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Dear Rector, Wardens and Vestry,

Thank you for expressing interest in becoming an affiliated church of the American Anglican Council. We are pleased that you are considering becoming a Parish Affiliate and look forward to working with you! The following is a brief description of what affiliation means and how to go about it.

The AAC was conceived to be a community of faith uniting bishops, churches, ministries, and individuals within the Episcopal Church who affirm a common understanding of the traditional biblical and catholic faith. While *membership* is on an individual basis, we recognize the parish as the basic unit of the Church and the front line for mission. Therefore, *Parish Affiliation* is the basis of our effectiveness.

Through our website and Parish locator, AAC affiliation provides a way for your church to identify itself as holding and teaching what the Church has always held and taught. It is also a way to disassociate from the teachings of Episcopal leaders who have rejected biblical orthodoxy. Affiliation will enable orthodox Anglicans to find your church and worship with you.

AAC affiliation also links churches and individuals together to share resources and strategies for becoming more effective in fulfilling the church's mission: sharing Christ's revealed truth with unbelievers, making disciples, and inviting them into an orthodox Anglican church, whether Episcopal or otherwise. Through multiple copies of our bi-monthly Encompass magazine, you and your parish will be linked with mainstream Anglicans around the globe who proclaim the same Gospel. Please understand the Affiliation Agreement and the Parish Covenant is a voluntary association. We hold up this covenant as a list of goals and intentions. We are in no way intending to set up a hierarchy to enforce compliance any more than our statement of faith, *A Place to Stand: A Call to Mission*, is intended as a litmus test for Anglican Orthodoxy.

If you choose to affiliate, we ask that your church affirm the statement of faith and adopt the covenant as part of your mission statement. Membership has both privileges and responsibilities. We therefore encourage you to include the AAC as a line item in your budget, or by a special offering, for an amount that is significant for your church. We also ask affiliated churches to encourage their parishioners to become individual members of the AAC.

As a new parish affiliate you will receive a Parish Affiliation Agreement suitable for framing. In addition, we will send you an outdoor AAC logo sign to be displayed on your exterior signage. AAC logos are available for use on your website and printed materials.

Thank you for your interest in joining us at this unprecedented time in the history of the Anglicanism in North America and the world. We are grateful to God for your faithfulness and witness to the community of believers.

Faithfully,

The Right Rev. David C. Anderson  
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