

ANGLICAN ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES NEW PLANS FOR COMMON MINISTRY

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JACKSONVILLE—The Anglican Alliance of North Florida, a partnership of some 21 Anglican congregations, today announced new plans for common ministry and mission across a broad range of areas. The announcement follows a two-day planning session by the Steering Committee of the Alliance. The new areas for cooperation include:

- A new spiritual retreat program for youth to be called "Dynamos"
- Occasional combined worship gatherings, including an annual celebration for all the Alliance churches at Pentecost, and more frequent smaller gatherings coordinated regionally
- Bi-monthly "Clergy Days" for all clergy in the Alliance for mutual encouragement, prayer, planning, and teaching
- The development of a common church planting strategy, to include both support of new or small congregations and a coordinated approach to starting new ones
- The development of a common global mission strategy, including eventually a method for jointly supporting and sending out new missionaries
- A special training event in the school year '07-'08 to focus on evangelism
- The development of a "marketing" approach in our geographical area to educate and raise awareness about Anglicanism in general and the Anglican Alliance in particular

In addition, the Steering Committee reaffirmed the commitment of the Alliance to developing existing ministries, in particular "Anglican 4th Day," a spiritual retreat weekend taking place for the second time this month. The Steering Committee also recognized that in order to move forward in these areas there will need to be a transition to some form of on-going voluntary giving on the part of Alliance churches, as a part of their tithe. An initial 1% voluntary contribution has been discussed and will be explored over the coming months.

The Anglican Alliance includes churches in Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Gainesville, and areas in between, extending to extreme South Georgia. Churches which have newly joined the Alliance are: Christ the King Anglican Church, St. Augustine; Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Fernandina Beach; and Trinity Anglican Church, Thomasville, Georgia. Two new church plants have also joined with the Alliance, the Anglican Beaches Church, in Neptune Beach, and Immanuel Church, in Keystone Heights. Finally, Good Samaritan Church, in Orange Park, already a member of the Alliance, has left the Episcopal Diocese of Florida to come under overseas Anglican oversight, and is now known as Good Samaritan Anglican Church.

The leadership of the Anglican Alliance gives thanks to God for these many exciting developments and asks for your prayers for God's continued guidance in the months to come.

The Anglican Alliance of North Florida was formed in the fall of 2005 to gather together Biblically faithful churches in the Anglican tradition for a common witness. The goal of the Alliance is to represent orthodox Anglicanism in our area, and to work to increasingly combine our resources for common ministry and mission under the worldwide Anglican Communion.