



The Asian Mission in Canada



FROM THE PRIMATE

Few efforts are more timely than that of the Asian Mission in Canada. Facilitating the founding and growth of congregations that gather Asian peoples across Canada, while deepening their Biblical world-view and their heart for world-wide outreach, is a true Great Commission enterprise. I support this work enthusiastically.

The Most Rev. Robert Duncan
Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America

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FROM THE MODERATOR

When the Reverend Stephen Leung was elected Bishop with special ministry for Asian Congregations in North America a few months ago, I was delighted and quite certain that he would make inroads into this vital area of ministry. However, for all my optimism, I could not conceive that he would come up with this concept of *Asian Mission in Canada* in such a short time.



This project requires a vision that only can come when a person is in close contact with Almighty God and has a deep love for his people. Bishop-elect Stephen, with Nona at his side, is responding to God's call to them in a very real manner and we at ANiC pledge our full and prayerful support to them.

+Donald F. Harvey
Bishop / Moderator, Anglican Network in Canada

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~ Warren Lai



In Support

It is with excitement, admiration, hope, and prayers that I receive the news of the Asian Mission in Canada. Although Asian churches in Canada seem to be growing in the past decades, the respective percentages among these populations have at best barely stayed level, or even declined slightly. Growth potential, responsibility, as well as challenges, remain high. Local churches do need help in training and partnership to fulfil the mission. The Asian-Canadian Church Research Centre will have the important challenge of mapping out the issues, strategies and directions for the Church.

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Rev. Warren Lai
Senior Pastor, Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church, Ontario
Adjunct Professor of Pastoral & Chinese Ministry
Director, Hudson Taylor Centre for Chinese Ministries
Tyndale University College & Seminary, Toronto





Rt. Rev. Stephen Leung
Bishop, Anglican Network
in Canada

About the Asian Mission:

It facilitates "development and growth of Asian Christian churches in Canada..."

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"It seeks to build partnerships ... in gospel witness."



Rt. Rev. Charles Masters

THE ASIAN MISSION IN CANADA is a mission to facilitate the development and growth of Asian Christian churches in Canada in response to the phenomenal growth of visible minority populations, particularly Asian immigrants. Among the Asian immigrants, a significant number of "grass root people" - marginalized immigrants with poor language skills who are working in low-paid jobs - and the fast growing number of transnational mainland Chinese satellite families represent the most neglected unreached groups. The Asian Mission seeks to ground and nurture the Asian-Canadian Christian community in the biblical faith and enable the community to do pastoral theological reflection as it faces challenges from western secular modernism and post-modernism, as well as wrestle with the meaning and significance of its Asian cultural heritage. The Mission further seeks to build partnerships among Asian-Canadian churches in order to mutually enrich, support and challenge one another in gospel witness. In an age of globalization, the vision of the Asian Mission in Canada is to affirm Asian-Canadian churches and Christian communities as part of the body of Christ, serving together with all churches to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

To facilitate the growth of Asian-Canadian churches, being part of the body of Christ in Canada and beyond, testifying to Jesus Christ in Canadian culture and reaching out to the unreached, while firmly rooted in the biblical faith, employing historical theological reflection, and reflecting an Asian pastoral understanding.



As I consider the vision that the Lord has given Bishop Stephen Leung for the formation and building of the Asian Mission in Canada, I am thrilled because it reminds me of how Jesus, moved by compassion for the crowds of people before him, said: "Pray earnestly the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest." (Matthew 9:38) Motivated by Jesus' heart for people and built for long-term ministry, this vision, I believe, is worthy of our support.

Right Rev. Charles F. Masters
Bishop, Anglican Network in Canada



I fully support the vision of the Asian Mission in Canada. For years, studies and researches on the Asian Christian community in Canada are done only sporadically and randomly. The time is ripe to focus on and develop the threefold purpose of such a Mission, which will facilitate understanding, integration, growth and nurture to the generations following.

Ruth Chan
Writer, Speaker, Spiritual Director,
Retreat and Inner-healing groups
facilitator

The Asian Mission in Canada is a venture that seeks to fulfil a vision of partnership and integration among immigrants from across the Pacific. It is a project that merits support from all who hope to see God's Kingdom advance in this country.

Rev. Canon Dr. James I. Packer
Board of Governors' Professor of Theology
Regent College, Vancouver
Honorary Assistant Minister
St. John's (Shaughnessy) Anglican Church, Vancouver



Our Three Foci

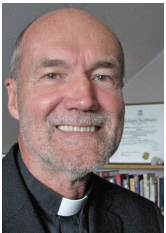
1. To set up an **Asian-Canadian Church Research Centre** in order to conduct ecclesiological, pastoral, historical and social research to explore and search the identity and future development of Asian churches in Canada.
2. To function as a resource centre and regularly hold **Conferences and Training** to equip and nurture clergy, pastors, and lay.
3. To form **Mission Partnerships** with churches in the Asian Provinces by sending short term mission teams and providing leadership internship in order to experience the transforming power of the gospel in God's wider kingdom.

Our Structure

An **Asian Mission Council** will oversee the above ministries, giving direction and providing governance with executive personnel and volunteer workers. We also invite and welcome ecumenical leaders to partner in the mission, fully appreciating the blessings from different gifts and church traditions. The Asian Mission in Canada is a ministry of the Anglican Network in Canada, an ecclesiastical body of Canadian Anglican churches in the orthodox apostolic faith, being evangelical and catholic in its identity. The Anglican Network in Canada is one of the founding dioceses of the Anglican Church in North America, a province of over 100,000 Sunday attendants across North America.



In Support



This vision for the Asian Mission in Canada catches both the significance of Asian Churches in Canada and the potential growth for them, as well as the contributions that the Asian Church is presently making and will continue to make to the wider church body in this land.

Rev. Dr. Michael Pountney
Past Principal of Wycliffe College
University of Toronto, Ontario

Stephen, you have my unwavering support as you accurately discern a vast mission field ripe to harvest. May you know the blessing of God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. You have both macro and micro aptitude and ability and I know the Lord will bring many into the kingdom through this ambitious and yet anointed plan.

Right Rev. Dr. Trevor Walters
Bishop, Anglican Network in Canada



When Barnabas and Paul separated, the church in Antioch decided to sponsor not one but two mission endeavors, taking the gospel beyond Asia Minor into Macedonia. May we today, at the launch of **Asian Mission in Canada**, share this *Antiochene* legacy of generous wisdom, and dare to seek a double portion of His Spirit, as our churches continue to meet the influx of immigrants into "our home and native land."

Dr. Stephen Lee
Consulting Pastor, Richmond Hill Christian Community Church, Ontario
Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong

We are pleased to welcome our first Research Associate (volunteer):



Dr. Eric Fong
Professor of Sociology
University of Toronto
Ontario

About the Asian Mission:

Set up an **Asian-Canadian Church Research Centre**

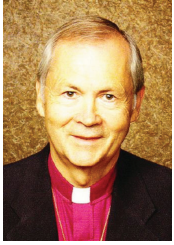
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Dr. Stephen Lee



The Asian Mission in Canada proposal as envisaged by Bishop Stephen offers exciting prospects for the advancement of the gospel in Canada and beyond.

The non-Asian churches also have much to learn from the vigour and commitment of Canada's Asian Churches. The development of Asian Christian leaders at this unique moment in history will leave a lasting and irreplaceable legacy for future generations of believers.

Right Rev. Ronald Ferris
Assisting Bishop
Anglican Network in Canada

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TO The Rev'd. Stephen Leung, Bishop-elect
The Anglican Network in Canada

Dear Stephen+:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to encourage you in the upcoming ministry of the Asian Mission in Canada of ANiC. While, at first glance, this may appear to be a daunting task, yet I am sure that the hand of the Lord will be with you each step of the way. Being the Missionary Bishop to Cuba for the REC, and working with the wonderful people of that Country, I can assure you of the Lord's future blessings and favour with the Asian people of Canada. Be strong and of good courage, for the Lord your God will be with you.

In the powerful name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,

+Charles Dorrington, Bishop
The Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska
The Reformed Episcopal Church
The Anglican Church in North America



That Canada needs immigrants to sustain its development while society has become more and more secularized are undeniable facts. How to evangelize and pastor Asian immigrants is a matter of great urgency. I thank God for Bishop Leung that he has the burden in meeting the challenge through the ministry of Asian Mission in Canada.

I am so thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ of Bishop Stephen's plan for The Asian Mission in Canada. As the Bishop of Asian Initiative of Anglican Mission in the Americas I applaud this Kingdom plan to facilitate the development and growth of Asian Christian churches in Canada.



Rev. Wayne Lo
Executive Director
Christian Social Concern
Fellowship, Vancouver

Right Rev. Silas Ng
Missionary Bishop
AMiAs (Anglican Church
of Rwanda)





The vision for an Asian Mission in the Anglican Network in Canada is not only important for the building up of Asian Church identity in Canada, but also important for the preparation of the next generation Asian communities in the post-Christian West to be faithful Churches for mission through pastoral, ecclesiological and social researches.

Rev. Dr. Benedict Hung-biu Kwok
James M. Cheung Associate Professor of Theology
Head of Theology Department & Director of Graduate Studies
Alliance Bible Seminary, Hong Kong

I am excited to know that the ASIAN MISSION IN CANADA is being launched by the Anglican Network in Canada. In an immigrant country like Canada, it is indeed a significant ministry for all churches. This trans-denomination vision will certainly enrich the ecclesiology of both ethnic and Caucasian churches. I personally support this ministry and look forward to seeing its growth and service in the communities.

Rev. Dr. Jason Yeung
Professor of Theological Studies, Director of Chinese Culture Research Center
China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong



In Support

Dear Stephen,

As you have shared with me your vision for the establishment of the “Asian Mission in Canada”, I do endorse the strategic importance of this new venture. I myself in 1970 chose to have Regent College in Vancouver, as being on the Pacific Rim, with its strategic location for looking west towards Asia. There lies the future orientation for global Christianity, with all its demographic potential. At the same time, your desire to create a Research Centre, for both missiology and pastoral theology, which is a vital component. So many immigrant Asian churches are struggling with pastoral problems, since their immigrants bring so many emotional problems with them, which need both sound doctrine and wise therapy to resolve. Church discipline, within a shame culture, also needs wise understanding, as well as the social challenge of ageing churches. For these, and other issues, I shall support your Asian Mission in Canada, as much as I can. May the Lord continue to guide and direct your plans.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
James M. Houston
Founding Principal, Professor Emeritus of Spiritual Theology
Regent College, Vancouver



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I rejoice at Rev. Leung’s burden to launch the Asian Mission in Canada, establishing an Asian-Canadian Church Research Centre to do reflections on how well Asian immigrants are responding to the Christian gospel, how they adapt to the cultural climate and what challenges they are facing here. Better still is that both pastors and lay will be equipped to minister to the people, translating thought into action. Furthermore, I am thrilled to see partnership in gospel witness fostered among different Asian ethnic churches, which will be a really beautiful picture. Rev. Leung, I give you my support, and pray that many will support you as well.

Rev. Yee Shing Wong
Senior Pastor, Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church
President, Vancouver Chinese Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship

(Translated from the Chinese original)





Rev. Dr. Ka-lun Leung

Hearty congratulations on the founding of the Asian-Canadian Church Research Centre, which is an effort to promote dialogue between the gospel and culture, and to expand the Kingdom ministry. May I offer the prayer of St. Patrick of Ireland, a great fourth-century Christian missionary, to ask the Lord to chart its course and give his protection over the Centre.

May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us. May the way of God direct us. May the shield of God defend us.

Rev. Dr. Ka-lun Leung
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(Translated from the Chinese original)

I warmly welcome the establishment of the Asian Mission in Canada. It has the potential to be a powerful force for Christian unity and to empower a strong Christian witness in Asian-Canadian Christianity.

Dr. Donald Lewis
Professor of Church History
Regent College, Vancouver



**Rev. Dr. Chung-Yan
Joyce Chan**

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Residing in North America for 19 years, I recognized the unique challenges facing the Asian North American Christian community in both outreach and discipleship. In the past few years, I had the opportunity to work with the Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity (ISAAC) and witnessed their significant contribution to Asian American Christians. I dreamed that someday we would have the resources to nurture such a ministry in Canada, with the same academic rigor and practical insights for congregational life in Asian Canadian Christianity. I deeply appreciate Bishop Stephen Leung's vision and passion in leading the way for this pioneering project and look forward to seeing what God will be doing through the Asian Mission in Canada.

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The Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC) is a diocese in the Anglican Church in North America. ANiC also remains affiliated with the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone.

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