 

**Anglican Communion Alliance and Canadian Communion Partners Affiliate**

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Anglican Communion Alliance and Communion Partner bishops in Canada are now formally affiliated.

Over the last year, ACA and the CP (formerly Gracious Restraint) bishops have been intentional about meeting regularly to pray together and to share concerns and hopes for the Church. Both groups feel called to continue to stand within the Anglican Church of Canada in witness to the teaching and authority of Scripture over all of our lives, and to our distinctly Anglican heritage and mission.

**MISSION & VISION OF ACA & CP**

Anglican Communion Alliance is a national organization representing traditionally-minded Canadian Anglicans. ACA grew out of the grassroots response of Anglicans to the crisis around issues of biblical authority that has been developing in the Anglican Church of Canada over the past 50 years. ACA encourages and supports laypeople, clergy and bishops in the ACoC through conferences, a [Facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/AnglicanCommunionAlliance) and [website](http://www.anglicancommunionalliance.ca/), e-Newsletters, regular cross-country video conferences, local Chapters, and through their presence at General Synod.

The [Communion Partners](http://www.communionpartners.org/) are an episcopally-led, international movement in the Anglican Communion that devotes itself to “promoting deeper communion in the faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.” They share a “common commitment to the authority and traditional interpretation of Holy Scripture, the creedal and historic faith and orthodox theology” and an “evangelical fervour to faithfully live and preach the Good News of Jesus Christ.” The core members of the Canadian Communion Partner bishops are: Bp. Fraser Lawton (Athabasca), Bp. Michael Hawkins (Saskatchewan), Bp. Darren McCartney, Bp. David Edwards (Fredericton), Bp. Stephen Andrews (Principal, Wycliffe College), Bp. David Parsons (Arctic) and Bp. Larry Robertson (Yukon).

**COMMENTS FROM ACA & CP**

“We are so thankful for the leadership of the Communion Partner bishops in our Church, and for their consistent and gracious witness within the House of Bishops. We look forward to continuing to work with them as we seek to deepen biblical faith in the Anglican Church of Canada,” says Sharon Dewey Hetke, National Director of ACA.

The Communion Partner bishops also express this common vision: “The intention of both the Communion Partner bishops and the Anglican Communion Alliance has consistently been to maintain unity and to continue into the future encouraging and building up the Church. We are encouraged by the significant steps that have been taken in this direction and our formally working together is indicative of our shared intent.”

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