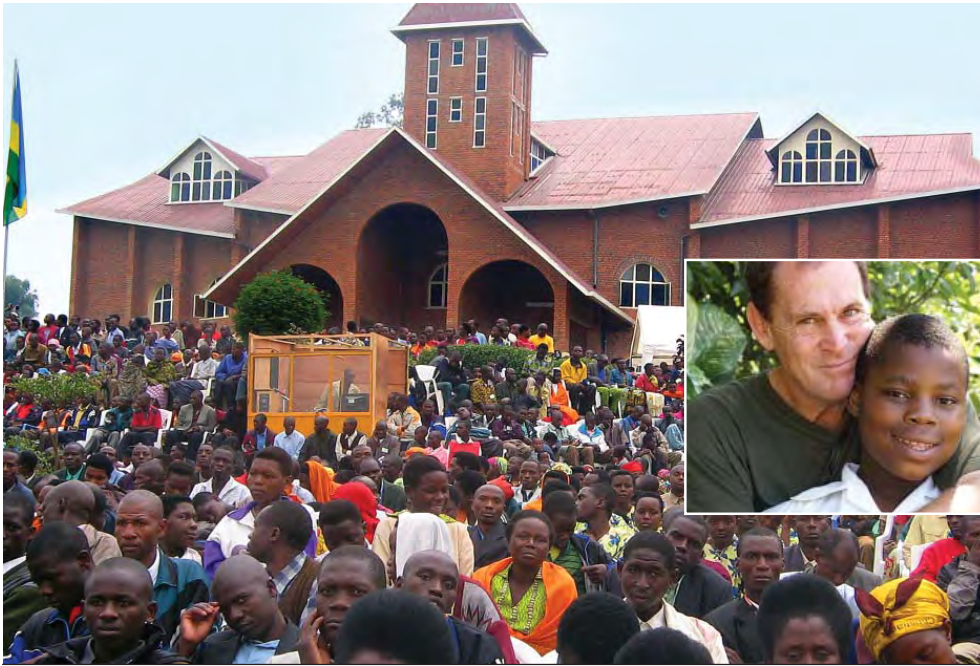
Throughout the Anglican Mission's seven year history, we have experienced exciting growth, developments, events, expansion and ministry initiatives. Some pivotal moments stand out as milestones in our life and ministry:

### September 9, 1997

The First Promise gathering was held at All Saints, Pawleys Island, South Carolina.

The Rev. Terrell Glenn greeting parishioners outside All Saints ten years later!





## CONNECTING WITH RWANDA

The Anglican Mission's spiritual connection with Rwanda is more than oversight—it includes shared mission and ministry. Congregations often welcome priests and bishops to preach and teach, while numerous churches send groups to Rwanda. The Sister-Sister program allows individual parishes in America and Rwanda to enjoy long-term relationships. This summer, Anglican Mission teams participated in an Evangelism Crusade in the Shyira Diocese, and others attended the 10-year anniversary celebration of the Gahini church in Nyagatare.

and incorporates the best of a rich Anglican heritage. At the same time, it reaches out to connect an ever-changing culture with the changeless and eternal Word of God. An “ancient...future” model that affects structure, liturgy and the role of bishops offers a unique environment that clergy and laity alike find refreshing.

“We understand that an infinite number of products and activities compete to capture the hearts and imaginations of our secular society,” explained Canon Ellis Brust, Anglican Mission President and Chief Executive Officer. “We seek to offer a compelling message in the midst of authentic worship rooted in an ancient...future liturgical style. We actually believe it’s almost sinful to

bore those who walk through our church doors.”

The Anglican Mission embraces three major “branches” that have

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developed in the course of church history, each incorporating a particular emphasis of belief, teaching and worship. These traditions represent essential elements of Christian faith, worship, life and ministry, and the Anglican Mission uses a descriptive shorthand to refer to these elements, making them accessible to the unchurched. **The Scripture, the Spirit and the Sacred** are envisioned as three streams flowing

from one river—Jesus Christ and His Gospel imperatives. The three streams provide a balanced blend of the Christian faith as taught in

the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

As the Anglican Mission transitioned from a small gathering of clergy to a missionary movement in North America, its leadership intentionally avoided a rush to structure that could stifle creativity and growth. The Anglican Mission established Mission Networks—affinity and geographically-based clusters of congregations working together to plant new churches,

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Archbishops Kolini and Tay

#### January 29, 2000

Bishops Chuck Murphy and John Rodgers were consecrated bishops by Archbishops Kolini and Tay at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore.

#### July 28-29, 2000

The Amsterdam Consultation officially created the Anglican Mission as a missionary outreach.

#### January 17-21, 2001

The Anglican Mission hosted a “Homecoming” Winter Conference. It was so successful that it’s now an annual event.

#### June 20, 2001

Four additional missionary bishops were consecrated at a service in Denver.



AMI/A makes the inside of TIME!

## IT BEGAN WITH A PROMISE...

**“Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous contrary to God’s Word...?”**

**I**n the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, this question was asked of those being ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church. This promise, however, was discarded as the Episcopal Church moved steadily away from the faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic church. It was deleted from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, and those being ordained were instead asked if they would “engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church.” (Book of Common Prayer, p.526).

Following the 1997 General Convention, which continued the downward spiral, [Bishop] Chuck Murphy invited 30 priests to meet at All Saint’s, Pawleys Island, South Carolina, on September 9, 1997. Sensing a window of opportunity between General Convention and the 1998 Lambeth Conference, the group wrestled with defining a significant response. Their work resulted in a document called The First Promise.

These courageous leaders boldly declared the authority of the Episcopal Church to be “fundamentally impaired” because they no longer upheld the “truth of the gospel.” The First Promise document addressed the crisis of faith and leadership in the Episcopal Church and affirmed the ordination vow, “To be loyal to the doctrine, discipline and worship of Christ as this

Church has received them.”

Putting their commitment into action, the First Promise Roundtable sponsored major informational gatherings, and hundreds of clergy and laity affirmed the First Promise document. The First Promise principles were upheld by Global South leaders at Lambeth Conference 1998, illustrating that the Episcopal Church was outside the mainstream of Anglicanism and apostolic faith. Working with other orthodox entities, the First Promise Movement called the Episcopal Church to conform to the mind of Lambeth. Should their efforts toward reformation fail, First Promise leaders knew they would have to discern an alternative way forward. Rather than repent, the Episcopal Church grew more committed to a theology that was in contradiction to the clear teaching of Scripture and questioned the unique person of Jesus Christ and the mission of the church.

Archbishops Emmanuel Kolini of Rwanda and Moses Tay of S. E. Asia grew increasingly disturbed about the crisis as well as those faithful Episcopalians who sought intervention from the wider Communion. They responded by consecrating Chuck Murphy and John Rodgers as bishops at St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Singapore, on January 29, 2000. At the time

strengthen existing congregations and develop new ministry initiatives. Unlike static institutions or structures such as dioceses, Networks promote creative, decentralized ministry.

To meet the challenges of “distance leadership,” the Anglican Mission has consistently emphasized collaboration and cooperation, seeking the broadest possible participation, communication and consensus. The Council of Bishops has worked in partnership with different levels of leaders including

a National Leadership Council made up of clergy and laity, a Board of Directors, Mission Network leadership teams and annual clergy gatherings. The Mission has also called upon the best and the brightest in various areas of expertise such as worship, evangelism, church growth, spirituality, healing and leadership to offer resources and guidance to congregations during their annual Winter Conferences. In addition, the movement celebrates lay ministry and emphasizes

identifying and equipping laity, “to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up” (Ephesians 4:12).

Consistently committed to “enlarging their tents,” the Anglican Mission expanded its structure in early 2007 at the request of Archbishop Kolini by creating the Anglican Mission in the Americas. This umbrella organization includes the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA), the Anglican Coalition in Canada (ACiC) and the Anglican

## HIGHLIGHTS IN THE LIFE OF THE ANGLICAN MISSION

### ▶ January 14, 2006

The Anglican Coalition in Canada (ACiC) was moved under the direct oversight of the Anglican Mission and also became a Mission Network.

### ▶ May 2006

Anglican Mission Networks took shape, and a Network Manual was developed.



### ▶ January 2007

Formation of the “Anglican Mission in the Americas” was formalized.

“Ministry Among Hispanics” and “Asian Ministry” Initiatives were announced.

Archbishop Yong, the Rev. Silas Ng, and Bishop TJ Johnston meet with CEO of the Chinese Christian Mission in 2007 to set up an Anglican Mission group in the Bay area.

## and strange doctrines

of the consecration, those orthodox leaders within the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion who strongly advocated an “inside” strategy (working within the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion’s existing structures) were highly critical of the Anglican Mission and the Provinces of Rwanda and S. E. Asia. It has become clear to virtually everyone that the “outside” strategy of having clergy and bishops canonically resident offshore, but released to mission in the U.S., is the way forward, and such intervention is no longer considered “scandalous” and “irregular.” In this last year alone, the Anglican Mission has welcomed similar missionary initiatives from three other African provinces as a confirmation of its pioneering work. What once seemed improper to some is now being seen by many to have been “prophetic.”

Coalition in America (ACiA) and embraces two countries (the U.S. and Canada), as well as two positions on the ordination of women. Both the ACiC and the ACiA ordain women to the priesthood, as does the Province of the Episcopal Church of Rwanda, while the AMiA maintains its policy of ordaining women only to the diaconate. The Anglican Mission in the Americas provides a way to maintain the integrity, and honor the consciences, of those with differing positions and policies on women’s ordination.



### THE FUTURE: GOING OUT

*Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame. —Luke 14:21*

**As the Anglican Mission looks to the future,** the leadership remains focused on breaking into new territory as it seeks to fulfill the Great Commission and reach the 130 million unchurched in North America with the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

“We plan to go to the fishing holes where the fish are biting,” Bishop Murphy said.

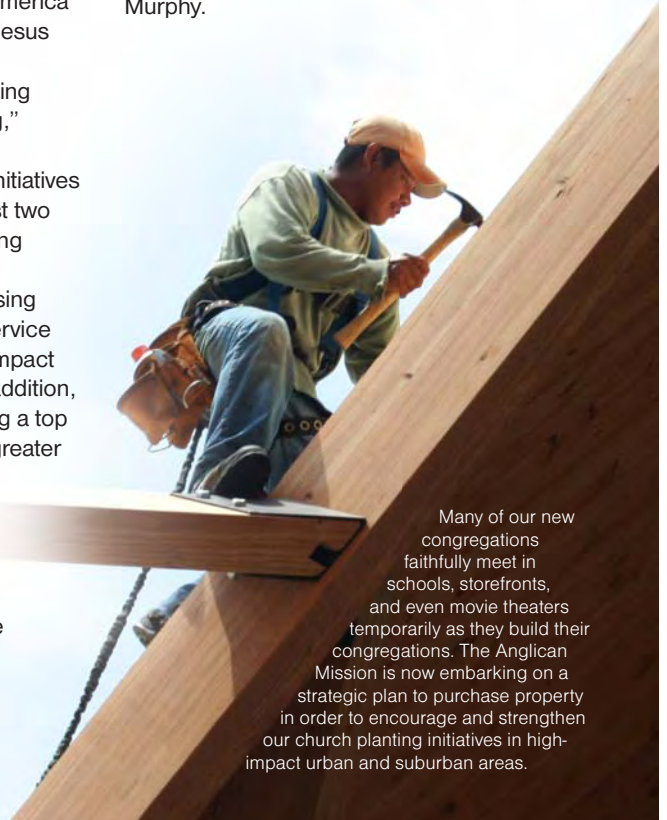
Several special ministry initiatives have been launched in the last two years, including Ministry Among Hispanics and Asian Ministry, and the Anglican Mission is using *Percepts*, a demographics service that assists in targeting high impact areas for church planting. In addition, Leadership Development, long a top priority, is being retooled for greater effectiveness as the Anglican Mission continues to grow.

“There is an excitement about the Mission that is palpable,” said Canon Brust. “We are drawing an incredible array of young leaders with a passion for extending the kingdom of God. Their commitment to Christ is

enhanced by an entrepreneurial spirit and a desire for excellence.”

Anglican Mission leaders are determined to “keep their hands to the plow,” not resting on past success but looking to the new things to which God is calling them.

“We celebrate our past and all the ways in which God has blessed us, but we look to the future with renewed commitment to the vision He has given us,” promised Bishop Murphy.



Many of our new congregations faithfully meet in schools, storefronts, and even movie theaters temporarily as they build their congregations. The Anglican Mission is now embarking on a strategic plan to purchase property in order to encourage and strengthen our church planting initiatives in high-impact urban and suburban areas.

### Ministry Among Hispanics



The Rev. Gabe Garcia (center right) and friends at a monthly “cafecitos” outreach event in the San Diego area. About 40% of attendees are unchurched.

### September 4, 2007

The Rwandan House of Bishops elected three additional missionary bishops, appointing them to serve in the Anglican Mission.

New Canon Missioners Murphy and Loomis in Kigali.

### September 30, 2007

The Rev. Mike Murphy and the Rev. Doc Loomis were installed as Canon Missioners at St. Etienne Cathedral in Kigali, Rwanda.



# Planting St. George's Anglican in the He

**A** native of Phoenix, the Rev. Shane Copeland, 39, has felt called to plant a church in the heart of the city's downtown for over a decade. With plans for revitalization underway, Phoenix is on the verge of renewal. In addition, Arizona State University (ASU) and the University of Arizona (U of A) are opening satellite campuses which will bring with them the vitality associated with youth and provide opportunities for discipleship and training for mission and ministry.

Raised in an evangelical Bible church, Shane came to faith early and was later shaped by a men's Bible study. This discipleship group focused on spiritual formation and forged lifelong friendships. Today, all of those men are in some form of ministry. One in the circle, Ryan Thurman, 32, recently returned to downtown Phoenix after working overseas with a missionary organization, Antioch Ministries. Now Ryan and Shane are linking arms, working toward similar goals.

With a shared passion for reconciliation centered in the same part of the city, they want to combine their efforts to build relationships with existing churches and entrench themselves into music, art and other cultural activities that will promote discipleship for young people.

"The Anglican Mission's passion and focus for the un-churched in America is appealing to me because it is my burden as well," said Ryan. "The essentials of what they believe as expressed in the three streams, are articulated with a generosity and freedom that is a treasure to bless the whole church."



Shane's journey led him to the work of the Anglican Mission.

Shane describes Ryan as a pioneering spirit and visionary leader who is having a significant impact on Shane's ministry and the life of St. George's. The two friends have experienced a parallel journey, exploring Christian roots in the historic church by studying monastic movements God used to preserve and renew the faith. They have also discovered the power of liturgy.

"I started to read church history on my own because I had a fascination with liturgy, but I am an untraditional guy," explained Shane. "Then a friend gave me the book, *Ancient Future Faith* by Robert Webber, and I loved it. I remember writing in my journal that day, 'I think I want to become an Anglican'."

The quest ultimately landed him on the Anglican Mission website looking for a place to worship.

## art of Phoenix *by Shelly Miller*

"I was intrigued by the Rwanda connection initially, and then I went to a service at Desert Mission Anglican," Shane said. "People were alive in the liturgy, and the contemporary worship drew me in."

After years of attempting to incorporate elements of liturgy into an existing evangelical church and pioneer his own blend of worship, he knew that the Anglican Mission was his destination on the journey toward Anglicanism.

Today, Shane is a deacon working toward ordination to the priesthood with plans to launch St. George's Anglican in March 2008. With a core group of 20, he is casting a vision to evangelize and disciple young people for Jesus Christ.

"Permanent housing for the college campus will be open to students next year giving us an optimal target community," said Shane. "Young people are connecting to liturgy, and we want to be ready to share Jesus with them when they get here."

For more about St. George's Anglican Community, visit their website at [www.stgeorgephx.org](http://www.stgeorgephx.org).

## We Didn't Know What We Were Missing!

*by Shelly Miller*

**S**easons of change can be the catalyst for bringing people to an intimate place of abiding with Christ. Finding Desert Mission Anglican (DMAC) was an unexpected gift for Tyson and Talitha Kartler, school teachers sharing a spiritual heritage in charismatic mega-churches.

Initially, the Kartlers feared that the structure of an Anglican service would grow confining, the liturgy rote. Much to their surprise, they found it increased in beauty and meaning.

Talitha (right) with new Anglican friends.

"People our age are disillusioned with mainstream American churches that offer fluff with no substance," said Talitha. "I think they are looking for traditions with a stable foundation, which we found in the Anglican Mission."



The Kartler Family.

"The three streams model reflected in the liturgy is something I didn't know I was missing," explained Talitha. "It is moving to say words that others have recited for centuries."

"I also love being linked to Rwanda," said Talitha. "We have become so insular and ethnocentric in the United States—it's healthy for us to focus on another part of the world."

The Kartlers' spiritual journey toward Anglicanism has altered a mistaken perception that worship looks only one way. They have discovered that expressing love for God through raised hands, speaking in tongues, Eucharist and making the sign of the cross are all pleasing to Him.

"Previously, when asked what kind of church I attended, I used words like 'non-denominational', 'independent' or 'mutt'," Talitha noted. "Now I say I am Anglican, and it feels good to be part of something bigger than the walls of my church. Now I have a solid, spiritual identity."



# Enlarging the Place of Our Tent

**A**s congregations worship in temporary locations, centered on enlarging and strengthening mission, God is providing permanent accommodations in surprisingly unconventional ways. More importantly, He is intensifying the faith of His people through the journey of moving and expanding.

Church of the Apostles in Hope Mills, North Carolina, presently meeting in a former mill near Fort Bragg, is planning a move to what the Rev. Dan Alger calls, a “space age, dome shaped structure” built by a company called Sprung.

Sprung ([www.sprung.com](http://www.sprung.com)) is a fourth generation, family-run business that began in the late 1800’s making prospector’s tents and chuck wagon covers. Today, they have over 10,000 structures in nine countries from the Arctic to the Middle East.

Known for their amazingly rapid construction, it is possible for a new church to be erected in six weeks. Because these structures are currently being used for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the church is sure to be a familiar sight for Fort Bragg soldiers as they return home.

“This is definitely a non-traditional building that will give our church distinction in the community,” said Alger.

While some are just beginning the quest of finding a new worship home, others are well into the process.

“Being forced to relocate was the catalyst moving us forward to fulfill God’s vision for us,” explained the Rev. H. G. Miller, Rector of All Saints Anglican in Morehead City, North Carolina. “The process of building has been a life-giving experience for those involved, with every decision led by the Holy Spirit.”

Currently meeting in a commercial office center with no room for expansion, members are anticipating the move to their new church building next spring.

For many parishes, launching into the journey toward a conventional church building can lead to events of divine orchestration. According to the Rev. Bob Grant of Christ the King Anglican Church in Monument, Colorado, a local developer not only gave them property valued at \$1.5 million but also offered to build their church and lease it back to them until they establish financing.

“Developers are here to help the city prosper and build structures that enhance the community,” said Grant. “It is important for us to find out what their vision is and see how we can partner together to make it a reality.”

Whether God chooses to meet needs through the hands of one or thousands, the way it happens can often be an opportunity for spiritual growth.

“Through our recent capital campaign we have seen renewal in our understanding of sacrifice, and as stewards of all He has given us, we have been led to a deeper trust in God’s faithful provision,” said the Rev. Patrick Dominguez, Rector of Church of the Apostles, Raleigh, North Carolina.

After raising over \$3.4 million, Apostles recently closed on their new site in the heart of mid-town Raleigh, formerly a 35,000 square foot bank building. Their new location puts them in a position to reach out to the cultural arts and business community as well as partner with ministries that serve the urban poor.

St. Andrew’s, Little Rock, Arkansas, completed the journey toward a new home at a Grand Opening of their church facility on Sunday, August 26, 2007.



**ST. ANDREW’S, LITTLE ROCK** celebrates the Grand Opening of their new facility (above).



**ALL SAINTS.** Once complete, the traditional steeple will stand tall above Morehead City skyline (right, inset).

“Our building represents a major step forward for St. Andrew’s to take her place in the community of Little Rock and beyond,” said the Rev. Philip Jones, rector of St. Andrew’s and bishop-elect. “But as beautiful and exciting as our new building is, we see it primarily as a staging ground for mission.”

For those making the journey toward permanent worship space, the process is proving to be an opportunity for spiritual formation. Thankfully, perseverance yields the stunning awareness that God’s primary intentions for us have always been more about growing in faith.



**OUTSIDE THE BOX:** An example of a Sprung construction.

# anglican mission vision

introducing our Living the Mission Initiative

**“THE CHURCH IS THE ONLY SOCIETY THAT EXISTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT YET MEMBERS.”**

**—William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury**

**As is evidenced in this edition of *The Wave*, lives are being transformed by the power of the Gospel, and we rejoice in God's sovereign hand upon this ministry.**

In order to sustain momentum while empowering, equipping and expanding our mission on the local level, the Anglican Mission is launching a development project designed to attract long-term financial investment. Bishop Murphy and Canon Mike Murphy are heading the campaign entitled, *Living the Mission Initiative* which will focus on Land, Leadership and Legacy as funding priorities.

## Land

Many of our new congregations faithfully meet in schools, storefronts and even movie theaters temporarily as they build their congregations. In order to facilitate church planting efforts, the Anglican Mission hopes to provide resources to help congregations secure a “leg up” on strategic land acquisition in high impact urban and suburban areas.



## Leadership

Effective leadership is essential for successful kingdom ministry, and the Anglican Mission is committed to identifying, calling and equipping lay and ordained leaders with an entrepreneurial spirit. Investment in leadership will allow the Anglican Mission to:

- **Effectively recruit future leaders.**
- **Provide training for mission-driven church planters.**
- **Support theological education for clergy and laity through a two-pronged approach of classic residential seminary programs and parish-based education.**
- **Offer grants for churches seeking to expand their leadership teams for more effective local ministry.**
- **Help to underwrite the outreach of our missionary bishops charged with breaking into new territory.**

## Legacy

In order to focus on the next generation while seeking to fulfill Christ's Great Commandment and Great Commission today, the Anglican Mission desires to build a lasting legacy of eternal significance that will serve future generations.

The *Living the Mission Initiative* is designed to be more than a project—it is a way of life marked by faithfulness and fruitfulness.

*All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.* —Mark 4:28-29 (NIV)



## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Communication is at the heart of our mission as we are charged with proclaiming the Gospel message, but we are also called to share who we are, what we believe, what we value and what we do. Over the last 11 months, I have had the joy to connect with many of you as we have re-designed communication tools. From the new website to e-Newsletters, from videos to brochures and publications, we seek to provide resources designed to enhance ministry and communication for local congregations and Networks. Shelly Miller, who joined our team this summer, is invaluable to me, bringing not only a gift for research and writing, but also a passion for revealing the heart of the Mission.

One of the most powerful components of our life together is Winter Conference, which draws participants from across the nation and around the world. At its heart, Winter Conference is a “family gathering” where we celebrate, worship and pray together as well as nurture relationships. The event encourages participants to rekindle their passion for mission, deepen their faith and strengthen effective ministry. We also welcome visitors to “come and see” what we are all about in Dallas, January 23–26, 2008!

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# A Texas-Sized Initiative

## Anglican Leaders Design Model for Church Planting

**B**y the year 2020, the “triangle region” formed by Austin, Dallas and Houston, Texas, will have a population of 22 million. Humbled by this reality, three Anglican Mission clergy currently leading churches in these cities have a dream to reach the un-churched through strategic church planting. Their ultimate goal is to facilitate exponential growth, developing a catalyst system resulting in 200 church plants using a model which could be replicated around the nation.

The Rev. Matt Kessler, Mesa Community Church, Austin; the Rev. Clark Lowenfield, HopePointe Church, The Woodlands; and the Rev. Canon David Roseberry, Christ Church Plano have designed the Anglican Initiative for Mission and will launch the project at Winter Conference 2008. Inspired by the Great Commission and challenged by the Anglican Mission’s vision, this initiative’s mission is to:

### Inspire and Call

Potential church planters will undergo a screening process to help assess their gifts and ability to implement an Anglican model of church leadership. The Initiative will host a mini-boot camp in church planting just before Winter Conference.

### Train and Equip

Those individuals approved for the process will participate in an intensive eight-day training retreat at Christ Church Plano where they will learn best practices for fulfilling their mission.

The retreat will highlight key components for healthy, biblically-driven congregations: Worship, External Focus, Discipleship Communications (branding, marketing,

informing) Administration (buildings, grounds, vestry, and finance) Pastoral Care (provision and connecting relationally). In addition, participants will develop a mission plan.

### Send and Support

Following the retreat, most candidates

will be deployed to a residency internship program for one year to 18 months at an Anglican Mission congregation. The Initiative will be funded through Anglican Mission grants, residency support from sponsoring congregations and money raised by each potential church planter.

Essentials in Church Planting  
Pre-Winter Conference Workshop  
January 22-23, 2008

**“THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW...”**

**Workshop will be facilitated by Leading Church Planting Coach Glenn Smith. See enclosed Winter Conference brochure for schedule and registration information!**

**JOIN US AT WINTER CONFERENCE!**

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