



To all primates, provincial secretaries and ACC members
[By email]
19 March 2020

Re: Covid-19 pandemic

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

Greetings from the Anglican Communion Office.

As we all as nations, churches, and individuals respond to the Covid-19 pandemic I wish to express heartfelt prayers for all of you as you act and serve as ministry leaders, citizens, and children of God connected to one another. May I also take the opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who has been in touch with our staff expressing your care and concern for us at this time.

Staff in the Anglican Communion Office are following UK government guidance issued on Monday evening and working from home. We continue to be at your service and arrangements have been put in place for staff to be able to access email, office voicemail messages, and video and telephone conferencing facilities. Please do not hesitate to contact us as you normally would by email and phone. In addition, we are working to respond and serve at this extraordinary time. May I draw your attention to some of the following ways in which we are engaging:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We like so many Anglicans and Episcopalians across our beloved Anglican Communion will continue to uphold in prayer dioceses, bishops, clergy and communities. You can access the ACP at anglicancommunion.org/prayer Our weekly news service also highlights prayer requests from our Member Church leaders.

Anglican Communion News Service

Our weekly news service continues and plans to feature videos of worship services from across the Communion so that we may bless one another and continue to uphold worship at a time when public worship in some areas is postponed.



Anglican Alliance

The Anglican Alliance will be producing a newsletter sharing examples of Church responses to the pandemic.

UK National Day of Prayer and Action – 22 March

UK Church leaders including the Archbishop of Canterbury are calling all UK churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action this coming Sunday 22 March. At 7pm this Sunday, we are invited to light a candle in the windows of our homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. As I invite Anglican Communion Office staff to participate in their homes and families I also invite you to share with us any national and local prayer initiatives in your Churches so that we may uphold them in prayer.

Global Prayer

As we gather news and resources for prayer and worship we will add these to the Anglican Communion website at anglicancommunion.org/prayer and share them through the [Anglican Communion News Service](#). Please send details of what is happening in your area to news@anglicancommunion.org.

If you have any questions about any of the Anglican Communion Office initiatives shared in this letter or would like to share your own initiatives please contact Stephanie Taylor, Executive Officer to the Instruments of Communion: stephanie.taylor@aco.org

My precious sisters and brothers, may the good Lord protect you and keep you and those whom you love and serve.

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4: 6-7



"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you."

1 Peter 5:7

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josiah Idowu-Fearon'.

The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon
Secretary General of the Anglican Communion