

Talking Point: Getting to the heart of the matter

1. **Biblically-faithful Canadian Anglicans and parishes who no longer feel they have a home in the Anglican Church of Canada now have a firm option that will allow them to remain fully Anglican and in full communion with the global Anglican Church.**
 - We are so thankful for the willingness of Archbishop Venables and the General Synod of the Southern Cone for opening their door to us.
 - We are also grateful for the encouragement and support we have received from so many Primates and Provinces as we have consulted with them over the past months.
 - And we are thrilled that Bishop Donald Harvey has recently been welcomed as a Bishop of the Southern Cone under the jurisdiction and care of Archbishop Venables. He has officially come out of retirement and has accepted the role of Network Moderator and Bishop for all of Canada, turning his full attention to the care of clergy, congregations and all biblically-faithful Anglicans who choose to accept the offer that is now available through the Anglican Network in Canada.
 - Church congregations will now prayerfully consider this option over the coming months and decide, as congregations, if they wish to come under the oversight of Bishop Donald Harvey and the Province of the Southern Cone.
 - Our hope is the Anglican Church of Canada will work with us amicably and graciously to ensure that gospel ministry is not impeded while parishes go through the process of making thoughtful and careful decisions about their theological position and ecclesial oversight.
2. **This development is part of a global realignment now underway in the Anglican Communion.**
3. **This realignment has been precipitated by a fundamental theological dispute** between Anglican orthodoxy – the historic Christian understanding of the authority of Scripture and salvation through Jesus Christ alone – and liberalism – which is attempting an “extreme make over” of the Anglican faith to conform it to secular western culture. It is an irreconcilable disagreement about fundamental “truth claims”.
 - Since 1998, the leaders of the global Anglican Communion have repeatedly laid out for the Anglican Church of Canada (and the US Episcopal Church) the doctrinal standard – but to no avail.

- The Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) has demonstrated a growing acceptance of theological innovation, has not disciplined leaders involved and has not protected those who wish to remain true to established Christian teaching. By continuing down this path, the Anglican Church of Canada is turning its back on the global Communion and abandoning historic Anglican teaching.
 - The recent ACC General Synod refused to affirm the teaching of Lambeth and instead determined that same sex blessings are doctrinally acceptable.
 - Following Canada's General Synod (on July 20), the "Global South" Steering Committee – which represents about 2/3rds of Anglicans worldwide and about 4/5ths* of Anglicans in church on Sunday – expressed dismay that our General Synod declared same sex blessings "not in conflict" with core Anglican Church of Canada doctrine and stating that they were considering alternative plans for pastoral care for faithful Canadian Anglicans in view of these developments.

4. **The Network stands firmly in the mainstream of global and historic Anglican teaching** and orthodoxy and is committed to the founding principles of Anglicanism in Canada. We are determined to remain true to Scripture and established Christian teaching, including the historic creeds of the Anglican Church, the 39 Articles of Faith, and the ACC's Solemn Declaration of 1893.

- The Anglican Communion has approximately 77 million members of which approximately 2/3rds are orthodox or conservative and 1/3rd are liberal.
- The Anglican Church of Canada has 500,000 to 600,000 members of which 2/3^{rds} are thought to be liberal and 1/3rd orthodox or conservative. (General Synod's last published statistics were in 2001.)



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