

Diocese of Western Anglicans

CONGREGATION MEMBERSHIP GUIDE



Dear Friends,

The Anglican Church in North America is an exciting expression of local missional communities that are inviting people from every walk of life to participate in the joyful act of following Jesus in the Anglican way. These missional communities are reaching into neighborhoods around our country to share the good news of Jesus, often across ethnic and socio-economic boundaries. Our congregations are shaped by the three streams of Christian spirituality that have been present in the church's history in varying degrees throughout its history: Scripture, Sacrament and Spirit.

The Diocese of Western Anglicans is a gathering of congregations that are centered in southern California and Arizona, but also represent congregations in 7 Western states. Each congregation in its own way is seeking to build and develop a Christian community that is missional in its focus, allowing the Word of God, the Sacraments of the Church and the vitality of the Holy Spirit to be expressed so that people come to know Jesus their Savior and follow Him as their Lord to the glory of God the Father.

This Congregation Membership Guide and Application is designed to provide you and your congregation with the information that you may need in order to determine the value of being in fellowship with the Diocese of Western Anglicans and to guide you through the steps toward congregation membership. We are your servants and we are glad to assist you in every way possible.

I am your servant of Jesus,

+ Keith



First: Building Relationships

Would you like to know about us?

Please feel free to go to our website and review the various publications and documents that describe diocesan life and ministry. Our website is a work in progress, but it should provide you with answers to some of your questions. Please also feel free to contact Spencer Johnson, our Congregation Membership liaison, at spencer.johnson@westernanglicans.org or 805.796.9648.

If you would like to visit with our bishop, he is glad to make time for you and you can make a phone or personal appointment by calling Jenna Vazquez, our diocesan administrator, at 562.438.6756 or writing her at jenna.vazquez@westernanglicans.org.

Second: Exploring Common Mission

We want you to be sure to look carefully at some key documents that provide vision and structure to our congregation relationships. Please read through:

- Diocese of Western Anglicans Vision, Values and Mission documents (see Vision for Mission)
- Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in North America
- Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Western Anglicans
- Description of Diocesan shared mission and ministry projects

These documents may not be especially enjoyable to read, but they are important for you to understand as they provide the basic structure that supports the common life of our diocese and province

Third: Vision for Shared Ministry

We envision:

- All of our congregations participating in full partnership with one another and working together to reach unchurched people through our regional system of Deaneries. Deaneries are groups of congregations who pool resources for work that lies beyond any single congregation's resources.
- Our bishop and diocesan leaders coming alongside local congregations to encourage, support and guide them into greater effectiveness in mission and ministry.
- Our diocesan support system to make it possible for key leaders to receive training, encouragement and mentoring in the key tasks to which the Lord has called them through Ministry Support Networks.
- Lay people and clergy working interactively and collaboratively so that people may be disciplined among all of the nations.
- All congregation leadership teams in partnership with one another through the practice of the 10/10/10 principal for pooling and apportioning financial resources for the harvest.



We anticipate that our congregations will have some basic elements of missional community in place:

- Clergy leadership that is missional in focus
- Lay leadership in the form of a Vestry and Wardens
- A basic plan for development and evangelism
- Organization as a non-profit 501c3 corporation
- Collaborative heart for God's Kingdom
- Maturity that expresses itself in self-governing, self-funding and self-reproducing.

Fourth: Covenant for Life Together

1. Please discern with your Vestry and, if appropriate, your congregation members whether the Vision and Mission of the Diocese of Western Anglicans is in alignment with what God is showing you and your congregation about His purpose for you.
2. Write a letter to the bishop of Western Anglicans communicating your desire to partner with us in the work the Lord Jesus has called us to do together.
3. At a Vestry meeting and after prayer and reflection together, sign:
 - a. Copy of the Congregational Resolution requesting Congregational Membership in the Diocese of Western Anglicans (DWA)
 - b. Form for Agreement with and adherence to the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)
 - c. Form for Agreement with and adherence to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Western Anglicans (DWA)
4. Request of your current bishop, if you are currently canonically resident as a congregation in a diocese of the ACNA, that he send a letter transferring your congregation from his jurisdiction into the DWA.

Fifth: Celebrate with Us

Once the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Western Anglicans has reviewed and approved your request, ensuring that the documents are in order, our Congregation Membership liaison will be in touch with you to celebrate with joy the hope of our common ministry and mission.

At that time, it would be appropriate for you to invite the Dean and/or Bishop to visit your congregation for a celebration of common mission. Should you invite the bishop, of course, he is available to assist with any episcopal needs you may have, including confirmations, baptisms or setting apart of lay ministers with certification.



**THE DIOCESE OF
WESTERN ANGLICANS**
Congregation Membership Report

Please complete all portions in which you are responsible. Then send one copy to the Diocese of Western Anglicans (listed below) **and** one copy to your Deanery Office (listed below).

Arizona Deanery Address:

Christ Church Anglican
Attn: Fr. Chuck Collins
5811 N. 20th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Rocky Mountain Deanery Address:

Christ the King Anglican
Attn: Fr. Jerry Cimijotti
2103 E. Mission Ave.
Spokane, WA 99202

Los Angeles Deanery Address:

All Saints Church
Attn: Fr. Scott Pedersen
346 Termino Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90814

San Diego Deanery Address:

Christ the King Anglican Church
Attn: Fr. Russell Martin
P.O. Box 721447
San Diego, CA 92172-1447

Diocese of Western Anglicans:

Attn: Church Membership
346 Termino Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90814

Date Submitted	Church Leader Name
Church Name	Deanery
Date Accepted (to be completed by Diocese)	Signature (to be completed by Diocese)





THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN ANGLICANS

Congregation Membership Report

Name of Congregation:		Size (ASA):	
Mailing Address:			
Meeting Address:			
Office Email:		Web Address:	
Office Phone:		Fax:	
Name of Clergy/Rector/Church Planter:			
Clergy Address:			
Clergy Cell Phone:		Clergy Email:	
Canonical Residence:			
List any other clergy on staff, full or part-time, their duties, and their canonical residence:			
Name of Senior Warden or Lay Leader:			
Address:			
Cell Phone:		Email:	
List any other Anglican Affiliations of your congregation:			
Date of congregation's vote to affiliate with the Diocese of Western Anglicans:			
Have you incorporated as a 501(c)3 corporation?			
Has the congregation obtained its own bank accounts and is it handling its own money?			
Has the congregation obtained property and liability insurance in its name?			



Vision For Mission: In your own words, please describe your vision of what this Congregation will become as it grows and what you intend its focus to be. (Use separate paper if needed)

Values: In your own words, please describe the values of this Congregation. (Use separate paper if needed)

Goals: In your own words, please describe the goals of this Congregation. (Use separate paper if needed)



Congregation History: Please share a brief history of this congregation. (Use separate paper if needed)



Please sign below as an **Acknowledgement of Your Acceptance** to become a Member Congregation of the Diocese of Western Anglicans, and that as the Rector, you agree that you and the Congregation named above will submit to the authority and oversight of Bishop Keith Andrews and the executive leadership of the Diocese of Western Anglicans (DWA), as well as oversight by the Dean, and Deanery.

Signed

Date



Name (Print):	
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Please provide a **Congregational Resolution** requesting membership in the Diocese of Western Anglicans with the submission of your completed Congregation Membership Report (sample below).

Sample Resolution:

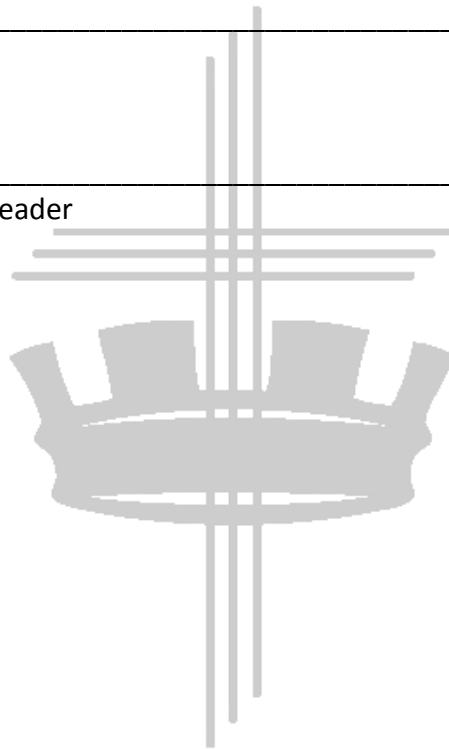
*Resolved, that the congregation of _____
Church in (city, state) hereby affirms the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in North America and the
Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Western Anglicans and directs the Senior Warden or responsible lay leader
to make application to affiliate with the Diocese of Western Anglicans.*

Signature of Clergy-in-Charge

Date

Signature of Senior Warden or Lay Leader

Date



Diocese of Western Anglicans
Called to Mission as Gospel Partners
October 27, 2015

Scripture Foundation:

Great Commission:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Ref: Acts 1:8

Ref: Romans 16:25-27

Ref: John 17:14-19

Great Commandment:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-39

Ref: Deut. 6:4-9

“...be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.” Deut. 6:12

Inasmuch as the Lord leads us into a future that He Himself holds in trust for us, our well-meaning and sometimes audacious plans pale in comparison to His immense purpose in which we participate. Yet, being led by the Spirit, the apostles often spoke of what they did to allow the Lord to move among them for the sake of His Kingdom. So, it may seem good to us and to the Holy Spirit to focus ourselves in the following arenas of ministry and obey His call to us to make disciples of all nations and teach them to obey all He has commanded:

Episcopal Visitations

- I will visit **every congregation** this year to build and strengthen relationships
- I will engage with clergy and lay leaders in **strategic conversations** on reaching into the harvest field for the people He loves

Missionaries

- In partnership with our Missions Team, I will work to strengthen our support of **missionaries**, and wherever possible, facilitate conversations with emergent short and long-term missionaries
- I will invite congregations with no **missions partnership** to explore one and offer to them the resources at our disposal

Executive Committee

- I will pray with our diocesan leadership and share with them in a process designed to **Equip Others** to carry good news into the areas where God gives us favor
- In partnership with the Executive Committee members and our regional Deans, I will look for opportunities to **Reach the Nations** right here in our midst
- With our lay leadership as a focus, I will work to foster an environment that is rich for **Lay Mobilization**



- With the Executive Committee, I will help us to move beyond the hindrances to intensifying our efforts on **Discipleship Formation**, not only for ourselves, but for the nations



Diocesan Support

- One important way for the diocese to serve as a support system is to establish **Ministry Leader Networks** for the people leading the way in the local church, so with Jenna's assistance, I have begun to identify key congregation leaders in hope of connecting them with one
- I will work with the Executive Committee to enlarge our view of 'the nations' and foster work among **unreached people groups** that have come to the US from out of the nations
- A key strategic thrust must be our **university and college campuses**, and while this work will require a long-range approach, there are ways to begin in this first year

Deaneries

- Continue to focus our deaneries on **Ministry Development** for:
 - A. Laity—equipping lay people to reach unchurched people with the good news of Jesus
 - B. Deacons—raising and equipping our Deacons in serving those most in need
 - C. Presbyters—raising and equipping our Presbyters in shepherding people
- Increase our **Church Planting** activities by developing:
 - A. Clergy pipelines need to be carefully developed so people can move into Anglican orders
 - B. Congregation Partnerships need to be developed to foster our planting of new congregations

Resource Development

- We must invest in our lay members to announce the **Kingdom of Abundance** and facilitate increasing Faith Raising among the members our congregations so that God's provision is a cause for hope
- I will work with our key leaders who are working in the Development arena so that we might be able to **enlarge our funding pool** for church planting
- I will also offer myself to each deanery for a **community-based fund-raiser** to generate funds for church planting

To God be the glory!



READING OF CONSTITUTION AND CANONS *ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA*

We have thoroughly read and understand the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in North America and commit ourselves to them as a way of living in unity with all our brothers and sisters in the Church.

Signatures, Vestry/Church Board:

Senior Warden or Lay Leader

Junior Warden or Lay Leader

Vestry Members or Church Board:

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READING OF CONSTITUTION AND CANONS *DIOCESE OF WESTERN ANGLICANS*

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_____ Date

Signatures of Vestry/Church Board:

_____ Senior Warden or Lay Leader _____ Junior Warden or Lay Leader

Vestry Members or Church Board:



