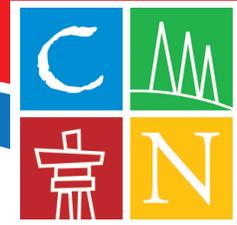




A ministry of the whole church by the whole church



Fast Facts...

Mission to Canada's North has been a priority since the earliest days of Anglican presence in Canada. In the 1970s, the Council of the North became the entity it is today:

The Dioceses of

- the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior
- Athabasca
- Mishamikoweesh
- Yukon
- Saskatchewan
- Moosonee
- Arctic
- Quebec
- Caledonia
- Brandon
- the Archdeaconry of Labrador

The emerging face of Anglican northern ministry is one of co-operation, innovation, mutual respect and, increasingly, self-determination for indigenous Anglicans.

- Council dioceses comprise 85% of Canada's geography & only 15% of its population.
- Of approximately 295 Council of the North clergy, 134 are non-stipendiary.
- In 2011, 2,277 baptisms were celebrated in Council dioceses.
- In 1578, near present-day Iqaluit, NU, a chaplain celebrated Canada's 1st Anglican Eucharist!
- Anglican missionary work in the North has helped preserve Indigenous languages through the translation of the Bible and hymn and prayer books.
- Council dioceses are a staggeringly diverse mix of indigenous peoples, descendants of European settlers and recent immigrants.
- Some languages in which worship is held: English, Gwich'in, Tompson, Cree, Slavey, Ojibwe, Inuktitut (numerous dialects) and French.
- In 2011, a complete translation of the Scriptures into Inuktitut was completed through a partnership between the ACC and the Canadian Bible Society.

Ministry in the Council of the North has particular challenges--vast distances, isolation, harsh weather, and sometimes unreliable communications networks. The continuing effects of poverty and the legacy of the residential school system also contribute to a very high level of pastoral needs. But Council ministry, in spite of—or perhaps because of—its particular challenges, is marked by:

- ***A mission minded approach***
- ***Lean bureaucratic infrastructure***
- ***Sacrificial and heroic ministry***
- ***Ecumenical co-operation***
- ***Flexibility and Innovation***
- ***Training and development of local leaders***

