



**The Archbishop of Canterbury's  
Anglican Communion Fund**  
Annual Review 2017/18





"I thank my God every time I remember you...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now". Philippians 1:3,5

Dear Friends,

I am very grateful to those who have prayed for and funded the work of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund over the past year and I look forward to continuing this exciting journey with you.

In Philippians chapter 1, the Apostle Paul expresses heartfelt thanks for the Philippian church's "partnership in the gospel". The giving and receiving of prayers and finances has built up the Christian Church since its very beginning. The Anglican Communion Fund provides a vehicle for such partnership in the gospel, and through it, Christians are coming together through prayer and direct financial support to have a real impact on some of the most challenging parts of the world. The Fund helps to empower ministries across the 39 provinces of the Communion that serve 85 million Christians and their wider communities.

I am delighted to share with you through this review some of the personal stories of people and parts of the world that have been impacted by support from the Fund – women living in the midst of conflict who have participated in reconciliation training to empower them and their communities; young people breaking down religious barriers in Egypt; and villages in Tanzania being transformed through savings and loan groups.

Also highlighted is vital work the Fund is enabling at the United Nations, ensuring the Christian viewpoint is represented and heard. In matters such as the environment, reconciliation and the migration crisis, the Anglican Communion is helping to shape the agenda and inspiring change. Without donors like you, the Anglican Communion Fund would not have been able to support this work.

Please read on to learn more about the impact of the Fund over the past year and consider how you can partner with us going forward.

In Christ,

*+ Justin Welby*

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby  
Archbishop of Canterbury and Chair of the Anglican Communion Fund

## OUR AIM

The Anglican Communion Fund supports communities throughout the Anglican Communion in their mission to live and share Christ's love, often in the poorest and most dangerous parts of the world.

## THIS YEAR

### Projects

Your support has made an impact across the globe. Read about the difference you have made to women's empowerment projects in Sudan, Melanesia and Burundi; micro-finance and agricultural activity in Tanzania and youth projects in Egypt.

### Strategic Partnerships

In this new area of development for the ACF, we are helping to support the plans of senior church leaders in Pakistan, Sudan and Tanzania through multi-year funding.

### Representation

The ACF financially supports a number of key global platforms: The Anglican Centre in Rome; The United Nations in New York and Geneva; and The Representative to European Institutions.

## WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES



### PROJECTS



### PARTNERSHIPS



### REPRESENTATION

This year we committed over £500,000 to projects in more than 20 countries as well as funding Anglican representatives whose advocacy roles have a global reach.



# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Anglican Communion Fund is working to develop Strategic Partnerships with several Provinces, the aim of which is to help strengthen the Provincial Church so that it can be better equipped to carry out the ministry God has called it to. These are multi-year funding agreements at a higher level of funding than a typical grant, to enable the Provinces to plan with a greater level of certainty. The ACF supports the Primate (spiritual leader of the province), together with their House of Bishops and other clergy and lay leadership, to develop and implement their plans.

## Pakistan

This year, the ACF supported leaders from throughout the eight Dioceses of the Church of Pakistan to come together to discuss the challenges, strengths and weaknesses of the Church, determine ministry priorities, and develop a strategic plan for the church. This was the first step in the development of a Strategic Partnership between the ACF and the Church of Pakistan, and we hope to see a full programme come to fruition over the next year.

The focus will include Interfaith Reconciliation, Theological Training, Women's Empowerment, Training of Christian Youth and Capacity Building of Junior Church School Teachers.

The ACF is also in its first year of Strategic Partnerships with Sudan and Tanzania.



Mother's Union group, Sudan



A congregation in Faisalabad, Pakistan



Tanga, Tanzania



A literacy circle in Multan, Pakistan



Tanzania

# PAMOJA PROGRAMME

Nevard Davidi is very proud of what he has achieved. He and his family have benefited from being part of a Pamoja group, a savings and loan group, which was set up in the village with funds from the ACF. Pamoja groups, meaning 'together' in Swahili, focus on improving agriculture, developing small businesses and strengthening social connection in communities. Each member pays money in and can then receive a loan based on the group's priorities and their own.

The first step in a Pamoja group is for people to be "transformed by the renewal of the mind" (Romans 12:2) through teaching and Bible study, which ensures lasting benefits. Traditional religions in the country emphasise that improvements in your life lead to bad things happening. The Pamoja programme is working to remove this fear and superstition and replace it with the understanding that Christ wants us to enjoy life in all its fullness.

Nevard borrowed money for a motorbike so he could get his coffee and fruit to market. He did not have a tradition of saving, but now is enthusiastic about the benefits. By improving his crops using manure, he has been able to pay off his first loan and has borrowed again to build a new house. His experiences are encouraging new groups to be formed.



## Impact

- Turning away from old superstitious beliefs and towards trust in Christ
- Employment and income generation
- 2,500 trees planted in areas suffering from soil erosion
- Over 150,000 seedlings planted this year in the tree nursery (shown above)
- New groups forming following success stories



## Burundi

# WOMEN ON THE FRONTLINE

The Archbishop's Reconciliation Ministry team are working to support and build up senior Christian women leaders in areas affected by violence, conflict and poverty, bringing them together on healing retreats and offering practical training. The aim is that the training will be cascaded back through these women training others in their community.

The ACF funded a project this year in Burundi, with generous donations from Hymns Ancient and Modern and St Paul's Church, St Albans. The retreat was led by Caroline Welby and brought together the wives of the Burundi bishops. It gave them time to stop and focus on themselves and their relationship with Jesus.

The training days that followed focussed on conflict resolution, understanding true forgiveness and reconciliation - vital in a country struggling to emerge from a 12-year civil war. The women were left feeling deeply enriched and encouraged and with action plans to ensure lasting impact in their communities.

### Impact

The training was for 21 women. It is expected that they will each cascade this training to at least 10 women, who in turn, will cascade this to the women they minister to (potentially another 10 each). Using this model, the number of women directly impacted will be at least 200 (possibly rising to closer to 2,000), and the wider impact of the training should benefit whole communities and villages.

### Completed in the last 12 months

- South Sudan
- Burundi
- Melanesia

### Aim for 2019

- Middle East
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Pakistan







Egypt

# THE HARMONY PROJECT

Culture and the arts are at the heart of the Harmony Project, the Diocese of Egypt's scheme to promote religious harmony between Christian and Muslim youth.

Your donations have been used to help two centres, in Alexandria and Cairo, hold cultural events (concerts, exhibitions and performances), and skills workshops (photography, art, and theatre) aimed at fostering understanding and peace among Egyptian youth and in society at large.

Since the project began, the team has seen barriers being broken down, friendships form and false misconceptions of the church being changed among the older generations.

## Impact to date

- ACF Grant given: £10,000
- Number of events: 41
- Number of attendees: 3,490

## Please pray for

- Peace between Christians and Muslims to take hold and change the culture within Egypt
- The positive impact the young people are making
- Continued protection for those at the centres



# REPRESENTATION

The ACF gives financial support to several key strategic platforms to ensure Anglican voices and experiences are heard and acknowledged by global decision makers. These platforms are the UN, the Anglican Centre in Rome and the Representative to the European Institutions.

## The Anglican Communion Office at the UN (ACOUN)

ACF funding provides a definitive voice in New York and Geneva and helps put important issues such as violence against women, gender equality, the rights of indigenous peoples and the migration crisis on the international agenda.

In the last 12 months your donations have ensured that the ACOUN is a key stakeholder in Geneva, co-hosting high-level events during sessions of the Human Rights Council, building relationships with key UN officials and feeding into the response on the Global Compact on Refugees.



In New York, funding has allowed for Anglican women from all over the Communion to attend the UN Commission on the Status of Women, the only annual pan-Communion meeting of Anglican women. This ensured that the diversity of the Communion was reflected at the event, allowing those from less prominent nations to attend and have their voices heard.

The funding also supports the environmental work of the ACOUN ensuring that action is taken to deal with the issues of global climate change and environmental destruction.



To hear more about the work of the ACOUN, watch Jack Palmer-White's YouTube broadcast:

<http://bit.ly/JackPalmer-White-YouTube>



Delegates at this year's UN Commission on the Status of Women



# GIVE, PRAY, SHARE

Last year, your donations allowed us to make 43 grants, totalling £544,000.

Each year we start again with very limited available reserves.

This year, we want to be able to increase the number of strategic partnerships we can form; to continue to support the international platforms the Archbishop sees as vital and to give generously to the projects across the Communion that apply to us for help. We are aiming to raise an additional £100,000 this year to make this possible.

As a Friend of the ACF, here are the ways in which you can support us:

## Give

Every donation makes a real difference to the needs of the church across the Communion. Whether you give as an individual or as a church; as a one-off or as a regular giver, your money makes an impact.

A Church of England church in St Albans gives 15% of its general fund income to mission. This year the ACF was one of the beneficiaries. Explaining why they have donated, the vicar said;

“The work of the ACF compliments our work and views on mission and helps us to feel part of the wider Communion.

We chose to support a project as we could see the direct benefit this would bring to a significant number of people. Knowing that the ACF has tight controls to ensure the money spent on projects is used wisely also gave us great reassurance.”

Please consider signing up to give by standing order – regular giving gives us greater ability to plan future developments and to make time-sensitive grants where needed.

## Pray

Praying for the ACF, the projects we support and the work of the Anglican Communion makes a difference.

We have put prayer needs throughout this report. We have also started PrayerForce, a group that will meet quarterly. Each gathering will begin with Evensong in the Archbishop's Chapel at Lambeth Palace followed by a bible study and prayer session.

To find out more about future dates, email [safiya.nyirongo@lambethpalace.org.uk](mailto:safiya.nyirongo@lambethpalace.org.uk)

## Share

There are 85 million Anglicans in the world and we would love your help sharing the work that is going on throughout the Communion with the Anglicans in the UK. Here are some ideas:

- **Give this annual review away**
- **Ask for a Trustee to speak at your church**
- **Invite a guest to the next ACF event**

Having held a successful dinner previously, Alexis and Frances were keen to introduce the ACF to friends and local parishioners.

Frances says;

“In addition to supporting our local church, we feel it is important to set this within an understanding of the wider outreach of ACF and its important international work. We were thrilled that Trustees, Stephen and Jay were able to join us and to hear them speak of the ACF's efforts empowering women in local communities such as Burundi and the Solomon Islands. We very much hope that others will do as we have and support the Fund.”



# BECOME A FRIEND

We encourage you to become a Friend of the ACF, supporting us financially and prayerfully.

Every year, the Friends come to Lambeth Palace to hear the Archbishop of Canterbury share stories from his time spent in the Anglican Communion and hear his vision for the coming year. Other events include private tours of the Palace and Gardens, prayer meetings and invitations to services in the Chapel.

Stephen Green, Chair, FACF

“As Friends, we are committed to supporting Archbishop Justin’s vision for the Anglican Communion. Our work enables change; at a strategic level partnering with Provinces to support long-lasting change in parts of the world with real need; at a local level funding change that transforms individuals and communities; and at a global level through representation at the UN and the Anglican Centre in Rome.

We want to expand the number of Friends so that the impact can be even greater. Please join with us, as an individual, organisation or a church, to support this vision financially.”

## To donate

### Bank transfer

Friends of ACF,  
Account No 00030397,  
Sort code 40-52-40

### Gift Aid

Please consider completing a form if you are a UK taxpayer as it will increase the value of your gift by 25%.

Email [barrynichols@btinternet.com](mailto:barrynichols@btinternet.com) to request a form.

### MyDonate

<http://bit.ly/acfmydonate>

## Income (£)

Donations receivable	
US Friends	176,903
UK Friends	284,588
UK donation re Development Office	15,000
Administration services donated by Lambeth Palace	16,000
Investment Income	1,646
Total income	494,137

## Expenditure

Grants approved during year	456,852
Grants approved after year end	87,625
Administration	20,737
Loss (Gain) on exchange	948
Fundraising	24,078
Total expenditure	590,240
Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	-96,103
Unrealised gain on investments	1,365
RESERVES	
at beginning of year	284,121
at end of year	189,383
Available for distribution	28,748
Other reserves	162,000



## 2017/18 ANNUAL REVIEW



The Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund (ACF) was created to apply its income for the benefit of the churches and provinces of the Anglican Communion and the international ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Friends of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund (FACF) and its sister charity, The American Friends of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund act as the fundraising arm for the ACF.

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