

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

Are you new? Get connected!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email info@messiahchurch.ca or call 613.235.0596. Also check out our website at messiahchurch.ca

Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair Rector	Daniel Gilman Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
Shirley Allan Administrator	Wardens: Dick Butler Jeremiah Hadwen Earl Maynard Shannon Ripley Karl Ruban Dana Scherf
Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the basket go by. If you would like to donate, there are many ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering basket on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Give" tab (far right side) on our website (messiahchurch.ca)
- 4) Pre-authorized debit – You can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. To get started, please contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

FINANCIAL UPDATE AT JULY 10, 2016

Target Offering: \$ 159,962

Actual Offering: \$ 146,948

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH AND US

Dear friends,

This week The Anglican Church of Canada has been in the news. At a meeting of their National (General) Synod they narrowly voted to change their canons to allow same-sex marriage. "Canons" are Anglican-speak for the official, legal, national by-laws of the church. The vote "narrowly" passed in the sense that to change a canon the change has to be approved by two-thirds of voters. This two-thirds majority squeaked by, by one vote. In that sense, it was a narrow win. A better way to understand the vote is that over two-thirds of the delegates voted to change the canons so that same sex marriage ceremonies are part of the official practice and doctrine of the Anglican Church of Canada. In other words, it was an over-whelming vote.

An acquaintance sent me an email asking how I was doing, saying that it must have been a tumultuous week for me, given that Anglicans had divided. That email sparked this blog.

It has not been a tumultuous week for me or for Messiah for the simple reason that, while Messiah is an Anglican church and I am an Anglican presbyter / elder / priest, Messiah is not a part of The Anglican Church of Canada. We are part of a completely different church, The Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC), which, in turn, is a branch of a US / Canada body called The Anglican Church of North America (ACNA). ANiC is part of the Global Anglican Futures movement / Fellowship which goes by the moniker "GAFCON". As such, we are in full communion with the majority of practicing Anglicans world-wide. The Anglican Church of Canada (ACoC) has been out of communion with the majority of practicing Anglicans world-wide for several years now. The ACoC's recent decision will further deepen and extend their separation from the majority of world-wide Anglicans.

It comes as a shock to Canadians to know that this Sunday there will be more people worshipping in Anglican churches in Kenya than in all of Canada, the US, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Europe, Australia and New Zealand COMBINED! What is true of Kenya is also true of Nigeria and Uganda. Messiah's Canadian Anglican body is small in Canada, but we are the Anglicans in full communion with Anglicans in most of Africa, the Middle East, Asia and South America. In other words, we are world-Anglicans.

Please pray for faithful Anglicans still in the Anglican Church of Canada as they discern a way forward. Pray that God will grant them wisdom and courage. Pray especially for Anglicans in aboriginal communities and the Arctic, poor in money, rich in faith.

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