

**Report to Bishop Edgar  
and Diocesan Council  
Anglican Missional Partnerships  
December 18, 2025**

**Activities of the Canon for Global Missions**

*Since August 28, 2025*

- August 28 – Hosted Bishop Jeremiah Maet Paul, Diocese of Gambella at meeting of Diocesan Council.
- September 4 – Monthly Canons’ call with Archdeacon Hunter Jordan.
- September 12 – Hosted The Rev. Dr. Bill Stewart upon arrival through to September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- September 15 – Attended the celebration of the ministry of the Rt. Rev. Ashley Null, Bishop of North Africa with the Rt. Rev. Fitzsimons Allison in Prince George Winyah, Georgetown, and hosted Bishop Jeremiah and the Rev. Dr. Bill Stewart.
- September 16 – Meeting of GLO Trustees.
- September 16 – Depart for New Wineskins Missions Network conference.
- September 17-21 – Attendance at New Wineskins Missions Network conference, with post conference meeting of New Wineskins Trustees.
- September 24 – Canon call with Archdeacon Hunter Jordan.
- September 26 – Meeting of Executive Committee of New Wineskins Missions Network.
- September 30 – Meeting of GLO Trustees.
- September 30 – Meeting with New Wineskins participant from diocese regarding mission in Uganda.
- October 2 – Monthly Canons’ call with Archdeacon Hunter Jordan.
- October 16 – Meeting of Executive Committee of New Wineskins Missions Network.
- October 21 – Monthly Zoom call with ACNA Global Mission Advocates.
- October 23 – Charleston Clericus with Bishop Edgar.
- October 23 – Attended “The Gathering” of Life Resources.
- November 3 – Meeting with Ashley Schaffer regarding mission.
- November 6 – Monthly Canons’ call with Archdeacon Hunter Jordan.
- November 17 – Meeting of Anglican Missional Partnership Committee at St. Paul’s Summerville
- November 18 – Monthly Zoom call with ACNA Global Mission Advocates.

November 19 – Meeting of GLO Trustees.

November 20 – Attended Charleston Leadership Foundation annual Prayer Breakfast

November 20 – Meeting of Executive Committee of New Wineskins Mission Network.

November 20 – Meeting of New Wineskins Missions Network Trustees, to include turnover of presidency, and conclusion of 10 years as Trustee.

December 5 – Attended meeting of the SOMA-USA Trustees and invited to be a Trustee.

December 9 – Meeting of GLO Trustees.

December 9 – Canon call with Archdeacon Hunter Jordan.

December 16 – Monthly Zoom call with ACNA Global Mission Advocates.

December 18 – Meeting of Diocesan Council of ADOSC.

*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 continued to serve as the Board Chair with regular Zoom meetings of the Executive Committee every few weeks up until my final board meeting on November 20, 2025, after over ten years as a Trustee.

**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 December meeting of Diocesan Council on Monday November 17 for our annual in person gathering hosted at St. Paul's Summerville. This meeting included receiving video updates from all of our diocesan sponsored missionaries. This included Roger and Joanne Griffin in Mexico, Anthony and Anna Pelloni in Cambodia, Jeffrey and Kristin Jacobs in Tunisia, Tabitha Wang in Mongolia, and Anne Schaffer who was present with us at the meeting. We also reviewed the New Wineskins conference in September, with all but one of the committee members having attended. Conference reviews were all favorable with some proclaiming it the best ever. The draft budget for 2026 was also reviewed, along with the data from the 2024 Parochial Reports which is addressed elsewhere in this report.

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

This triennial mission gathering occurred September 17-20, 2025, at Ridgecrest, North Carolina with over 1600 participants, including international guests from over 60 countries. Among those gathered, over 130 participants were from the diocese, with several of our members also presenting MAP (Mission Action Plan) Talks. These included Canon Newman Lawrence, The Rev. Al Zadig, Mr. Dave Wright, Mrs. Kim Perri, Ms. Anne Schaffer, Mr. Leiton Chinn and Mrs. Lisa Espinelli Chinn.

While our diocese is typically the most represented among all of the ACNA, we were exceeded in numbers for the first time ever by the Anglican Diocese of the Gulf Atlantic, led by Bishop Alex Farmer. To their credit, many of their participants were involved in the children's program which was largely staffed by volunteer families who took on that responsibility as a mission trip, within a mission conference.

### **Parochial Report Mission Data from 2024**

The mission data reports from 2024 were not received from the province until late September. This is much later than previous years, but still valuable information to have before the 2025 data is reported in the coming months. Overall, our congregations show a greater level of involvement and awareness of international relationships. In 2023, 25 of our congregations indicated no involvement of any kind in international missions. In 2024, this number had declined to only 17 of our congregations. While this is still too many, I applaud the majority of our congregations with their active involvement with mission partnerships. A summary of this data is attached on a separate sheet.

A reminder to all of our congregations, is that a simple commitment to pray corporately and regularly for only one of our diocesan sponsored missionaries, or for one of the dioceses of our companion relationship with the Province of Alexandria is enough to establish a "mission relationship" for reporting purposes on the annual parochial report.

### **Companion Relationship**

Diocesan Council approved making the Anglican Province of Alexandria our official diocesan companion relationship in 2025. 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. Three of the four diocesan bishops of this province, along with two of their former assisting bishops, attended the New Wineskins conference in September. Both Bishop Ashley Null and Bishop Jeremiah had opportunities to share with us within the diocese in the weeks prior and after the conference. All are encouraged to continue 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 of these dioceses and their parishes is also encouraged for those seeking new or additional strategic missional relationships.

Respectfully submitted,



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## 2024 Mission Data from annual ACNA Parochial Reports

Country	Congregation Reporting Relationships of "Mission Partnership"
Albania	St. Helena's / Church of the Cross
Antigua	Prince George
Australia	Holy Comforter
Bahamas	Prince George
Brazil	Holy Spirit
Burundi	Church of the Cross / Cathedral / St. Michael's / Holy Comforter
Cambodia	St. Jude's / Church of the Cross / Holy Trinity SJ / Prince George / Epiphany / St. Timothy's
Chad	St. Paul's Summerville
Costa Rica	Holy Comforter
Dominican Republic	St. Luke's / Church of the Cross / Holy Comforter / St. Matthew's D / Resurrection NC / Old St. Andrew's
DRC	Church of the Cross / Holy Trinity SJ
Egypt	Holy Trinity Grahamville / Holy Cross Statesburg / Holy Apostles / St. Paul's Summerville
Haiti	St. Luke's / St. Philip's / Prince George / St. Paul's Conway / The Well
Honduras	St. Luke's / Holy Cross SI / Holy Spirit / St. Michael's / St. Philip's / Holy Apostles
India	St. Luke's / Holy Cross SI / Holy Spirit / St. Michael's / St. Matthew's FM
Iran	St. Michael's / Christ St. Paul's
Iraq	St. Michael's / Christ St. Paul's
Japan	Church of the Cross
Kazakhstan	Good Samaritan
Kenya	Church of the Cross / Habersham / St. Luke's / St. Helena's / Christ MtP / St. Michael's / St. Matthew's D / Prince George / The Well / St. Matthias / St. Paul's Summerville / Good Samaritan
Liberia	St. Philip's
Madagascar	Church of the Cross
Mexico	St. Helena's / Church of the Cross / Holy Trinity SJ / Prince George / Our Saviour / Good Shepherd
Mongolia	Church of the Cross / Good Shepherd
Mozambique	Good Shepherd
Netherlands	Holy Apostles
Nicaragua	St. Thomas'
Nigeria	Christ St. Paul's
North Korea	Prince George
Pakistan	Holy Spirit
Peru	Church of the Cross / St. John's Parish
Portugal	St. Luke's
Romania	Church of the Cross / Our Saviour
Rwanda	Church of the Cross / St. Philip's
South Sudan	Church of the Cross / St. Michael's / Christ St. Paul's / Trinity Edisto
Tanzania	St. Luke's / St. Michael's
Thailand	St. Luke's / St. Michael's
The Gambia	St. Timothy's
Tunisia	Epiphany
Uganda	Church of the Cross / Cathedral / St. Philip's / Holy Comforter / Grace / St. John's Parish
Ukraine	Church of the Cross
United Kingdom	St. Paul's Conway
Vietnam	St. Luke's
Zambia	The Well
Zimbabwe	Church of the Cross

NONE Reported 2024 [17]	St. John's Chapel / All Saints / Advent / Christ Church Florence / Ascension / St. Barnabas / St. John's Florence / Trinity Pinopolis / St. Paul's Bennettsville / Trinity Myrtle Beach / Redeemer Pineville / Redeemer Orangeburg / St. James' Blackville / St. Paul's Orangeburg / St. James' Charleston / St. Andrew's Mission /
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NOTE	Christ the King reports support in 31 Cross Cultural Workers (CCWs) Europe, Asia and South America with no countries identified. St. David's reports support of 2 CCWs in West Africa with no countries identified. Resurrection Surfside reports support of 6 CCWs in North Africa with no countries identified
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NOTE	Our congregations collectively report missional relationships within 45 specific countries. Among these countries, Kenya has relationships with 12 different congregations; Cambodia, Honduras, Mexico, Uganda and the Dominican Republic all have relationships with 6 different congregations; Haiti and India have relationships with 5 different congregations; Burundi, Egypt and South Sudan have relationships with 4 different congregations. Ten different countries have relationships with 2 of our congregations, and the remaining 24 countries have a relationship with one of our congregations.
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