

# ACA Chapter Guidelines for Start-Ups

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**1. WHO?** The Anglican Communion Alliance arose from the need for an ongoing group of conservative Anglicans to find a home within the Anglican Church of Canada. Lacking any formal ACA membership requirements, we point to the Montreal Declaration of 1994 as an expression of our theological commitments: [http://www.msgr.ca/msgr-3/montreal\\_declaration\\_00\\_index.htm](http://www.msgr.ca/msgr-3/montreal_declaration_00_index.htm). Its motto states succinctly our continuity with the universal church in light of our present realities: *In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.*

**2. WHAT?** Our Mission is to provide a recognized place for prayer, education and fellowship together in our Anglican Church of Canada. We operate across all the dioceses in Canada, with representation at the General Synod. We network through our monthly Conference Calls, a monthly Newsletter, Prayer Bulletins and annual Conferences or Seminars. As bishops, clergy and laity we affirm the Anglican orthodox Christian heritage in an age that challenges our faith at many levels.

**3. LOCAL CHAPTERS:** We operate a number of local ACA Chapters where members gather for meetings planned and executed by a local Chair and small executive consisting of a social convener, treasurer and secretary. Meetings can be as few as 3 times a year or monthly usually for 9 months allowing for July, August and December off.

**4. FOCUS:** Each chapter has its unique history and focus, but generally time is provided for informal fellowship over coffee or bag lunches, with a program involving a speaker/special presentation/Bible Study and time for discussion.

**5. WHERE?** Most Chapters are held in conservative Anglican Churches. Wherever suitable space can be found, including homes, is acceptable.

**6. WHEN?** Some are held over the lunch hour while others prefer a Saturday. Some are made up predominantly of clergy and others mostly lay people, with some simply a mix of both. The local situation usually determines the member composition.