MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING IN TORONTO:

In April, the Anglican Compass Rose Society (CRS) international board of directors met in Toronto. It was my first time to lead the meeting as president, and I am grateful for a board that has a wide representation from across the Communion.

We began each day with Bible study, then worked together on direction for CRS, considered several grant proposals and future trips, as well as the annual meeting. As we completed our business, I felt we had settled into a nice rhythm and will have a solid framework in which to begin my tenure.

There are many changes underway in the Communion. The Archbishop of Canterbury’s vision is focused on reconciliation, mission/evangelism, and spirituality. There are transitions on the staff of the Anglican Communion Office. Even as we bid farewell to our friend, the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Kearon, now Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe in Ireland, we welcome the Rt. Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fearon as the new secretary general of the Anglican Consultative Council. We are clear that, as a mission society

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THE NEXT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION IS ARCHBISHOP OF KADUNA, NIGERIA, JOSIAH IDOWU-FEARON, 66, WHO BEGINS HIS WORK IN JULY, SUCCEEDING CANON KENNETH KEARON, NOW BISHOP OF LIMERICK AND KILLALOE IN IRELAND.

While Bishop Josiah is perhaps best known for his work reconciling Muslims and Christians in Nigeria, he is also a longtime friend of the Compass Rose Society.

Former secretary general of the Anglican Communion and immediate past president of the Compass Rose Society John Peterson recalled, “The first Compass Rose Society Communion Visit was to the Diocese of Kaduna in Northern Nigeria in 1999. Our host was the Right Reverend Josiah Idowu-Fearon, the Diocesan Bishop of Kaduna, now the secretary general elect of the Anglican Communion.

“While in Kaduna we spent time in the bush seeing some of the outreach ministries of the diocese. We met with both Muslim and

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Christian leadership in Kaduna who were working for reconciliation including Pastor James Wuye, who was leading a Christian armed militia when he lost his hand during an outbreak of violence. Pastor James and Imam Muhammad, who lead an opposing militia to Pastor James, had a spiritual reawakening, and they started to work together to rebuild communities torn apart by conflict. A video titled The Imam and the Pastor tells their awe-inspiring story.

“Our final visit in Kaduna was to meet with the Emir of Zazzau, a visit that helped to reduce tensions as a result of a petrol strike. All of these initiatives of the Kaduna Communion Visit were supporting the peace and reconciliation ministry of Bishop Josiah which enabled the Compass Rose Society members to have a glimpse into an extraordinary ministry of a church living in a conflicted area of tension and often violence.”

Bishop Josiah is the first African secretary general. His native Nigeria claims 18 million of the 85 million Anglicans in the Communion. Bishop Josiah also spends time in Britain.

Since 2007, Bp. Josiah has been a Canterbury Six Preacher and in 2013, Archbishop Welby awarded him the Cross of St. Augustine in recognition of his ministry in promoting Christian-Muslim dialogue in Nigeria and around the world.

As secretary general, Bishop Josiah’s major responsibility will be to implement the decisions of the four Instruments of Communion—the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates’ Meeting. He sees this as an opportunity to meet with Anglicans around the globe “and make sure that Anglicans live Anglicanism.”

Former Compass Rose Society board member Bob Foltz and his wife Elinor have been and remain deeply committed to the Diocese of Kaduna and Bishop Josiah.

“We heard Bishop Josiah speak at the annual meeting of the Compass Rose Society in London in the fall of 2000,” said Foltz. “At the time I was sure that Nigeria was in Africa, although I couldn’t have told you where in Africa. “

“In his talk Bishop Josiah portrayed what it was like to live as a Christian in a diocese that had a huge Muslim population. He spoke of some 500 members of his diocese killed earlier that year in religious strife.

“That electrified me. I felt immediately that I should care about such matters and at once I started to care. It was the beginning of a fulfilling journey with the Compass Rose Society, one that I am still on.

“In the course of his talk, Bishop Josiah mentioned that he was seeking funds for the construction of a medical clinic in Kateri, Nigeria. I wrote a check on the spot. Elinor and I later contributed additional funds to complete the clinic, and we still help to support it by annual designated contributions through the Society.

“The result, if you can believe it, is the Foltz Medical Centre in Kateri.

“The foregoing would not have happened except by the grace of the Good Lord and the ministry of Bishop Josiah. I am sure that he will be an excellent secretary general.”

Bishop Josiah responded to Bob and Elinor’s generosity with this note:

Dear Bob,

Love from Kaduna Medical Centre in Kateri.

We commenced our free two-week medical services last week and by yesterday, we had attended to 4,000 patients to the glory of the Lord. In these pictures, you will have an idea of both the patients and the medical personnel... Pray for us as what you helped us to begin continues to reach out with the love of Christ to thousands.

Love from Comfort my wife and all the people of Kaduna diocese.

Josiah

Queue for treatment at the Kaduna Medical Centre in Kateri, Nigeria

Former board member Elliott Holman accompanied John Peterson on the 1999 visit to Kaduna and recently shared some of the notes he took at the time. Elliott vividly captures the atmosphere of the diocese and describes how the visit sparked the missionary spirit of the Compass Rose Society in his life.
ELLIOΤ’S NOTES

Bishop Josiah/Diocese of Kaduna, Nigeria...

- Located in central Nigeria where the Muslim north and the largely Christian south meet in what is a very volatile, often violent zone.
- Home of the terrorist who recently attempted to blow up a flight on its way to the United States.
- Met a priest who had had his right hand chopped off brutally by an angry mob of Muslims. This priest is now working to lead reconciliation efforts. How not to be consumed with hatred and bitterness! Astonishing to me!
- Traveled way out into the bush.
- Visited a village that consisted of adobe-type huts with thatched roofs.
- The villagers came out to greet us warmly.
- I was introduced to them by Bishop Josiah as “Brother Elliott from America!”
- What this “introduction” meant to me – We were brothers and sisters in Christ.

A life-changing moment for me

- I finally understood what our global church family called the Anglican Communion is about.
- I was being welcomed and received as “Brother Elliott.” Skin tone, Southern accent, the thousands of miles separating us geographically – none of those exterior things mattered; As a Special Olympics poster proclaims: “More alike than different.”
- A defining moment for me in my coming to understand our Anglican Communion Church as a global family… what that truly means;

We were fortunate be able to introduce Bp. Josiah to a group of Anglicans who recently assembled for a reception for the board of directors in Toronto. We were most grateful for his enthusiasm for the work of the Society and look forward to traveling with him throughout the Communion.

NOTES ABOUT COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY PROJECTS

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION WEBSITES

Jan Butter, the former communications director of the Anglican Communion, told the Communicator, “It’s been a privilege to partner with the Compass Rose Society to help members of the Anglican Communion share their stories of Christ in the Communion. The Anglican Communion news site www.anglicannews.org and the all new Anglican Communion site www.anglicancommunion.org are like nothing the Anglican world has seen before. I hope the CRS members are proud to have been a part of establishing these new tools.”

He added, “I am sad to have left the ACO, its people and the important work that’s done there. Especially at an exciting and historic moment: the first African secretary general. However, it was right for my young family that I found a job that allowed me to spend more time with them and less commuting to the London office from my home in North Oxfordshire.

“I wish the Compass Rose Society every blessing for its future.”

FROM ARCHBISHOP THABO’S
(Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa)
“eREADER PROGRESS REPORT”

This project was launched early in 2014 at Bishopscourt. The months that followed saw laying the foundation of this important ministry of our province. We started with the development phase since August 2014 with the assistance of University of the Western Cape’s eLearning Department. Now that there is more information on the system, we are ready to go live and continue feeding the system with more information as we go along. It is against this background that we are writing this progress report on the eReader project to the Compass Rose Society.

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Introduction of New Secretary General;  
Visits to Lambeth Palace and St. Paul’s Cathedral; Dinner with Archbishop & Mrs. Welby

The Compass Rose Society will hold its 2015 annual general meeting in London, UK on Wednesday, October 28 and Thursday, October 29.

The annual meeting begins at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at London Crowne Plaza the City following a luncheon for new members. The day’s program concludes with a visit to St. Paul’s Cathedral followed by optional Choral Evensong. On Thursday, following a gathering at Lambeth Palace, the program concludes with dinner at the historic Skinner’s Hall hosted by Archbishop and Mrs. Welby. We have not scheduled a Communion Visit this year, but are offering a day trip to Coventry Cathedral on Friday, October 30th. We will provide more information when arrangements have been completed. For immediate questions, contact Tami Hawkins (thawkins@epicenter.org or 1-713-353-2122).

A note about St. Paul’s Cathedral:  
St. Paul’s is the seat of the Bishop of London and the mother church of the Diocese of London. It sits at the top of Ludgate Hill, the highest point in the City of London. Its dedication to Paul the Apostle dates back to the original church on this site, founded in AD 604. The present church, dating from the late 17th century, was designed in the English Baroque style by Sir Christopher Wren. Its construction, completed within Wren’s lifetime, was part of a major rebuilding program which took place in the city after the Great Fire of London (comment from Wikipedia).

CONSIDER A PLANNED GIFT TO THE COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY

Planned giving offers a variety of ways to support the Compass Rose Society from accumulated resources. It usually involves financial or estate planning; however, it is not reserved for the wealthy. Planned giving is a means by which anyone concerned with the wise use of his or her personal resources makes a considered choice about their ultimate disposition.

In general, planned gifts are made through a bequest in a will; a life income gift such as a pooled income fund; a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust; or gifts of special assets (real estate, closely held stock, life insurance, retirement accounts).

Planned giving establishes a way for a donor to provide for family members while remembering the Society as well. It often enables the donor to provide more for their heirs and to make a larger gift than thought possible. It often reduces taxes as well.

If you are interested in developing a planned gift program with the Compass Rose Society as the beneficiary, please contact our treasurer Robert J. Biehl, at 800.318.4452 or rbiehl@epicenter.org.

(Adapted from a publication of The Episcopal Church Foundation)
Lynne Butt

Lynne Butt joined the Anglican Communion Office in 2000 in the office at Partnership House, Waterloo where the Compass Rose Society held its annual meetings before moving to the Westbourne Park office. Lynne began planning the annual meeting, Lambeth Palace dinners, and Communion Visits in her first year. Over the years she planned 17 visits and attended and coordinated on-site 15 of them (Cuba, Spain, Portugal, China, Hong Kong, Wales, Scotland, Jerusalem, Ireland, Rome, Mexico, Cyprus, Malawi, Paris, Brazil, Liverpool, Ghana and Cape Town).

During her tenure, she served three Archbishops of Canterbury (the Rt. Rev’s and Most Honorable George Carey, Rowan Williams and Justin Welby) and worked for two secretaries generals, the Rev. Canon John Peterson and the Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, and recently for Interim Secretary General the Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan.

Lynne said, “It’s difficult to say which was my favorite visit but Cuba – my first just four months after joining the ACO – certainly had the most impact, as at that time I had not made a Communion Visit anywhere before.

“The warm welcome at all the parishes we visited, the hospitality even when the people had so little to give, the fabulous music in the churches all impressed me.

“In villages where the children had no shoes, we were given fresh mango juice or a beautiful corsage cut from the flame trees.”

Malawi and Brazil also stood out for Lynne: “Malawi because of the AIDS orphans and the dignity of the extended families caring for them, who stood patiently in line for food, and Brazil for the joyful faith of those living in the City of God and the poorest areas of Belem in the Amazon. And of course Jerusalem. Even though I had lived there for three years in the 80’s, it was very special to be on a pilgrimage led by John Peterson.”

Lynne said that planning visits for the Society was indeed a joy but often a test, as she had to rely on the advice of representatives in the host country regarding hotel accommodations, local transport, meals and myriad other details.

“There were trips that worked smoothly, and others that were more of a logistical challenge. Cuba was tricky as everyone had to obtain a religious visa The Episcopal Church in the United States and then meet in Miami to fly together; Rome was difficult as the group quartered in three different hotels in the historic center; in Ghana, everyone wanted payment in cash, contrary to previous advice that we could use credit cards. There were some very last minute arrangements!

“Despite all that, it has been a privilege to travel with CRS members to so many places throughout the Anglican Communion and to make so many good friends. Once I am retired, I am hoping to visit some of them.”

Lynne signs off this way: “My 15 years at the ACO have sped by, and I can’t quite believe I am leaving. My job has been a joy and I have been so lucky to work with so many good and faithful colleagues and to meet so many Anglicans/Episcopalians in all parts of the world, not to mention all my Compass Roses. I’ve been truly blessed. And now with the three little grandsons, life has come full circle, and it’s time for a change!”

SAFE TRAVELS, LYNNE.
Members can take pride in the level of support they offered to the Anglican Communion through the Compass Rose Society during 2014. The Society’s 2014 revenues were more than $589,000 contrasting favorably with the roughly $289,000 received in the recession year of 2009.

To accomplish this, we welcomed nine new members to the Society, and existing members took advantage of new opportunities for giving and expanded their annual gifts. Giving to the Society increased more than $75,000 compared with 2013 as donor-restricted gifts rose by more than $160,000.

The Compass Rose Society contributed more than $295,000 to support the Anglican Communion in 2014. In addition, the membership generously funded more than $223,000 in donor-restricted gifts for the eReader project in South Africa, an irrigation project in Nigeria, the Continuing Indaba process throughout the Communion, assistance to the Church in Jerusalem and assistance with transportation for the Bishop of Mpwapwa.

Expenses for the Society totaled about $87,250, about 14.8% of members’ giving. These expenses supported a full-time staff person, the newsletter, and efforts to expand our membership. As you are aware, the Society’s board of directors pay their own expenses. This helps to keep our expenses as low as possible. Overall, giving and expenses exceeded revenues by slightly more than $17,000.

The Society closed the year in excellent financial condition with about $60,000 cash on hand. Assets totaled $85,000. There were no significant liabilities with only about $4,000 of accounts to be paid.

Robert J. Biehl, Treasurer

COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY CONTRIBUTES $8.5 MILLION TO DATE TO ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Since its founding in 1997, the Compass Rose Society has donated $8.5 million to the Anglican Communion.

The Anglican Consultative Council has received three-quarters of these funds. Sixty percent of the gifts to the ACC support communications projects such as the new Anglican Communion News website, www.anglicannews.org and the new Anglican Communion website www.anglicancommunion.org. Thirteen percent of the Society’s donations have supported the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

In 2014, the Society donated $519 thousand to support these and other organizations: $296 thousand for the communication department of the Anglican Consultative Council; $69 thousand for the eLearning project in the Province of South Africa; $17 thousand to the Canterbury Cathedral Trust for restoration projects, and $16 thousand to the Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana.

COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY VISIT

The Compass Rose Society (CRS) visited Cape Town on the 15th – 19th October 2014. Canon John Peterson led the visit with 14 other people from the UK, USA, Hong Kong and Canada. We coordinated the logistics of their visit.

The group was able to visit Table Mountain, Robben Island and Braehead House, which houses provincial offices such as HOPE Africa, Environmental Office, Growing the Church, Youth Office and Anglican Aids and Healthcare Trust. We also planned for the group to go to Langa Township to visit a crèche that is supported by HOPE Africa, but due to unforeseen circumstances, the visit was not successful. A highlight of their visit was the dinner that took place at the Archbishop’s residence in Bishopscourt. It was here where we demonstrated to the group and other guests how the eReader will work. Canon J. Peterson presented a cheque of $70 000 towards ongoing support to the eReader project. We are truly grateful to the Compass Rose Society for their support and encouragement.
of the Communion, we are to support the ongoing work of the Communion making and enabling the growth of a strong and healthy Anglican mission.

One of the highlights was an invitation to gather at St. John’s York Mills Anglican Church. The Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson, Archbishop of Toronto, hosted 60 friends of the Compass Rose Society to hear about our work. It was a lovely evening. We were joined by our newest members, James Appleyard and Tamara Rebanks of Toronto, and Bishop Josiah.

Bishop Josiah was one of the first Communion leaders to address the Compass Rose Society in its early days. The Diocese of Kaduna was our first Communion Visit in 1999, and we value our long relationship with the bishop and his people (an article with recollections from this visit begins on page 1). CRS is blessed to help sustain a health care ministry in the Diocese of Kaduna and Bishop Josiah spoke about how an entire congregation joined the Anglican Church because of this ministry and the witness that the Compass Rose Society was able to make during our initial visit.

At our meeting, we pledged our support for the Archbishop of Canterbury and for the Anglican Consultative Council’s budget for the Communion. We have several goals to highlight in this area of support. We want to raise $400,000 (USD) to support the ministry of the Communion and we want to raise an additional $6,000 to complete our goal of $50,000 for the Indaba Reconciliation work of the Communion.

Similar to 2014, in 2015 we will receive individual gifts supporting the archbishop’s ministry of reconciliation, the eye clinic in Ghana, disaster recovery in the Diocese of Southern Malawi, the medical center in Kaduna, the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf for the Iraq crisis, the City of God in the Diocese of Rio de Janeiro, and The Jerusalem Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children. These gifts are expected to total more than $200,000.

In 2013, we received a grant request from the Bishop Ackon Memorial Christian Eye Centre following our visit to Ghana. The grant request is staged in four increments, and will build a second story and a weather-proof roof, purchase a generator to secure electricity, as well as furnish and purchase needed equipment. The project total is $150,000. While this is a reach for us, our goal is to raise the needed funds. The eye clinic is the only one in an area with a population of more than 1.6 million people. The ministry of this Anglican clinic is literally giving sight to the blind by providing eye health and removing cataracts.

As of our board meeting in April, we have contributed $8.5 million (USD) to the Anglican Communion, and we hope to reach $9 million by the end of 2015. We have a goal of 10 new memberships for the year, and we realize that the strength of the Compass Rose Society is in its individual and chapter member’s gifts. We will accomplish our goals to help support the Communion, our directed grants, and the Ghana project if every member makes their minimum pledge of $2,500. If you wish to give more to specific projects or areas, please contact Tami Hawkins (thawkins@epicenter.org or 713.353.2122) so that she and I can help you.

Our annual meeting will be in London, October 28 and 29, 2015. Please look online and watch your mailbox for information on registration.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Compass Rose Society, for your friendship and for the ministry we are able to support.

I remain your faithful servant,

C. Andrew Doyle
IX Bishop of Texas
President of the Compass Rose Society

Charles Andrew Doyle (Andy) is the ninth Bishop of Texas. Born in 1966 in Carbondale, Illinois, and raised in Houston, Bishop Doyle served five years as canon to the ordinary prior to his election. Bishop Doyle holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of North Texas and served at St. Stephen’s Episcopal School, Austin before receiving his M. Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon in 1995 and priest the following year. He served at Christ Church, Temple and St. Francis, College Station. Bp. Doyle is the author of Unabashedly Episcopalian: Proclaiming the Good News of the Episcopal Church, published in 2012 by Morehouse Publishing.

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Bishop Andy Doyle
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Supporting the global mission of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Anglican Communion.

BECOME A COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY MEMBER
Join as an individual or form a chapter of several members. The Society has parish, diocesan, and cathedral chapters. Share in the annual meeting: visit Lambeth Palace or Canterbury Cathedral; join in a question and answer session and dinner with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Meet fellow Anglicans while traveling on Communion Visits throughout the world or study our Anglican heritage on location.

Individual membership includes an invitation for the member (or couple) and up to two guests to attend the Society’s annual events and Communion Visits.

With a parish membership, the rector and guest and two parish members may attend. Four members of a chapter may attend. Attendees pay their own travel expenses.

For more information or to update your email address and other contact information, please contact Tami Hawkins at thawkins@epicenter.com.

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