

## The Certain Trumpet

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In view of The Episcopal Church's toleration, and even promotion of the twin sins of sodomy and abortion, the question arises as to what to do if one is still a member of that body but desires to distance himself from these policies. The answer would seem to be vocal in his opposition and join and otherwise promote one or more of the organizations that express his viewpoint. (As an aside, one should note that the new Anglican Church in North America [ACNA], though formed in opposition to the homosexual agenda, at least implicitly also opposes abortion through its "life begins at conception" position.).

The American Anglican Council (AAC), whose "Statement of Faith" maintains "no sodomy" and "no abortion" language (though stated in a more positive and more polite manner), accepts both lay and clerical members as well as parochial ones. Operating both within and without the TEC, it has somewhere over 122 parishes in the former category. AAC Vice President (The Rt. Rev.) Peter Beckwith (Springfield, retired) remains in the TEC and deals with its AAC members through an "Episcopal Desk". The AAC can be contacted at 2296 Henderson Mill Rd., Suite 106, Atlanta, GA 30345-2739; phone (800) 914-2000; web: <http://www.americananglican.org>.

If one buys the traditional Christian moral code and the traditional Christian view of the priesthood (no women), he should join Forward-in-Faith/North America (FiF/NA). Though all of its bishops have left to join the new ACNA, some individual parishes and members-at-large (both lay and clerical) remain in TEC for one reason or another. Only 12 full FiF/NA member parishes are still in the TEC:

St. John's Monterey, CA (also AAC)  
St. Paul's-by-the Lake, Chicago, IL  
Good Shepherd East Chicago, IN  
Grace & St. Peter's, Baltimore, MD  
Mt. Calvary, Baltimore, MD (also AAC)  
St. Luke's Bladensburg, MD  
St. James', Elmhurst, NY  
Holy Cross, Warrensburg, NY  
St. Luke's, Newton, PA  
Good Shepherd, Rosemont, PA  
All Saints', Wynnewood, PA  
St. John-the-Evangelist, Newport, RI (also AAC)

In addition, FiF/NA has 21 “friendly” TEC parishes (generally, rector, a member, parish uncommitted) on its Website, and four of these are also AAC:

St. John’s, Savannah, GA  
St. John’s, Moultrie, GA  
St. John’s, Detroit, MI  
St. Anthony of Padua, Hackensack, NJ

This makes only a total of seven of the 34 FiF/NA parishes of both kinds that have joined the AAC. The “Episcopal Desk” within FiF/NA is headed by The Rev. James M. Guill, rector of St. Andrew’s, Nashville, TN, a parish that has gone from TEC to the ACNA. Laity, clergy and parishes can certainly witness to Christian orthodoxy (including its moral precepts) by joining FiF/NA: P. O. Box 21024, Bedford, TX 76095-7248; phone: (900) 225-3661; web: [www.fifna.org](http://www.fifna.org).

Note that although they were unable to take all their people into the ACNA, both the AAC and FiF/NA had been founding members of that new body.

Anglicans for Life (AfL), formerly National Organization of Episcopalians for Life (NOEL), is the specifically anti-abortion (and anti-euthanasia) body for American Anglicans in and out of the TEC. Episcopal parishes, in fact, appear to be in a slight majority in the AfL (roughly 58 of 111). Of these, 58, however, we could find only six in the AAC:

St. Timothy’s, Catonsville, MD  
Christ, Schenectady, NY  
Good Samaritan, Paoli, PA  
St. Philip’s, Charleston, SC  
St. John’s, Dallas, TX  
St. Clement’s, El Paso, TX

And three in FiF/NA:

St. Paul’s-by-the-Lake, Chicago, IL  
St. Luke’s, Bladensburg, MD  
Good Shepherd, Rosemont, PA

Given their presumed congruent beliefs and the crying need for a unified orthodox witness within the TEC, one would expect all of the 122 AAC parishes and the 34 FiF/NA parishes to support openly the AfL, just as one would hope that all of the 34 FiF/NA parishes would affiliate with the AAC. (Note that Anglicans for Life can be contacted at 405 Frederick Avenue, Sewickley PA 15143-1522; phone (412) 749-0455; web: [www.anglicansforlife.org](http://www.anglicansforlife.org).)

## **ANGLICAN MISSION IN THE AMERICAS (AMiA) LEAVES ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA (ACNA)**

Though a founding member of the ACNA in 2009, the AMiA with its now 153 parishes announced its withdrawal from the larger body in May, 2010. The reasons given were the confusion caused by the dual relationship with the ACNA and the Province of Rwanda and the fact that the latter's canons did not really authorize such a situation. As a result, the ACNA now claims only 611 parishes, a loss of some 20 percent. The AMiA does, however, remain in a "missionary partner" relationship with the ACNA, allowing it a voice, but no vote, in the councils of the latter. (The figures here were the latest available from the headquarters of the two jurisdictions concerned).

## **FALLOUT FROM TRADITIONAL ANGLICAN COMMUNION (TAC) PLAN TO GO UNDER ROMAN JURISDICTION**

In what may be just the beginning of withdrawals from the TAC's affiliates in the U.S. (Anglican Church in America [ACA] and Canada [Anglican Church of Canada [ACCC]), parishes from these jurisdictions have left their parent bodies or suffered splits, largely as a result of their respective leaderships' decision to place themselves under Roman Catholic jurisdiction. At the time of this writing four ACA parishes – Resurrection, Astonia, CT, Ascension, Manchester, CT, Holy Trinity, Greenville, SC and St. Athanasius, Glen Allen, VA – have left to join the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC), from which their jurisdiction originally split. Bishop Rocco A. Florenza made the same ACA to ACC switch.

As far as the ACCC goes, four Ontario parishes have left to join the ACC: St. Athanasius' Belleville; St. John's, Parry Sound; St. Mary's, Chapleau and Resurrection, Walkersville. Similarly, on mainland British Columbia, St. Columba of Iona, Halfmoon Bay, has gone from the ACCC to the ACC while St. Bride's Anglican Catholic Church, Pitt Meadows, has been formed by a group withdrawing from St. Patrick's (ACCC) and affiliating with the ACC and operating in that same location. And on Vancouver Island, Holy Cross, Nanaimo has gone from the ACCC to the Anglican Province of Christ-the-King (APCK) while a new St. Mark's, Victoria (also APCK) has been formed by a group withdrawing from the ACCC's Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist in that city. (Note that the APCK is in communion with the ACC).

## **WHY OUR FCC DIRECTORY IS STILL IMPORTANT**

When one compares the last hard copy of our Directory of Traditional Anglican and Episcopal Parishes (2007-2008) with what is currently available on the Website plus a few well-placed phone calls for one jurisdiction (the Anglican Catholic Church or ACC) for one state (Virginia), he can see the need for our computer listing and its being kept up to date.

Sixteen of the currently 18 parishes in the state are the same as in the Directory; one has come over from the Anglican Church in America (St. Athanasius', Glen Allen), one has a name

and place change due to a split (what was Christ, Warrenton, ACC became Christ, Warrenton, Episcopal Missionary Church with the ACC loyalists moving out to form St.Columba's at a new location).

But perhaps more critical is the fact that 10 of the 18 parishes had changes from the Sunday service schedules listed in the Directory; also, five had new clergy. Only 10 advertise in the jurisdiction's Trinitarian. And one isn't even on its Website (St. Columba's, Lebanon).

Of course, we will update our [www.anglicanchurches.net](http://www.anglicanchurches.net) Website on all this, but it would be useful if the parishes themselves, their dioceses, or their overall jurisdictions would alert us to such changes.