

THE COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY

SUSTAINING

THE WORK

OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

ENDOWMENT FUND



*"I greatly appreciate the commitment that the Compass Rose Society has made to the global ministry of my office and the Anglican Communion. The Society has supported several of my predecessor's initiatives including the Anglican Observer to the United Nations, the Bible in the Life of the Church, and theological textbooks for seminary libraries and, during my tenure, the Continuing Indaba project. The Society's Endowment Fund will both offer support to ongoing Communion programmes and will allow the Communion to respond more generously to our future global initiatives. I urge all members to remember the Compass Rose Society Endowment Fund in their estate planning endeavours as well as in their annual charitable giving."*

**The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby**  
*Archbishop of Canterbury*

*Compass Rose Society members meet each year with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Here, members join the Archbishop at Canterbury Cathedral for the annual general meeting.*



**DEAR**

# Compass Rose Society **MEMBER**

**Your generous contributions to the Society have helped fund our annual donations to the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), the organization which coordinates the cooperative activities of the churches of the Anglican Communion. Maybe you have also offered a designated gift to a particular project in a diocese that you learned about on a Communion Visit.**

To support the Society's commitment to the Council over the long term – currently, \$400,000 annually – our board of directors has agreed to establish an Endowment Fund of \$10 million. The income generated by this Endowment Fund will allow members' annual giving to support the individual initiatives of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, providing them a means to respond to vital mission priorities as they arise.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund will remain invested, and income earned on the Endowment Fund will support the ACC.

Importantly, the Compass Rose Society Endowment Fund will also provide Society members with the opportunity to use planned giving in their estates, allowing you to leave a legacy to the Church you love and to identify throughout your life as active members of the Anglican Communion.

The material in this brochure outlines the value of planned giving and provides information that you can share with your financial advisor describing the Anglican Communion and the Compass Rose Society.

I hope that you will prayerfully consider a gift to the Endowment Fund to help sustain the work of the Anglican Communion.

Yours in Christ,



**C. Andrew Doyle**

5<sup>TH</sup> President of the Compass Rose Society



## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

# ABOUT The Compass Rose

### **Where does the money go?**

The income generated by Endowment Fund assets will help meet the Compass Rose Society's annual commitment of \$400,000 to the Anglican Consultative Council. The Council will decide how to employ the funds in its international ministry.

### **How is the Endowment Fund administered?**

The Compass Rose Society's board of directors and its finance committee will oversee the management of the endowment using fiduciary standards and accepted accounting principles.

Compass Rose Society endowment contributions will be held in a fund restricted by a deed of trust for which the Anglican Communion Office is the only beneficiary.

At the end of each year, the board will vote to transfer the funds accumulated for the endowment to the entity that manages Anglican Communion funds, the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities Investment Management Limited (CCLA). CCLA was created in 1987 with the majority ownership held by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Investment Fund (CBF).

CCLA produces publicly available annual reports and audited financial statements

[www.ccla.co.uk](http://www.ccla.co.uk).

Contributors to the endowment will receive an annual report describing the investment portfolio and its performance.

### **How does giving to the Endowment Fund differ from my annual giving to the Society?**

As a member of the Compass Rose Society, you are expected to contribute at least \$2,500 to help meet the Compass Rose Society's \$400,000 annual commitment to the ACC plus designated projects as permitted. Your gift to the Endowment Fund is likely to be a more substantial commitment that matures over many years. Your gift will form part of the financial foundation that will help sustain the work of the Communion.

*"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?"*

*1 John 3:17*



# Society ENDOWMENT FUND

## **If the Endowment Fund generates \$400,000 annually, am I still required to contribute to the Society?**

Yes. The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to provide a recurring source of income to support the on-going operations and programs of the Anglican Consultative Council. Your annual contribution to the Compass Rose Society, on the other hand, helps fund mission outreach activities such as the E-Reader initiative in South Africa, the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities, and the Bishop Ackon Memorial Christian Eye Centre in Cape Coast, Ghana. For more details about Society grants, see "Grants Throughout the Communion" below.

## **I already have an endowment with my parish, why should I contribute to the Society's Endowment Fund?**

A gift to the Compass Rose Society Endowment Fund enables you to reach out beyond your congregation to support the mission activities of the Anglican Communion.

## **How long do I have to complete my pledge?**

Estate gifts become available at the death of the donor. Contributions pledged while the donor is living are usually completed within five years.

## **How will donors be recognized?**


Society members who donate cash or designate planned gifts to the endowment will become members of the Thomas Cranmer Circle (Cranmer, author of the first Book of Common Prayer, was archbishop of Canterbury from 1532 to 1534.)

## **• What if I am not a Compass Rose Society member?**

The Compass Rose Society welcomes new members. If your initial gift to the endowment is \$10,000 or more, you will become a Society member.

## **• Can I designate my gift to a particular program in the Anglican Communion?**

No. The initial \$10 million of gifts will support the endowment of Anglican Communion. After we meet that goal, we will entertain designating gifts to support Communion mission projects.

A close-up photograph of a woman with a brown headband and a white long-sleeved shirt, carrying a young child on her back. The child has dark braided hair and is wearing a blue and grey patterned wrap. They are outdoors, with a thatched roof and a wall with orange and white patterns in the background.

*"Cure the sick, raise the dead,  
cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.  
You received without payment;  
give without payment."*

*Matthew 10:8*

# PLANNED GIVING

**Planned giving offers Society members the opportunity to donate to the Compass Rose Society Endowment Fund through thoughtful estate planning. If you wish, gifts can be structured so that you or a family member receive an income for life from the gift while leaving the remainder to the Society. As part of an overall estate plan, you can consider your needs and the needs of your loved ones while helping to support the work of the Society. We discuss some planned giving options below.**

## **How to Contribute to the Compass Rose Society Endowment Fund**

Designating the Compass Rose Society as a beneficiary in your will is the most common planned gift.

There are many other options including naming the Society as a beneficiary of:

- a charitable gift annuity or remainder trust
- your retirement plan
- a new or existing life insurance policy
- a portion of your IRA required minimum distribution

Many of these techniques can yield tax advantages to the donor or the donor's estate.

You should always consult your legal and tax counsel when considering planned gifts.

Send checks payable to the Anglican Communion Compass Rose Society, Inc.:

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Mr. Biehl can also provide instructions for transferring securities. He can be reached by email at [rj.biehl@att.net](mailto:rj.biehl@att.net) or by phone at **800-318-4452** or **713-520-6444**.

## **Background for Financial Advisors who are not familiar with the Anglican Communion and the Compass Rose Society**

When you consider a gift to the Compass Rose Society Endowment Fund, we recommend that you consult closely with your financial advisor so that your professionals can understand what you are considering. The information below outlines the work of the Anglican Communion and the role of the Compass Rose Society in supporting the Communion.

The Compass Rose Society is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) entity incorporated in the State of Texas.

# How The Compass Rose

## THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Anglicanism emerged in the 16<sup>TH</sup> and 17<sup>TH</sup> centuries in England through the Reformation when new Protestant groups split from the Roman Catholic Church across Europe.

The Anglican Communion's leadership has described it as "... a fellowship, within the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces or regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury."

Today, 40 autonomous national and regional Churches plus six extra-provincial Churches and Dioceses comprise the Anglican Communion. Members live in 165 countries on six continents and speak over 100 languages. These Provinces and Churches are all in communion—that is in a "reciprocal relationship"—with the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is the Communion's spiritual head and one of the instruments of communion.

The Communion, with an estimated 85 million members, is one of the world's largest Christian faith communities.

## THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION OFFICE

The Anglican Communion Office is the permanent Secretariat for the organizing bodies of the Anglican Communion, the Instruments of Communion. These are:

- The Archbishop of Canterbury
- The Lambeth Conference (a meeting of the Communion's bishops held about every ten years; the next is in 2020)
- The Anglican Consultative Council (meets once every two to three years to manage the Communion's day to day activities)
- The Primates Meeting (held periodically at the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury)

The Secretary General heads the Anglican Communion Office.

The Anglican Communion Office facilitates and coordinates meetings, projects, committees, and the networks of the Communion, which operate internationally in areas such as ecumenical dialogues, interfaith cooperation, mission and church growth, women's advocacy and development and relief. The Office also communicates news and information about the life and work of the Communion to its members and to the world.



# Society SUPPORTS THE COMMUNION

Located at St Andrew's House in London, the Anglican Communion Office is a home away from home to leaders of the Communion, who lodge at the guest house and interface with the staff who support them. Compass Rose Society members are always welcome to stay at St. Andrew's House if rooms are available.

Member Churches of the Communion fund the Anglican Communion Office based on recommendations developed by the Inter-Anglican Finance and Administration Committee.

The Compass Rose Society also contributes annually and has become the third largest donor behind the Church of England and The Episcopal Church.

The Anglican Communion's annual budget in 2018 was £2.2 million (\$3.1 million).

Some of the projects that the Anglican Communion Office oversees include:

## **Facilitating Reconciliation of Differences Through Continuing Indaba**

The current Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, holds reconciliation as one of his top priorities. The Continuing Indaba Project was developed at the 2008 Lambeth Conference. It is now a crucial process enabling Anglicans worldwide to celebrate diversity and face conflict honestly, thereby participating as agents of reconciliation.

Indaba is a Zulu word which means a community process for discernment on matters of significance. The Continuing Indaba initiative is designed to enable mutual, patient, and respectful listening in the Anglican Communion. Indaba processes are common throughout Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the Americas.

## **The Anglican Alliance**

The Anglican Alliance brings together churches and agencies to support development, relief and advocacy work across the Communion.

## **The Thematic Networks of the Anglican Communion**

A group of self-funding networks represent and support areas of interest in the Anglican world such as the environment, health, peace and justice, interfaith concern, indigenous peoples, women's advocacy, families, schools and universities of the Communion, and French-speaking members.

## **United Nations Observer's Office**

The Anglican Communion Office interfaces with the United Nations at UN headquarters in New York and Geneva. The Office staff conveys Anglican concerns to the UN and member governments, keeps Anglicans informed about international initiatives, and enables the Communion to develop effective partnerships with various UN organizations.



*"Ask, and it will be given you;  
search, and you will find; knock,  
and the door will be opened for you".*

*Matthew 7:7*



# The Compass Rose Society

## AND ITS ROLE IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

**The Compass Rose Society was founded in 1997 to support the global ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury, particularly the communications activities of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Anglican Communion Office.**

**To date, the Society has donated over \$10 million to the Council and over \$2.7 million to projects in individual dioceses. The Society targets an annual contribution of \$400,000 to the Council.**

### **HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY**

*"You see, we have no bread, we have no wine."*

On New Year's Eve 1993, Archbishop George Carey's small six-seater airplane landed on a dirt road just south of the southern Sudanese city of Yambio.

Greeting the Archbishop and his party was Daniel Zindo, Bishop of the Diocese of Yambio. No cars or limousines were waiting; instead, the welcoming party walked with the Archbishop of Canterbury and his delegation into the nearby town.

As they walked, Bishop Zindo was asked how many people would be attending the Eucharist the next morning at All Saints Cathedral. The Bishop responded that he expected around 600 and that the people would have walked for two or three days to attend. (The next morning, New Year's Day, the gathering was well over 2000.)

Bishop Zindo explained, with a frown on his face, that it would be a service of Morning Prayer. There would be no Eucharist. "You see, we have no bread, we have no wine."

Considerably moved by the hardship of Sudanese Christians, who had endured war and suffering with courage and faith, Archbishop Carey returned to England and began to look for ways to communicate the need to provide urgent pastoral support to member churches beyond the abilities of the Anglican Communion budget.

This vision was the foundation of the Compass Rose Society, established in 1997 with just 25 members. Today over 400 members have joined as individuals, foundations, chapters, theological colleges, dioceses, and provinces. Members come from Canada, England, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, the United States, and Uruguay. The Society strives to build a broad and committed membership throughout the Anglican Communion to respond to needs identified by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Communion Office.

The Society meets annually either in Canterbury or London in the late autumn. The meeting features prominent speakers from throughout the Communion, a question-and-answer session with the Archbishop, and a dinner with the Archbishop and his wife.

When meeting in London, the program includes a visit to the Archbishop's residence, Lambeth Palace, with Evening Prayer read in the Archbishop's Chapel. In Canterbury, members enjoy a private tour of Canterbury Cathedral.

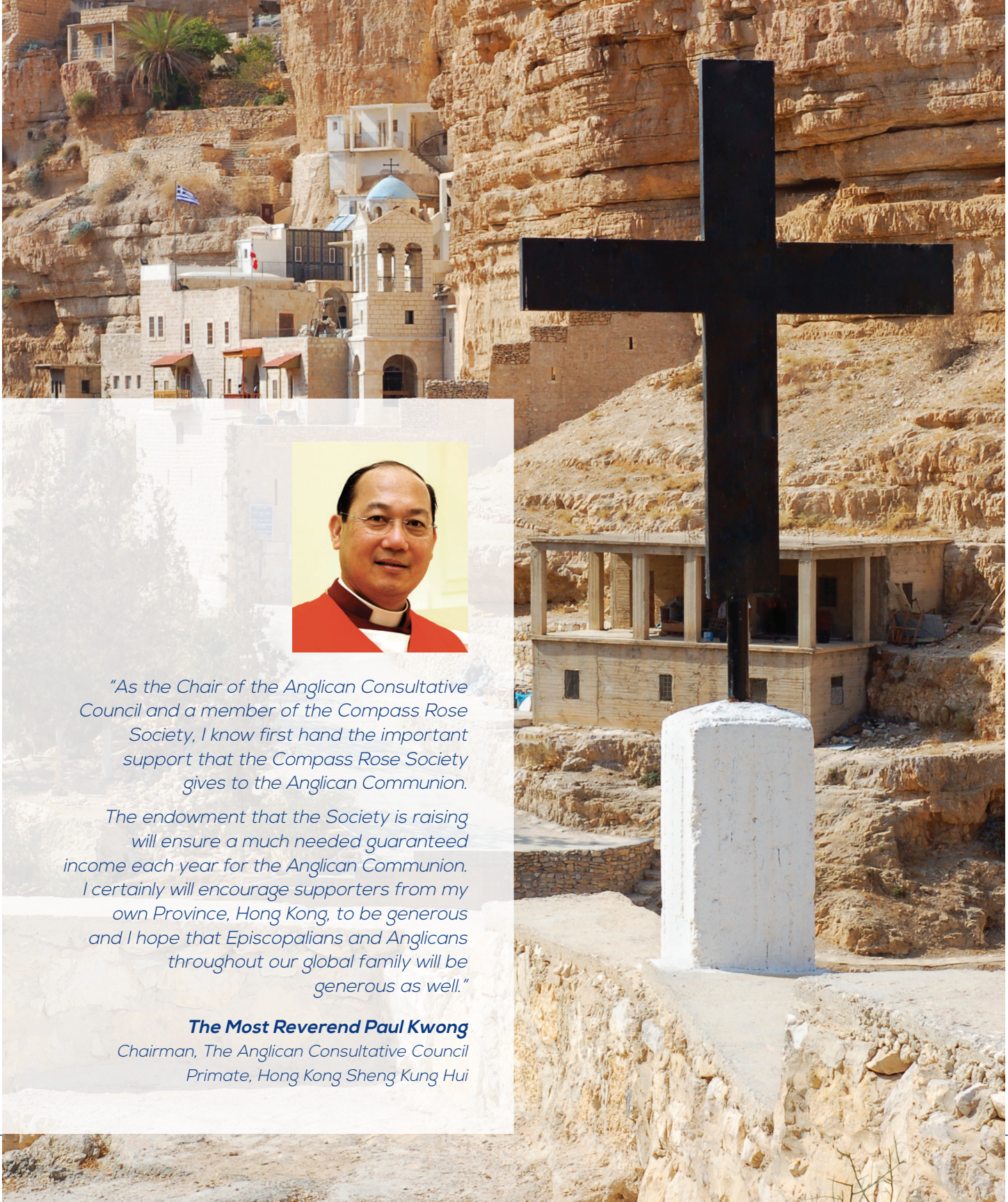
Members pay their way to the meetings as well as to the study trips and Communion Visits that often follow.

## **COMMUNION VISITS**

Communion Visits build relationships among Communion members and allow members to learn how the Society can best work financially to improve the well-being of our brothers and sisters. The experiences are personal and hands-on. They bring encouragement to local communities and transform members' understanding of compassionate service.

Through personal contact with Anglican bishops and dioceses, the Society can provide direct financial aid that enhances relations throughout the Communion. These personal relationships help strengthen the bonds of affection throughout the Communion as Anglicans from around the world work together for shared ministry.

Over the years, members have visited Nigeria, Cuba, Spain and Portugal, Tanzania, The Diocese of the Highveld and the Diocese of False Bay in the Province of Southern Africa, Scotland and Wales, Jerusalem and the Holy Land, Ireland, The Anglican Center in Rome, Mexico, Salisbury Cathedral, Cyprus, Southern Malawi, the Anglican Cathedral in Paris, Liverpool Cathedral, Rio de Janeiro and the Amazon, Brazil, Ghana and Hong Kong. The Society often provides direct financial support to specific programs in local churches and dioceses that they visit.



*"As the Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council and a member of the Compass Rose Society, I know first hand the important support that the Compass Rose Society gives to the Anglican Communion.*

*The endowment that the Society is raising will ensure a much needed guaranteed income each year for the Anglican Communion. I certainly will encourage supporters from my own Province, Hong Kong, to be generous and I hope that Episcopalians and Anglicans throughout our global family will be generous as well."*

**The Most Reverend Paul Kwong**

*Chairman, The Anglican Consultative Council  
Primate, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*

## SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

### Support for Anglican Communications

Over \$4 million, or about 55 percent of the funds raised to date by the Society has improved communication in the Communion. Most recently the Society supported:

- **Anglican News Service.** A web-based news service, updated daily, providing news, commentary, features, and in-depth profiles. It links the Anglican Communion together by sharing stories of the faithful work being done by Anglicans.
- **Anglican World.** From 2019 this quarterly print magazine, featuring news about the Churches and people of the Anglican Communion, will become an annual online report. It will be free to download from the Anglican Communion website ([www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org)). The first edition of this new format will be available in mid-2019.
- **Translation.** English is not the first language of the majority of today's Anglicans, and translation is a fundamental element in understanding each other. It is crucial to provide translation for significant Communion documents as well as a simultaneous translation at Communion meetings. Currently, the material is translated into French, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swahili.
- **Anglican Communion Website.** This website provides information, an archive of study documents, reports, statements, and resources from official bodies of the Communion.

### Grants Throughout the Communion

To date, major grants from the Society include:

- Operating funds for hospitals in Gaza and Nablus and the Jerusalem Princess Basma Center for Children with Disabilities in the Diocese of Jerusalem.
- HIV/AIDS assistance and theological textbooks for the Diocese of the Highveld in South Africa.
- Construction and operating funds for a bush health clinic in the Diocese of Kaduna, Nigeria.
- Start-up funds for an E-Reader project in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. This work allows theology students, clergy, and laity convenient access to online learning materials.
- Scholarships and school aid to the Diocese of Southern Malawi.
- Facility improvement at the Bishop Ackon Memorial Christian Eye Clinic Centre in Cape Coast, Ghana and its community outreach program.

### Major Anglican Consultative Council Initiatives Supported by the Society

- The Council's communication department
- The renovation of St. Andrew's House (the headquarters of the Communion in London)
- The Anglican Observer at the United Nations
- The Continuing Indaba project
- The Bible in the Life of the Church
- The several networks of the Communion
- Theological textbooks for seminary libraries

The Anglican Communion

[www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org)

The Archbishop of Canterbury

[www.archbishopofcanterbury.org](http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org)

Anglican News Service

[www.anglicannewservice.org](http://www.anglicannewservice.org)

Continuing Indaba

[www.continuingindaba.org](http://www.continuingindaba.org)

The Compass Rose Society

[www.compassrosesociety.org](http://www.compassrosesociety.org)



*"The Endowment Fund that the Compass Rose Society is raising for the Anglican Communion is a great gift to our global family that will enable the Communion to support its different ministries for decades (and hopefully centuries) to come. I thank you, the members of the Compass Rose Society, for establishing this great initiative."*

**The Most Reverend Josiah Idowu-Fearon**

*Secretary General of the Anglican Communion*

*"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints."*

*Romans 12:9-13*



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