



# Convocation of Anglicans in North America Missionary Diocese of CANA West

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## MISSION AND VALUES OF THE DIOCESE

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### PREAMBLE

The Church is the place where people come to worship God in spirit and truth; are converted; experience true saving, sanctifying grace through penitent faith in Christ as Savior; feed from the Bible; learn humility, fellowship, love, obedience and faithfulness; become empowered by the Holy Spirit; and, equipped to live like disciples and followers of Christ, go out and make more disciples for Christ to the glory of God the Father.

### MISSION STATEMENT

We are a fellowship of Christian believers whose mission is to make disciples of all nations by preaching the biblical gospel, teaching God's Word faithfully, and supporting one another in this mission and ministry of the Church, to the glory of God alone.

### VALUES

**TRINITARIAN** – We are focused on our Triune God, relying on Him, walking in wholehearted devotion to Him, knowing Him, delighting in Him, and enjoying Him forever. We exalt and proclaim Him, and rely on the Holy Spirit for Christian life, witness, and ministry.

**CHRIST CENTERED** – Christians are accounted righteous before God only by the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, perfect God and perfect Man – by faith, not by our good works. We believe in grounding our work in the formational historical events of the incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ.

**BIBLICAL** – The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the inspired Word of God and our primary authority for faith and morals. We

are Bible-driven, and, hence, committed to expounding the Bible with Bible delight, and wholeheartedly walking in the way of God's Word, preaching it to ourselves and to others. Desiring to do all things in a Biblical manner and with Biblical means, we are called to lives of holiness, faithfulness, and obedience to God's Word.

**HISTORIC ANGLICANISM** – We trace our identity to the 16th-century English Reformation that valued the apostolic faith, expressed in Holy Scripture, summarized in the Creeds, celebrated in the dominical Sacraments, and preserved by the traditional Anglican formularies.

**MISSIONARY** – We will equip Anglican Christians to live as beacons of hope and light in their workplaces, neighborhoods, and families, and plant new churches with a special focus on extending the love of God to growing ethnic populations. We are Gospel-motivated and eager to organize our life and ministry around Jesus' mission. We proclaim the objective Biblical gospel of Jesus Christ to non-Christians for their conversion, and proclaim the objective biblical gospel of Jesus Christ to Christians for their growth. We are committed to making disciple-making disciples of Jesus.

**LOCAL CONGREGATIONS** – As the primary place where Christian life is lived and shared is the local congregation, that congregation must be committed to the Great Commission and to the Great Commandment. The function of the diocese, therefore, is to give direction, support, and encouragement to local congregations, discern new opportunities for churches, and ensure that God's Word is faithfully preached, practiced, and taught. It is also the godly responsibility of local congregations to connect and share resources with other congregations as well as support the diocese.

**GENEROSITY** – In our commitment to strengthen our Christian witness, Anglican identity, episcopal bonds, and presence in the world, each parishioner and each congregation is encouraged to give generously, joyfully, sacrificially, and with the understanding that all we have is a gift from God.

Each Christian is expected to give a 10% tithe to the local congregation. Each Congregation is expected to join in the cheerful giving of a 10% tithe to support the diocese and its work. Each Christian and each congregation

is encouraged to give in support of local outreach and international missions. Congregations and Christians need to realize the joys and blessedness, as the Bible says, of being generous with their clergy and staff, and with the work of the kingdom.