

# Rectors and Wardens Manual 2017

DIOCESE OF WESTERN ANGLICANS  
ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

## *PREFACE*

Beloved, grace and peace in Jesus Christ who is Lord of all!

This Rectors and Wardens Manual is designed to be a quick-reference tool in the hands of the key spiritual leaders of the local congregation. Inasmuch as our congregations are diverse in size and missional context, some basic principles and guidelines to which we may all refer will offer us a basic degree of order on the most common areas of interdependence.

Our diocese exists to fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission (GC2) of Jesus faithfully in every area of the western states where the Lord has given us favor. Our missional contexts are diverse in culture and circumstance, varying from region to region. Our common life in Christ, of which we are all stewards, is guided by the Scriptures, the Sacraments and the Holy Spirit in a distinctly Anglican way. We celebrate and affirm the unique contributions made by one another and consider ourselves to be partners in the gospel (Philippians 1:4-6), applying ourselves to the harvest field to which the Lord has called us (Matthew 9:37-38).

By definition, the diocese is made up of its congregations and church plants because the local church is the primary unit of mission. Therefore, as the principle of subsidiarity is our guide, the diocese leaves to the local church the work of carrying the gospel to the community it serves and to use its best judgment on issues and prerogatives of local concern. The bishop, his canons, his staff, the Deans and the Executive Committee see their ministry as sharing in the oversight of the Diocese and endeavor to apply themselves as servant leaders, supporting and guiding our formation and development as harvest workers, fostering an environment that is rich in disciple-making, leader formation and missional community multiplication.

This manual is a living document that will guide our efforts to establish basic principles and practices that will further the Lord's purposes among us and through us for a new generation of Jesus followers. Please peruse this manual's contents and familiarize yourself with it as you are responsible to exercise your ministry accordingly. It will provide a basic framework for us to engage in mission together as members and servant leaders of the body of Christ. As documents are updated and/or revised, they will be distributed through our website. We will alert you of the update via email and then it will be your responsibility to download it and update your manual.

May the Lord Jesus pour His abundant blessings upon us who seek to serve Him as the Lord of lords and King of kings.

I am your brother and fellow servant of Jesus,

+ Keith Adams

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