

**Report to Bishop Edgar  
and Diocesan Council  
Anglican Missional Partnerships  
August 28, 2025**

**Activities of the Canon for Global Missions**

*Since May 22, 2025*

- May 22 - Executive Committee meeting of New Wineskins Missions Network.
- May 22 – Board Meeting of New Wineskins Missions Network.
- June 3 – Zoom Call for ACNA Provincial delegates.
- June 5 – Monthly Canons call with Archdeacon Hunter Jordan.
- June 12 - Monthly Zoom call with John Chol Daau & Good Shepherd Educational Foundation
- June 17 - Monthly Zoom call with ACNA Global Mission Advocates.
- June 17-20 – ACNA Provincial Council in Ambridge, PA
- June 22-27 – Renewal Retreat at Kanuga, Hendersonville, NC
- June 26 - Executive Committee meeting of New Wineskins Missions Network.
- July 7 – Lunch meeting with Jeff Walton of IRD, Institute on Religion and Democracy.
- July 10 - Monthly Canons call with Archdeacon Hunter Jordan.
- July 10 - Monthly Zoom call with John Chol Daau & Good Shepherd Educational Foundation.
- July 11 – Meeting with the Rev. Stephen Scarf to discuss diocesan international mission.
- July 15 - Monthly Zoom call with ACNA Global Mission Advocates.
- July 17 - Executive Committee meeting of New Wineskins Missions Network.
- July 29 – Bishop Jeremiah Maet Paul arrives in diocese, hosted by Eddie Porcher.
- July 31 – Meeting with Chase Perkins of Kids Around the World, re: New Wineskins Conference.
- August 4 - Finance Committee Meeting of Great Lakes Outreach.
- August 5 – Board Meeting of Great Lakes Outreach.
- August 12 – Anglican Partners Leadership Team meeting.
- August 18 – Quarterly meeting of diocesan Anglican Missional Partners committee

August 21 – Executive Committee meeting of New Wineskins Missions Network.

August 21 – Board Meeting of New Wineskins Missions Network.

August 24 – Host Bishop Jeremiah at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul.

*These calendar items include additional mission related activities that are not specifically tied to my role as Canon for Global Missions. They include:*

**New Wineskins Missionary Network** I continue to serve as the Board Chair with regular Zoom meetings of the Executive Committee every few weeks. Final details for the 2025 conference continue.

**Great Lakes Outreach (GLO)** This ministry 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 U.S. Board of Trustees as the Treasurer.



### **Anglican Missional Partnerships Committee**

The committee met in advance of this August meeting of Diocesan Council on Monday August 18. This meeting included the opportunity to have Bishop Jeremiah Maet Paul, Diocese of Gambella, share with us about his diocese and his ministry. It also provided him the opportunity to be introduced to the committee members who represent each of the deaneries of the diocese. Gambella, one of the four dioceses that comprise the Anglican Province of Alexandria, is among our diocesan partnered relationship.

The committee received an update on the international guests that will be attending the New Wineskins conference that will also be hosted in the diocese either before or after the conference. At the committee's requests from funds that remained in the 2024 budget, a grant of \$5000 from the diocese was provided to New Wineskins for the purpose of providing scholarship assistance to international guests. Additionally, the Church of the Cross provided a grant of \$15,000 for the same purpose. These funds provided full support for eight of the eighteen scholarship recipients to attend the conference. Four of those hosted international guests will be visiting the diocese before and/or after the conference. Numerous other international guests will also be among us who are guests of individual parishes or ministries supported within the diocese.

### **New Wineskins 2025: Hope for the Nations**

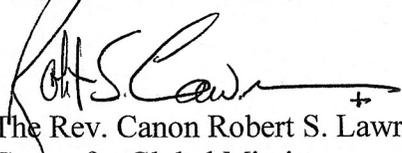
This triennial mission gathering is happening September 17-20, 2025, at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Our diocese is typically the most represented among all the ACNA with over 120 registered thus far. Regular registration continues through August 2025, with late registration continuing through to the start of the conference. As of this week, registrations stand at just below 1400 participants, with over 40 nations represented.

## **Companion Relationship**

Diocesan Council approved making the Anglican Province of Alexandria our official diocesan companion relationship. Three of the four diocesan bishops of this province will attend the New Wineskins conference in September, and two of these three have and will have time among us here in South Carolina.

The four dioceses of the Province of Alexandria include Egypt, Archbishop Samy Shehata; North Africa, Bishop Ashley Null; Horn of Africa, Bishop Martin Reaves-Williams; and Gambella, Bishop Jeremiah Maet Paul. All are encouraged to learn more about each of these bishops and their dioceses and to include them in your regular prayers personally and corporately as a church community. Opportunities for further engagement with any one or all these dioceses and their parishes is also encouraged for those seeking new or additional strategic missional relationships.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. S. Lawrence', with a small cross symbol at the end of the signature line.

The Rev. Canon Robert S. Lawrence  
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Chair, Anglican Missional Partnerships