MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS,

I have just returned to Canada after a wonderful series of meetings with the Compass Rose Society at Canterbury in the UK - my last as your president. Elsewhere in these pages, you will receive a full report of a rich and diverse meeting. Therefore, I propose to simply offer some snapshots of our time on the grounds of Christ Church Cathedral, the mother church of the Anglican Communion.

Hospitality at Canterbury

Under the leadership of Dean Robert Willis, the staff at Canterbury offered us a radical brand of Christian hospitality, welcoming us warmly into their lives. Dean Willis has a well-earned reputation for modeling a culture of “yes”, thereby offering pilgrims from around the world, a rich an experience as possible. A couple of examples:

• If you ask Canterbury staff for directions… instead of simply pointing the way, they accompany you to your destination;

• When the central photocopier broke down preparing all the documents needed for our AGM… instead of throwing up their hands in despair and sending us to a local commercial outlet, the staff took our documents to other offices in the Cathedral Close to have them reproduced - all with a smile;

• Saturday night prior to the liturgies of Sunday (a time when most clergy seek some down time) …Dean Willis graciously led us on a candlelit pilgrimage of the Cathedral beginning at 8:30 p.m.! He began by welcoming all of us to “your” Cathedral.

It takes a lot of effort to develop a culture of “yes” in a

BISHOP JUSTIN WELBY
ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY DESIGNATE

As many of you may know by now, the announcement of the selection of the new Archbishop of Canterbury has been made in London today. The Right Reverend Justin Welby, currently Bishop of Durham, has been appointed by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II to serve the Anglican Communion as its senior bishop, with the titles of Primate of All England and Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury.

After the 2011 Annual General Meeting, members of the Compass Rose Society were fortunate to meet Justin Welby (story here http://bit.ly/bpwelbyinterview) and his wife, Caroline when we visited Liverpool Cathedral. The Welbys were extremely gracious and informative hosts. Please go to http://bit.ly/Ur3I5v to access our Fall 2011 Communicator newsletter, where we featured this visit, including some pictures of Liverpool Cathedral and a picture of then Dean Welby celebrating a Eucharist for his Compass Rose Society visitors.

We look forward to continuing to support the Archbishop of Canterbury’s outreach ministries around this worldwide Anglican Communion and wish our new archbishop and his family every blessing as he begins his new ministry.
The 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Compass Rose Society began on the afternoon of Friday, October 5th with an address by Bishop Philip Poole, who steps down this year as Society president. Bishop Poole thanked the Society for the opportunity to experience so much of the Anglican Communion during his tenure. He noted that as a child of an Anglican rector, he never imagined that such an opportunity would be his. Bishop Poole told members that Dr. Williams had asked for no personal gifts to be given as he ends his term as Archbishop of Canterbury. Instead, a scholarship has been set up to fund those who otherwise could not go on Communion visits that the Society makes annually.

Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Canon Kenneth Kearon, explained to members that he believes the Communion has moved from being simply divided in two parts to having a broad middle, with extremes on both sides. Canon Kearon described those in the broad middle as being a very diverse group whose common attribute is the ability to acknowledge that those with whom they disagree are also fellow Christians of integrity.

Members heard that the Board of Directors has elected the Rev. Canon John Peterson to succeed Bishop Poole as president of the Society, effective January 1, 2013 (article below). Canon Peterson was instrumental in establishing the Society while he was Secretary General.

Archbishop Rowan Williams joined the meeting to take part in his annual question and answer session with members. He spoke with particular candor in answering questions that covered topics such as: his proudest accomplishment; most difficult crisis; the viability of requiring the Archbishop to fulfill multiple roles simultaneously; and what he is most looking forward to in his future. Archbishop Williams’ own pain was evident when he spoke of the cost to others of some of the decisions that were made during his tenure.

Society members heard that French horn sound with distant immediacy in the immense space of the Canterbury quire as the choristers of the Cathedral, under the direction of Dr. David Flood, began to sing Archbishop Williams’ poem set to Dr. Hallock’s music. The words and music combined to create a powerful sense of the expectant nature of Advent. The words of a Welsh poet, set to American music and sung by an English choir, provided a fitting tribute to the service Archbishop Williams has given to our worldwide Communion.

Members reassembled on Saturday morning and heard Fr. Nicholas Wheeler speak of his ministry in the City of God district of Rio de Janeiro. Members of the Society traveled to Brazil in April 2011 and saw first-hand the results of Fr. Wheeler’s focus on Missio Dei in this troubled yet vibrant community. Fr. Wheeler’s address was an opportunity for a larger number of members to hear how the Anglican Church has created space for both worship and a number of important community initiatives, including a health project, psychotherapy, music education and a women’s group dedicated to peace initiatives.

The meetings were concluded on Saturday evening with the spiritually-rich experience of a candlelight pilgrimage through Canterbury Cathedral, led by Dean Robert Willis. Members...
started at the front doors and moved through the cathedral while being led through the prayers of Compline. At the Chair of St. Augustine, Dean Willis explained that during the service which marks the retirement of each Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop’s pastoral staff is returned to him to be passed to the incoming Archbishop.

Dean Willis noted that some archbishops hand the staff over with some reluctance, whereas others seem quite prepared to relinquish it. We members of the Society left Canterbury with some reluctance, but encouraged by our time spent together there.

Advent Calendar
He will come like last fall’s leaf fall.
One night when the November wind has flayed the trees to the bone,
and earth wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud’s folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth opens on mist, to find itself arrested in the net of alien,
sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

© Rowan Williams

Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral featured the premier of Peter Hallock’s anthem “Advent Calendar,” a gift from the Society to Archbishop Williams.

NOTES FROM ASIAPAC

Before Today, Beyond Tomorrow

When I first heard about an academic conference, held just this past summer, was in the works from The Rev. Professor Philip L. Wickeri, Professor of Church History at the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Ming Hua Theological College (Ming Hua) and Advisor to the Archbishop Dr. Paul Kwong (a Compass Rose Society member) on Theological and Historical Studies, I was “surprised.”

I was “surprised” because what the organizers—Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (HKSKH) Standing Commission of Theological Education and Ming Hua — essentially planned to do was to commemorate the centenary of the founding of Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui (CHSKH; the name, literally translated, is: The “Holy Catholic Church of China”), which no longer exists because of history, by examining its history. To say that this history is complex is an understatement. It seemed to me an incredible feat to look back at the history of Anglicanism in China alongside the incredible events that occurred.

It would be impossible to examine it without doing so in the context of the most turbulent century in Chinese history. It would be equally impossible to understand how “what had once been perhaps the largest diocese in the world” became the smallest, and only on the periphery of a “New China.”

We are talking about the last Chinese century still suffering from the aftermath of the Opium Wars, the First Sino-Japanese War, and Boxer Rebellion; began with the end of Imperial China with Dr. Sun Yat-sen’s 1911 Revolution, and spanned over the chaos of a self-proclaimed Emperor and Dr. Sun’s second revolution, the Chinese Civil War, the Second Sino-Japanese War, the formation of the People’s Republic of China, the Cultural Revolution et al. And the Archbishop is correct, when he said, at the opening ceremony of the conference, that “the history of HKSKH cannot be understood without knowing the history of China.” HKSKH was founded by an English Bishop and missionary of the Church of England, but its roots were planted in China.

And so, to me, “Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future: Anglican-Episcopal History in China and its Impact on the Church Today” (the name of the academic conference), attests to the ambition and commitment the Church has for its mission in what I call “a post-traumatic but ever so complicated”
Peterson Elected President of the Compass Rose Society; Directors in Place

By Norris Battin

At the Fall board of director’s meeting held in early October at Canterbury Cathedral, the Rev. Canon John L. Peterson was elected as the Society’s new president succeeding the Rt. Rev. Philip Poole who has served as president since 2005.

Most recently, Peterson was Canon for Global Justice and Reconciliation at the Washington National Cathedral where he organized a program of education, alliance building, resource gathering and communication to address the acute global issues of violence, poverty and disease. He has been a driving force in the establishment of the Cathedral’s Christian Muslim Summit initiatives.

Canon Peterson served as the Secretary General of the Worldwide Anglican Communion, headquartered in London from 1995 to 2005, heading the The Anglican Communion Office which provides support and counsel to the Anglican Consultative Council, the Primates Meeting, the Lambeth Conference and the role and person of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It was during Peterson’s tenure as Secretary General that the Compass Rose Society was established.

Before his appointment as Secretary General, Peterson was the Dean of St. George’s College, Jerusalem for 12 years. He is also the Anglican Canon at St. George’s Cathedral in Jerusalem and is an Honorary Canon in St. Michael’s Cathedral, Kaduna Nigeria, All Saints, Mpwapwa, Tanzania, as well as St. Dunstan’s Cathedral, Benoni, South Africa. He is also an Honorary Canon of St. Stephen’s Cathedral in Harrisburg, PA.

Among his numerous academic achievements and honors are degrees from Concordia College, Harvard University, the Chicago Institute for Advanced Theological Studies, Virginia Theological Seminary, the University of the South and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. He has also studied at the American University and the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon.

Canon Peterson serves as a board member of the Spafford Children’s Center in Jerusalem and the American Friends of the Spafford Children’s Center. He is a member of the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem and serves as an International Advisor to the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem. In addition he is a frequent participant on the American Religious Town Hall and a member of the Planning Committee for the Religious Leaders section of the US-Islamic World Forum sponsored by the Brookings Institution.

John begins his tenure as president in January.

Your Contribution Will Help the Lifeblood of the Anglican Communion to Flow

By Jan Butter

The cost to redesign this key vehicle for the Anglican Communion is $104,000 of which $54,000 has already been raised. At its April meeting, the Compass Rose Society board generously agreed to raise $50,000 towards this project. To date Compass Rose has raised nearly $15,000 and further contributions are welcome.

Jesus Christ has called every member of our Anglican Communion to share with others the most exciting and important Good News of all time. Therefore, communicating is at the very heart of our identity and calling as Christians.

In the past, our ability to share this message of reconciliation and salvation was limited to our immediate family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. But we now live in a digital age where there is widespread access to mobile phones or the Internet (or both in the same device) so that our circle of influence is limitless – beyond geography, class, and even language.

This Information Age of ours has even amplified the impact of more traditional media; it has facilitated cheaper, faster printing, and allowed the ‘man in the street’ to create and broadcast radio and even television that can be consumed by millions around the world. Media has become social. Journalism is now done by citizens.

Editor's Note: Supporting the communications work of the Anglican Communion has always been an important objective of The Compass Rose Society. In fact, 45 percent of our cumulative gifts to date have been directed toward this effort. In this article, Jan Butter, Anglican Communion Office Director for Communication, discusses the need for a redesigned Anglican Communion website so that it becomes not only a source for must-have information, but a place of dialogue, sharing and fellowship.

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The Rev. Canon John Peterson, incoming president of the Compass Rose Society.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New members since the Spring 2012 edition of the Communicator are as follows:

Berkeley Divinity School at Yale
New Haven, CT, United States

Christ Church
Greenwich, CT, United States

Mr. John A.D. Hamilton & Mrs. Jane C. Hamilton
Buffalo, NY, United States

The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole & Mrs. Karen Poole
(Honorary Members) Toronto, ON, Canada

Dr. Rowan Williams & Mrs. Jane Williams
(Honorary Members) Canterbury, Kent, UK

Board of Directors:

The following were elected to the Society’s board of directors to serve terms as specified in the by laws:

B. Norris Battin, Newport Beach, CA;
Robert Biehl, Houston, TX;
The Rev. Sarah Buxton-Smith, Buffalo, NY,
rector St. Andrew’s Church Buffalo, NY;
The Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, Washington, DC,
vicar Washington National Cathedral;
The Rt. Rev. George Councell, Trenton, NJ,
Bishop of New Jersey;
Joey Fan, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong;
The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Houston, TX,
Bishop of Texas;
Robert Foltz, Bonita Springs, FL;
Constance Fraser Gray, Winston Salem, NC;
The Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, London, UK,
Secretary General of the Anglican Communion;
The Rev. Rick Lord, Vienna, VA,
rector Holy Comforter Church, Vienna, VA;
Marshal McReal, Seattle, WA;
Carlos R. Muñoz, White Plains, NY;
The Rev. Canon John Peterson, Hendersonville, NC,
former secretary general of the Anglican Communion and incoming president of the Society;
Janie Stevens, Houston, TX;
Della Wager Wells, Atlanta, GA;
Antonia Wong Tuen-Yee, Central Hong Kong;
Beverley Paterson Wood, Aurora, ON.

Sadly, despite some good isolated efforts, our Anglican Communion as a whole has not fully grasped what an historic opportunity this is for its (marks of) mission, or for strengthening and developing its bonds of affection. Strategic communication techniques and skills, and the sheer power of digital networking, are rarely taught in our seminaries and theological colleges. Too few Provinces and dioceses don’t employ paid, qualified communicators. Too few individual churches proactively include strategic communications as part of their day-to-day life and work.

An informal survey of communications capacity across the Anglican Communion carried out in 2011 revealed that of the 33 Provinces (and 3 dioceses) that responded:

- 71% didn’t have paid communications staff. 37% considered the (often overburdened) provincial secretary their main communicator, compared with just 29% who had a paid employee(s) to oversee communications.
- Only 9% of responding Provinces issued news or information more than once a month.

These are just a few of the reasons why the new websites for the Anglican Communion www.anglicancommunion.org and www.anglicancommunionnews.org will be absolutely critical to the life and mission of our global faith tradition. It is not surprising that information sharing has been described as ‘the lifeblood’ of our global body.

I cannot thank the Compass Rose Society enough for your commitment to provide $50,000 to this project, a gesture that emboldened us to sign on the dotted line and launch the rebuild.

Once complete, the Anglican Communion will not only have a much improved website with a strong search facility, document library archive, prayer wall and many other interactive features, it will also have a purpose-built stand-alone news website. This will serve as the go-to site for the latest news, views and information from around the Anglican Communion.

I am glad that CRS members are excited to strengthen our Church’s digital future and invite you send comments and thoughts about the new sites when they are up and running.

Jan Butter has been the Anglican Communion’s Director for Communication since 2010. His passion is to see all members of the Anglican Communion equipped to share, with each other and the world, the story of their part in God’s mission. Before joining the Anglican Communion Office he was Head of Global Advocacy Communications for one of the world’s largest relief, development and advocacy organizations, World Vision, in the UK, Sri Lanka and New York. He started out life as a print journalist.

COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY GIFTS TO DATE

Since it was established, The Compass Rose Society has donated more than $7.3 million to support the Anglican Communion with three quarters of the funds directed to the work of the Anglican Consultative Council, and sixty percent of that supporting Communion communications projects. Fifteen percent of the donations have been directed to the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle east.

In 2012 through August 31, $143 thousand has been raised to support these organizations: Anglican Consultative Council – $120 thousand; international Anglican Women’s network - $8,350 and The Diocese of Kaduna, Nigeria - $15,000.
world, which is not to be confused with an intention to promote Anglicanism in Mainland China or be a spokesperson for the Mainland churches. The purpose of the conference, as outlined by the Archbishop, was to encourage international scholars – whether they are from Anglican, Christian or purely academic backgrounds – to better understand the history of CHSKH in the context of Chinese history, culture and society, to reflect on HKSKH’s role – serving as a bridge between China and the West, and to learn from the parallel histories of the church and China, for the future.

Just as international scholars met in their effort to contextualize history as a source of strength and wisdom for the future for the Church, the Archbishop Dr. Paul Kwong, in his capacity as the current chairman of the Council of Churches of East Asia (CCEA) brought “history” back into the consortium of Churches of the region in its 2012 Bishops’ Meeting earlier this month (October) in Taiwan. If the history of just one Asian country was complicated enough, imagine that of the region!

Before the 18 Bishops from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Sabah, Kuching, Australia, and the Philippines met, Archbishop Dr. Paul Kwong shared a precious piece of history, found in his personal library, The First Years: Being the early history of the Council of the Church in South East Asia by the Rt. Rev. R.O. Hall (after whom Ming Hua Theological College was named) with participants of the Council meeting. The Archbishop felt that it was crucial for members today to relearn why the Council was founded in order not to lose sight of its purpose.

Since its inception, in 1933, the Council (then named the Council of the Church in South East Asia) had come a long way in history. The founding of the Council was by no means simple, as one can easily imagine how decolonization and the turbulent events of modern history had contributed to that complexity. But its purpose, “to take counsel together on common problems in this region”, is needed today as much as it was eighty years ago.

But as geopolitical changes have resulted in the founding of individual and independent dioceses since the Council’s founding, and from that, the changes in membership and the needs of member dioceses of the council, the Archbishop felt that the fifty-year-old CCEA constitution was out of step with today’s realities and doesn’t quite do justice to the “fellowship” nature of the Churches – “to strengthen in fellowship, in common concerns, in mutual help and in approach united” – and the time is ripe for it to be “updated”. From understanding the founding of the council, the renewal of its purpose and to addressing the needs for change, the CCEA has drawn from their history a clear way forward.

2012 has been a year of looking back on history for many of us here in Hong Kong. Not only did the CHSKH centennial provide a rare opportunity to find our “roots” and learn how the Church had evolved in the most tumultuous of times in Chinese history, the CCEA, led by HKSKH’s Archbishop, has reached back into time to explore news ways of strengthening ties and fellowship. My own beloved church – St. Mary’s Church (a Compass Rose Society Parish member http://dhk.hkskh.org/stmary) – has just celebrated our 100th birthday. Vicar Revd Chung Ka-Lok had also reached back into time and shared remnants of the church’s history with parishioners. Learning from our pasts, as a parish, a diocese, a province, and region, has contextualized and anchored my faith in more ways than one – and history, is a rare and precious gift.

Alice Wu and her husband Ben Cheung are Compass Rose Society members living in Hong Kong where Alice is a current affairs columnist for the South China Morning Post. She was formerly associate director of the Asia Pacific Media Network at UCLA.

Society Attends 77TH General Convention of the Episcopal Church and 15TH Anglican Consultative Council Meeting

In early July, The Episcopal Church held its 77th triennial convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Compass Rose Society occupied a small exhibit space where we greeted guests from all over the world and met with other exhibitors who share our interest in mission work throughout the Anglican Communion.

The convention offered a good opportunity to introduce many delegates to our work and to establish new alliances throughout the Anglican world.

In October, board member Joey Fan attended the 15th Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) meeting in Auckland, New Zealand and presented a summary of the Society’s work to the delegates. You can see his presentation here: http://slidesha.re/RnpGjl.

The ACC is one of the four instruments of communion, the others being the Archbishop of Canterbury (who serves as president of the ACC), the Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops, and the Primates Meeting.

The role of the Council is to facilitate the co-operative work of the churches of the Anglican Communion, exchange information between the Provinces and churches, and

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community. Thank you, Dean and Canterbury for your warm Christian hospitality.

By the way, if you have never been to Canterbury, please see that it goes on your “bucket list”. I hope that all who read this article will someday make their own pilgrimage to Canterbury and to “our” Cathedral. (For more information, please visit their website: www.canterbury-cathedral.org).

**Archbishop and Mrs. Williams**

A highlight of our annual meetings is always our time with the Archbishop and Mrs. Williams. In one of their last events before they take up a new post in the new year, we were offered the opportunity to say, “God bless” and to thank them for their love and support of the past years.

During our quite intimate question and answer time, someone asked the Archbishop if there was anything he might have done differently during his term in office. He paused, smiled and said, “I might not have said, ‘yes’ so quickly!”

The Compass Rose Society offered the Archbishop and Mrs. Williams a number of gifts of thanks. During Evensong in the Cathedral, our Compass Rose Society commissioned anthem was offered - elegantly sung by the Choir of Canterbury Cathedral. The music was the gift of Peter Hallock, a well-known American musician, who set Rowan Williams’ poem, *Advent Calendar* to music. (As we’re in the season, I’ve quoted it at the end of this article). We hope this will be an enduring contribution to the corpus of music at Canterbury and a tribute to its author.

Additionally, a scholarship has been named after Rowan and Jane with the purpose of enabling someone to accompany the Society as it makes its communion visits to other parts of the Anglican world. These visits are so formative and the Board looks forward to naming the first recipient of the Williams’ Scholarship. The Canadian Compass Rose Society offered a wool “point blanket”, an iconic Canadian symbol for warmth on cold winter nights. Of course, it was with great pleasure that we named the Williams as life members of the Society with the hope that we will stay in contact with them over the years.

When I arrived at Heathrow prior to the meetings, I was questioned by a customs agent concerning my purpose in being in England. I said that I was attending meetings of an international charity that supports the work of the Archbishop of Canterbury. “I don’t like him” the agent said sharply. “He spends too much time in politics and should stick to religion!” “Have you ever met him”? I enquired. “No”, came the reply. “No”, came the reply. “I left it there wanting to have a successful entry into England! Contrast this experience to two days later while my wife, Karen and I were enjoying a London Walks event where I asked our tour leader who he thought the next Archbishop might be. “I really like the current Archbishop.” He is so good at engaging our country on issues that really matter. I think he is absolutely brilliant.” And so it goes. Archbishop Williams, in my view, will go down in history as one of the finer Archbishops of Canterbury.

The depth of spirituality, his awesome intellect, his gentle, humble nature, his warmth of personality and prolific writing - to say nothing of his challenging leadership in difficult days has been a treasure.

Jane Williams is similarly a gift to our church. A product of the rectory and the child of a bishop, she well knows the challenges that face clergy households. She co-led the Spouses Conference at the Lambeth Conference in 2008, providing a listening, caring ear, a depth of spirituality and an understanding of the unique ministries so many spouses experience. I suspect she is the world’s expert on clergy spouses!

Together they present, in a time when so many marriages sadly fail, a compelling and attractive example of Christian marriage. I will not soon forget seeing them, in the busyness and stress of the Lambeth Conference 2008 sneaking a little quiet time with each other, walking hand-in-hand across the University of Kent. While the Compass Rose Society will miss them both, we will continue to support the ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury in and through the Anglican Communion.

**The Compass Rose Society Members**

Canon Kenneth Kearon has on occasion spoken about what he understands members of the Compass Rose Society to be like. Crediting Kenneth, here are a few things I have learned about CRS people. Our members are people who care about their church local but also the church catholic. They are often engaged leaders in their home church. They are people with a wider view of church. Compass Rose people are those who are more than just sympathetic toward this precious vessel of the Anglican Communion. While they hold issues passionately, they come together for mission. They invest their time and their resources visiting other parts of our Communion, valuing relationships, making connections, and praying with purpose for our church universal.

They are people who tell the story of this vehicle of connection, networking and unity within our Communion. Compass Rose folks have passion for ministry and are willing to make a difference in the lives of others. Compass Rose people are generous, compassionate, friendly and engaged in God’s great gift of life.

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The Afterword

Mere words will not allow me to adequately express my profound gratitude to you, to the members of the Board past and present, to the dedicated and hardworking staff of Lambeth Palace and the Anglican Communion Office, for the privilege in serving as President of the Compass Rose Society.

This has been a ministry in which I have rejoiced. I am left with rich memories, many friends and a deeper passion for the mission of Jesus Christ in our world.

I will treasure the gifts I was given during our meetings but most particularly, the blue Compass Rose chasuble blessed by the Archbishop. I will wear it with pride holding you in my heart as I offer the Eucharist to God. I will speak often about the mission of the Society.

The president-elect, The Reverend Canon John Peterson, the former secretary general of the Anglican Communion and a founder of the Society will provide excellent leadership in the next chapter of this work. A born teacher, a superb storyteller, a scholar and yes, a fund raiser, John will give dedicated and determined service as your President. I will, of course, give whatever help I can to him to ensure a smooth transition and more importantly, a stronger presence in the life of our church.

Thank you for your support of this ministry and I hope our paths cross again soon.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Philip Poole
President, Compass Rose Society

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Formed in 1969, the ACC delegates include clergy, lay people and bishops, from one to three persons from each of the Communion’s 38 provinces, depending on the numerical size of each province. Where there are three members, there is a bishop, a priest and a lay person. Where fewer members are appointed, preference is given to lay membership. The council generally meets every three or four years.

Joey Fan tells the ACC about the work of the Compass Rose Society

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