



*The Theological & Spiritual Rallying Point
for Historic Christian Orthodoxy in the
Anglican Church of Canada*



The Beginning



Unique Identities

25 Years Ago

- Three organizations were concerned with the direction of our Church



Anglican Renewal
Ministries



Barnabas Anglican
Ministries



Prayer Book Society
Of Canada



Common Goals

Launched to:

Defend

Study

Uphold

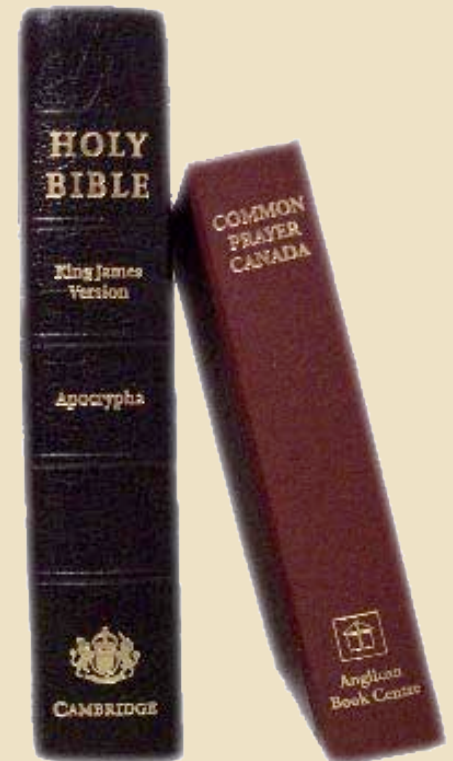
Recover

ORTHODOXY



What is orthodoxy?

- The orthodoxy that Essentials labours for is defined by & centred on:
 - The supremacy of the complete canon of Holy Scripture
 - The Book of Common Prayer as the standard of doctrine and worship
 - The Ordinal (with its preface)
 - The 39 Articles of Religion (as affirmed by the Lambeth Conference of 1968)
 - The Solemn Declaration of 1893





The Formation of Essentials

June 1994 Essentials Conference in Montreal

- Jointly sponsored event by ARM, Barnabas & PBSC
- Over 700 Anglicans from across Canada attended
- Produced the *Montreal Declaration of Anglican Essentials*
- Inspired the subsequent formation of the Essentials Council



The Montreal Declaration

It is with great joy that we covenant together before God to present "*The Montreal Declaration of Anglican Essentials*" to our respective organizations. We will present the declaration to our respective organizations with the intention of working together to develop a vision and plan to implement God's purposes for the Anglican Church of Canada.

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Our development

- Sponsored Conferences
- Organized clergy retreats
- Formed Regional Essentials groups
- Established a national Essentials identity
- The Montreal Declaration takes its place among the important documents of the worldwide Anglican Communion
 - Adopted outside our Ecclesiastical province
 - Adopted in the Anglican Diocese of the Arctic



Essentials Changing



2004: A Crucial Year

Work of the coalition culminates in 2004

- National satellite conference
"For Such a Time as This"



- High-profile presence at General Synod



- Ottawa Conference *The Way Forward*





The Way Forward Conference



Ottawa – Aug 2004

- First steps toward a metamorphosis within the movement
- Discernment that a new path of action is needed requiring:
 - Strong leadership
 - A response to the crisis
 - Support of parishes in distress
 - Prayer



An Open Door Conference



Toronto – June 2005

- A new structure is formally launched
- Two sub-constituencies under the banner of Anglican Essentials Canada
 - Anglican Essentials Federation
 - Anglican Essentials Network



Essentials Today



Why Essentials?

- To represent Anglicans who share a common commitment to faithful biblical orthodoxy
- To provide a voice for this constituency to the leadership of the ACC and the world wide Anglican Communion
- To reach out and support Anglican parishes and clergy in distress
- To be an instrument of reconciliation within the Anglican Church of Canada

A New Structure





AEC Leadership and Membership

- Membership is automatic for any member of Federation or Network
- Board of Directors with equal representation by Federation and Network
- AEC Chair is joint by Chair of Federation and Chair of Network
- AEC staff:
 - National Director
 - Communications Officer
 - Administrator



AEC

- Anglican Essentials Canada developed this organizational response to the current crisis in our church
 - It was developed by Anglicans across the country who love their church and faithfully desire the recovery of its orthodox heritage
- All who share this love and desire the recovery of our foundational principles are invited to join AEC through either the Network of Federation



Why two constituencies?

- A way forward for all biblically orthodox Canadian Anglicans
- Different but complementary responses to the current crisis facing our church
- To provide:
 - Hope
 - An opportunity to contribute to the defense and recovery of Anglican orthodoxy in Canada
 - A way of honouring different responses to the crisis



Anglican Essentials Federation



- Praying and labouring for the repentance of the ACC and preventing it from *walking apart* from the global Communion
- Recovery of traditional Anglican orthodoxy
- Being a voice for its members to the national church
- Preventing the turning away of Canadian Anglicans from their church.



Anglican Essentials Federation

- Focus is on labouring to bring the norm of faith and practice of the ACC back in line with the vast majority of the global Communion
- Coordinate the work of presenting a strong presence and voice at General Synod 2007
- A significant part of its work will be done developing a program of education designed to provide Canadian Anglicans with a working knowledge of the foundations of their faith
- Foster understanding and awareness of developments in their diocese, the National church and global Anglicanism
- Work jointly with the Network to develop local Essentials chapters
 - Identity
 - Mutual support
 - Training



Anglican Essentials Network



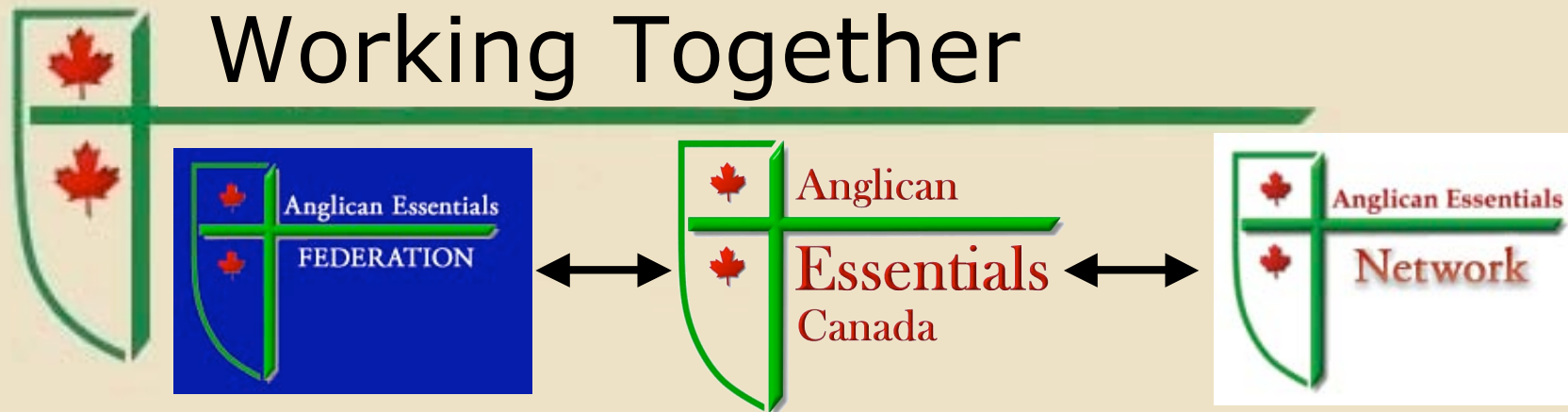
- Representing, supporting and serving Canadian Anglicans who subscribe to its declaration of membership
- Building an ecclesiastical structure in case the ACC does walk apart
- NOT at this time an ecclesiastical body, nor intending to launch one unless required to do so by the Primates of the Anglican Communion to remain in the Communion.



Anglican Essentials Network

- Affirms the doctrinal foundations of Anglicanism
 - Including the Lambeth 1998 Resolution I.10 on issues of human sexuality
- Repudiates any moves to *walk apart* from the global Anglican Communion, which is contrary to the Solemn Declaration of 1893
- Have applied to the Panel of Reference for a scheme of AEO for Canadian Anglicans who find themselves in a state of “serious theological dispute” with their diocesan or the ACC
- The Network *has not left the Anglican Church of Canada and does not desire to leave the ACC*
 - The Network does, however, insist that the true ACC *must* be in full communion with the global Anglican Communion

Federation and Network Working Together



- Each are separate, self-governing bodies with equal representation on the Board of *Anglican Essentials Canada*
- At the Board level, the two sub-constituencies come together to:
 - Speak with one voice to the rest of the church
 - Develop common initiatives
 - Develop mission and ministry
 - Assist one another's efforts on the different but *complementary* responses to the current crisis

Essentials is Committed to Working with the ACC



- Through the production of teaching materials for members of the ACC
- Through ongoing dialogue between the ACC and AEC constituents
- Through encouraging a thoughtful understanding of the issues before us
- Through labouring to remain part of the global Anglican Communion



Essentials is Committed to Unity

- Anglican Essentials Canada contributes to the unity of the Anglican Church of Canada
 - Through the ministry we provide, many have decided to 'stick it out', seeing AEC as a sign of hope in the ACC
 - We love the Anglican Way and are labouring to see it restored
 - We love the Anglican Communion and are labouring to remain part of it



All members of Anglican Essentials Canada, whether Federation or Network, pray that everything we do will be for the glory of God, and that, in the words of St. Augustine, we will maintain "in essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."