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ANGLICAN COMMUNION COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING IN LONDON

Launches Initiative to Raise \$10 Million Endowment to Support Work of the Communion

HOUSTON, November 29, 2017 –The Compass Rose Society, an international charitable organization that provides financial support to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Consultative Council, held its annual meeting in London on November 6 and 7.

Since its founding in 1997, The Society has donated over \$10 million to support the mission of the Anglican Communion.

In 2016, the Society donated over \$747 thousand including gifts to the Anglican Consultative Council; the Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana; Coventry Cathedral and the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Bishop of Texas C. Andrew Doyle, the Society's president, told members that the previously announced initiative to fund an endowment of \$10 million for the work of the Communion was underway with an active campaign beginning in the second quarter of 2018. The Anglican Communion News Service published a news release describing the history of the Society and the plans for the endowment, and it is linked here <http://bit.ly/CRSendowment>.

The secretary general of the Anglican Communion, Dr. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, also welcomed the creation of the fund, describing it as “a great gift for our global family that will enable the Communion to support its different ministries for decades (and hopefully centuries) to come.”

Speakers at the two-day annual meeting offered members an up-to-date view of the work of the Anglican Communion.

- Adrian Butcher, recently appointed director for communication of the Anglican Communion described his plans for the office and thanked the Society for supporting the distribution of "Anglican World," the Communion's quarterly magazine.
- David White, chief operating officer of the Anglican Communion, detailed the structure and functions of his office noting that The Compass Rose Society provided 21.8% of the budgeted unrestricted income of the Communion for 2017.
- Canon Sarah Snyder, the archbishop of Canterbury's director for reconciliation, outlined the programs she is leading throughout the Communion commenting that reconciliation effects all people, all countries, and all of God's creation. "Reconciliation," she said, "is not about agreeing; it is disagreeing in love."
- The Revd Dr Rachel Mash, environmental coordination, Anglican Church of Southern Africa, who reviewed her work with the impact of climate change throughout the Communion. Her work with the Green Anglican Alliance in Africa seeks to arrest climate degradation in sub-Saharan Africa and to pioneer green initiatives for the Communion.
- The Rt Revd C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop of Texas and president of the Society, reviewed the state of the Communion and the Society

During a visit to Lambeth Palace, the London residence of the archbishop of Canterbury, members heard Archbishop Welby discuss the wide range of issues facing the Communion and plans for the upcoming 2020 Lambeth Conference. He invited the Society to support the conference and to help raise funds that will help enable bishops to attend. Members then enjoyed dinner with the Archbishop and Mrs. Welby followed by Compline in the chapel of Lambeth Palace.

Compass Rose Society Board of Directors and Officers

The Society elected three new directors to four-year terms:

Anne M. Moore, Minneapolis, MN

Mark Hemmingway, Ontario, Canada

The Very Revd Andrew Asbil, dean, St. James Cathedral, Ontario, Canada

The Society's other officers and directors are:

The Rt Revd C. Andrew Doyle, Houston, TX, bishop of the Diocese Texas, president of the Society

Robert J. Biehl, Houston, TX, treasurer of the Society

Michael J. Brown, Montevideo, Uruguay

The Revd Canon Jan Naylor Cope, provost, Washington National Cathedral, first vice president of the Society

The Very Revd Chun Ho Samson Jeremiah Fan, dean, All Saints Cathedral, Hong Kong, SAR, vice president of the Society

The Revd Canon Michele V. Hagans, Washington, D.C., Diocese of Washington, DC

The Revd Andrew Merrow, rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA

Carlos R. Muñoz, White Plains, NY

The Revd Canon Benjamin Musoke-Lubega, Trinity Church Wall Street, New York, NY

The Revd Canon John L. Peterson, Hendersonville, NC, former secretary general of the Anglican Communion and past-president of the Society

The Rt Revd Gregory Rickel, bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, Seattle, WA

Charles M. Royce, Riverside, CT

The Revd Pamela Cottrell Shier, Mount Morris, PA, rector, Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Salem, WV

James W. Stevens, Houston, TX

The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon, secretary general of the Anglican Communion London, UK

David Sik Hung Tse, Central Hong Kong, SAR

Della Wager Wells, New Haven, CT

Beverley Patterson Wood, Aurora, ON, Canada

About the Compass Rose Society

Founded in 1997, The Compass Rose Society has over 400 members located primarily in the US, Canada, and Hong Kong. It takes its name from the symbol of the Anglican Communion.

Membership information is available at the Society's Web site www.compassrosesociety.org.

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