

**Report to Bishop Edgar  
and Diocesan Council  
Anglican Missional Partnerships  
December 19, 2024**

**Activities of the Canon for Global Missions**

*Since August 2024*

August 7 – Met via Zoom with Archbishop Steve Wood and Jenny Noyes to assist in sharing about the variety of Provincial mission efforts through New Wineskins, AGMP and GMI. A follow-up face to face meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2024.

August 19 – Meeting of the diocesan committee for Anglican Missional Partnerships.

August 20 – Monthly meeting of Global Mission Initiative

September 3 – Lunch meeting with the Rev. Dr. Anthony Kobeidu and Jenny Noyes to discuss global missions in the Diocese of the Carolinas, and ACNA.

September 3 – Met with Archbishop Steve Wood and Jenny Noyes in follow up face to face from earlier August meeting regarding the coordination of global missions in ACNA.

September 10 – Meeting of the AGMP Steering Committee.

September 12 – Meeting with Jon Shuler of NAMS to learn more about NAMS and ways of cooperation with diocesan missions.

September 12 – Monthly ZOOM meeting with the Rev. John Chol Daau for updates on Good Shepherd Education Foundation in Juba, South Sudan.

September 17 – Monthly meeting of Global Mission Initiative.

October 3 – Bi-Weekly Prayer Calls for Bishop Elections in Province of Alexandria, facilitated by Bishop Grant and Dr. Wendy LeMarquand.

October 4 – Attended the funeral of Clark Smith at Christ Church Anglican in Savannah, GA.

October 7 – Submitted diocesan budget request for Anglican Missional Partnerships.

October 8 – Meeting of the AGMP Steering Committee.

October 9 – Met the Jacobs family at the Charleston airport for prayers and send off for their return to the mission field in North Africa.

October 15 – Monthly meeting of Global Mission Initiative.

October 24 – Charleston Clericus gathering at Hope Scholars Academy.

October 25 – Met for prayer with Anne Schaffer, SAMS Missionary, in advance of her trip to Thailand and Cambodia to include a visit with the SAMS missionaries, the Pelloni family

October 30 – Met with Jeff Walton of IRD for update on Mission Roundtable hosted by Diocese of Singapore in Thailand

October 30 – Attended Investiture of Archbishop Steve Wood

November 7 – Bi-Weekly Prayer Calls for Bishop Elections in Province of Alexandria, facilitated by Bishop Grant and Dr. Wendy LeMarquand

November 10 – Guest Preacher for Mission Sunday at St. Paul’s Anglican, Summerville.

November 11-13– Diocesan Clergy Retreat, Bonclarken, North Carolina

November 18 – Meeting of Anglican Missional Partnerships Committee, St. Paul’s Anglican, Summerville

November 19 – Monthly meeting of Global Mission Initiative

November 21– Bi-Weekly Prayer Calls for Bishop Elections in Province of Alexandria, facilitated by Bishop Grant and Dr. Wendy LeMarquand

November 24 – Guest Preacher at St. John’s Parish Church during Rector’s mission to Peru.

December 1 – Guest Preacher at St. Matthew’s Fort Motte.

December 5 – Participated in ARDF sponsored annual Oyster Roast.

December 11 – Meeting of the AGMP Membership Committee which I chair.

December 17 – Monthly meeting of Global Mission Initiative.

Additional related mission related activities, not specifically tied to my roll as Canon for Global Mission include:

**New Wineskins Missionary Network** I presently serve as the Board Chair with regular Zoom meetings of the Executive Committee every few weeks. We are much involved in the final planning for the 2025 conference.

**Great Lakes Outreach (GLO)** This is a ministry that seeks to transform the nation of Burundi. GLO identifies, equips and empowers the best local leaders of passion, integrity, gifting and vision for the transformation of Burundi, bottom-up and top-down. I serve on the board of directors as the Treasurer. The board met formally via Zoom on November 19 and 21 and communicates regularly as needed through digital means. GLO is well supported from many in the diocese.

## Anglican Missional Partnerships Committee

The present membership of the committee met for its first face to face meeting at St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Summerville on Monday, November 18. It is still hoped that we will add additional lay representatives to provide one for each of the six diocesan deaneries. The present membership includes the following.

The Rev. Canon Bob Lawrence		Chair, Charleston Deanery
The Rev. Justin Hare	Anne Schaffer	Charleston Deanery
The Rev. Fred Onyango	Bill Anderson	West Charleston Deanery
The Rev. Tom Hample		West Charleston Deanery
The Rev. Roger Revell	Sue Harrison	Georgetown Deanery
The Rev. Bill Clarkson	<i>OPEN</i>	Orangeburg Deanery
The Rev. Rags Coxe	<i>OPEN</i>	Florence Deanery
The Rev. Tom Hendrickson	Barbara Scott	Beaufort Deanery

The committee welcomed The Rev. Dr. Jon Shuler as a guest to provide a review of his ministry with NAMS (New Anglican Missionary Society) and to explore areas of further cooperation.

Deanery representatives shared their findings following personal follow up with parishes regarding the meaning of the mission data of the 2023 ACNA Parochial Reports. Follow-up confirmed the need for greater clarity in what is being asked in the questions. Within the diocese, clarification will be provided in advance of the distribution of the 2024 reports.

The committee plans to continue to meet via ZOOM in advance of the quarterly meetings of Diocesan Council, with at least one meeting being face to face. Additionally, the deanery representative will continue to serve as advocates for strategic international missional relationships at every opportunity.

Copies of the both the Leader and Student workbooks for the newly published Anglican Introduction to Mission were given to the committee members, with a preview provided of lesson one. This resource is highly commended for use in the parishes of the diocese. One parish has already scheduled its use for an Epiphany Adult Education offering in 2025.

New Wineskins 2025 – Hope for the Nations is happening September 17-20, 2025, at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. The Anglican Missional Partnerships Committee ask that Diocesan Council approve a special \$5000 grant for the purpose of hosting international guests to the conference. These funds would be provided from \$2000 budgeted for the committee in 2024, but yet unspent, and \$3000 from the restricted fund 21072 – Anglican Missional Partnership Fund. This restricted fund was created by the committee to allocate funds for the Bishop to utilize for the unexpected visits of opportunity of international guests.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Anglican Missional Partnerships