



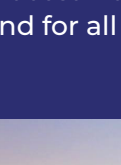
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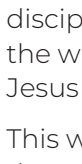


WELCOME

Welcome to your 'at a glance' guide to resources for intentional discipleship and disciple-making. Here are a selection of resources that are freely available for your diocesan and provincial training schemes and colleges, and for all clergy and laity.

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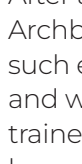


SETTING THE SCENE

Jesus Christ urged his disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations". Anglicans and Episcopalians around the world are still responding to that 'Great Commission' in daily discipleship by supporting evangelism, training, and church growth globally.

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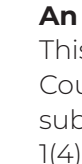
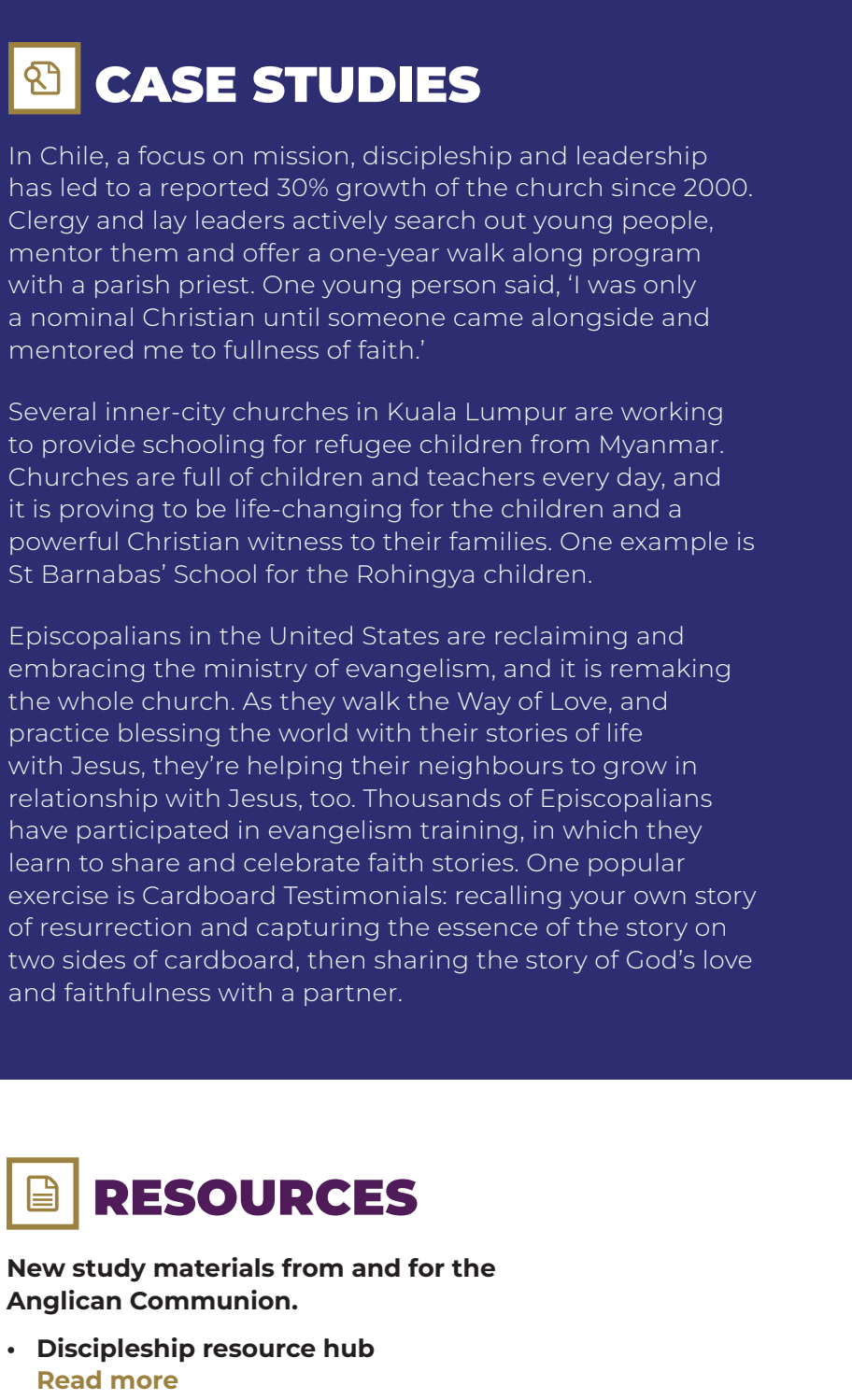


ACTION

All across the Anglican Communion people are rediscovering how following Jesus shapes every part of their lives. In Cyprus and the Gulf they call this 'Doing Good and Doing God'; in the Church of England it is 'Setting God's People Free'; in the USA it is a call to 'The Way of Love'; and in Kenya it is 'A Wholesome Ministry for a Wholesome Nation'.

After a consultation in Jamaica on whole-life discipleship, Archbishop Howard Gregory observed, 'I have never seen such enthusiasm and energy in a Church gathering. Men and women, children and youth in every parish are being trained and helped to live a Jesus-shaped life. In South Africa large numbers gather as 'Anglicans Ablaze,' while in Ghana Archbishop Daniel Sarfo has said 'This focus on whole-life discipleship is exactly what the Church in my country needs at this time.' Archbishop Justin Welby has commented that 'The best decision anyone can ever make, at any point in life, in any circumstances, whoever they are, wherever they are, is to become a disciple of Jesus Christ.'

Part of this movement is all about investing in work with children and young people. To that end two Youth and Children Ministry Awards are presented at the triennial ACC meetings. The awards recognise excellent work to nurture and grow disciples among children and youth.



CASE STUDIES

In Chile, a focus on mission, discipleship and leadership has led to a reported 30% growth of the church since 2000. Clergy and lay leaders actively search out young people, mentor them and offer a one-year walk along program with a parish priest. One young person said, 'I was only a nominal Christian until someone came alongside and mentored me to fullness of faith.'

Several inner-city churches in Kuala Lumpur are working to provide schooling for refugee children from Myanmar. Churches are full of children and teachers every day, and it is proving to be life-changing for the children and a powerful Christian witness to their families. One example is St Barnabas' School for the Rohingya children.

Episcopalians in the United States are reclaiming and embracing the ministry of evangelism, and it is remaking the whole church. As they walk the Way of Love, and practice blessing the world with their stories of life with Jesus, they're helping their neighbours to grow in relationship with Jesus, too. Thousands of Episcopalians have participated in evangelism training, in which they learn to share and celebrate faith stories. One popular exercise is Cardboard Testimonials: recalling your own story of resurrection and capturing the essence of the story on two sides of cardboard, then sharing the story of God's love and faithfulness with a partner.



RESOURCES

New study materials from and for the Anglican Communion.

- **Discipleship resource hub**
[Read more](#)
- **Intentional Discipleship and Disciple Making – An Anglican Guide for Christian Life and Formation**
This report was prepared for the Anglican Consultative Council meeting in Lusaka in 2016 (ACC-16); and subsequently published as a book. In ACC-16 Resolution 1(4) it was commended for study throughout the Anglican Communion as an Anglican Guide to Christian Life and Formation.
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- **Whole-Life Discipleship – Living Jesus-Shaped Lives: A handbook for those running training consultations**
Consultations have proved highly effective in fostering understanding of Intentional Discipleship and catalysing necessary change. This handbook allows participants to replicate and deliver similar transformation in their more local contexts. The Commission on Evangelism and Discipleship can advise and assist Provinces and Dioceses wishing to organise such consultations.
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- **Living and Sharing Jesus Shaped Life**
This booklet offers a fuller explanation of what is involved in living and sharing Jesus shaped life exploring the meaning of Discipleship, linking this to the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission and giving practical next steps for individuals and groups.
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- **A Life Guide**
This contains 12 studies, contributed by leaders across the Communion, designed to catalyse and facilitate engagement with the implications of Living and Sharing Jesus Shaped Life. It is for use in small groups or as part of a consultation on intentional discipleship.
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- **A Framework for Catechesis and Intentional Discipleship in the Anglican Communion**
This short booklet illustrates how regional catechesis might be reframed to link to the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission and encourage the Living and Sharing of Jesus Shaped Life.
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- **Intentional Discipleship: Grove Books**
In partnership with Grove Books the ACC is publishing a series of short books (four per year) on a wide range of topics related to Intentional Discipleship. These are available in hard copy or as PDF downloads and to date have covered topics such as Discipleship and the Work Place, Discipleship and Environmental Care, Anglican Discipleship, and Discipleship for people from other faith traditions.
[Read more](#)
- **More resources available [here](#)**



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A Prayer for living and sharing a Jesus-shaped life

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