

Anglican Communion Schools Network (ACSN)

Vision and purpose of the Network

The Anglican Communion Schools Network (ACSN) was established in 2024 to support those who lead and promote school education for children and young people up to 18 years of age across the global Anglican Communion. The Network provides a platform for school and system leaders to collaborate, share resources, and reflect on the mission of Anglican education in a rapidly changing world.

The vision of ACSN is to strengthen Anglican school education globally by sharing experiences, insights, and models of best practice across diverse educational, cultural and national contexts. Through the Network, members explore both opportunities and challenges related to delivering education anchored in Anglican tradition, committed to formation, justice, and holistic student development.

Network Composition

The ACSN is chaired by The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO DD (Archbishop of Perth) and convened by The Reverend Peter Lawrence OAM, with support from a Steering Group of Anglican system leaders. The Group brings together representatives from a diverse range of Provinces, cultures and education systems, reflecting the international scope of Anglican schooling.

The Steering Group generally meets online every two months to plan and progress the mission of the Network.

Steering Group Members:

Chair: The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO DD

The Anglican Church of Australia: The Reverend Peter Lawrence OAM (**Convenor**)

The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria: Madlaine Sonstanees

The Anglican Church of Burundi: The Revd Dr Pascal Bigirimana

The Church of England: Andy Wolfe

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui: Peter Kwok

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico: The Revd Belina Carranza

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa: The Revd Jaques Pretorius

The Episcopal Church: The Revd Dr David Madison

The Church of the Province of West Africa: Mr David Akomeah Asokwah

The Church in the Province of the West Indies: Mr Peter Thomas

Other Network Members:

The Church of Bangladesh: Monita Mankhin

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil: The Revd Bruno Almeida

The Anglican Church of Canada: The Revd Craig Luccock

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America: Roger Pennant Grant

The Church of Ireland: Dr Ken Fennelly

The Church of the Province of Myanmar: Canon Dr Paul Mtiny Htet Htin Ya

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines: Dr Cleofe P. Kollin

Aims of the work

The ACSN focuses on the following priority areas:

- **Strengthening Anglican Identity in Education**
 - Supporting schools to articulate and live out a distinctly Anglican identity that shapes culture, curriculum, leadership and formation.
- **Sharing Resources and Professional Learning**
 - Providing opportunities for leaders to learn from one another through webinars, gatherings, written resources and ongoing exchanges.
- **Championing Education as Mission**
 - Encouraging schools to understand their role as expressions of the Church's mission, forming students who are compassionate, thoughtful, and equipped to contribute to their community.
- **Deepening Connections with Other Networks**
 - Strengthening connections with other Anglican networks, particularly the Anglican Indigenous Network, for shared learning, cultural understanding and reconciliation efforts.
- **Building Global Relationships**
 - Building partnerships, conversations and shared learning between Provinces with diverse educational, cultural and socioeconomic contexts.

Update on key activities

The 19th in person meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council – 2026
This document is released to aid ACC Members in their preparation for ACC. The contents are pending discussion and agreement by ACC Members at ACC-19.
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Most Recent Activity:

Webinar: *Education as Mission* (June 2025) Contributors explored how Anglican schools embody the mission of the Church by nurturing students academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

The session highlighted:

- the importance of Anglican values in shaping school communities;
- stories of mission-oriented leadership;
- examples of chaplaincy and pastoral practice; and
- approaches to engaging meaningfully with local contexts and global challenges.

Past Activities:

Webinar: *Chaplaincy in and for Schools* (September 2024) A webinar exploring the impact, roles and models of chaplaincy within Anglican schools.

Webinar: *Inaugural Online Meeting* (May 2024) A webinar introducing the Anglican Communion Schools Network, exploring how Anglican Identity can shape thriving school communities, the current needs and opportunities in Anglican education, the Network's vision and purpose, and the hopes of the Steering Group.

Hosted by The Most Reverend Dr Kay Goldsworthy, The Reverend Peter Laurence OAM, The Reverend Nigel Genders, CBE and The Reverend David A Madison, D.Min.

Planned Activities:

First In-Person Symposium: London (30 September-2 October 2026)

The Network will convene its inaugural in-person Symposium in London. This event will:

- deepen relationships across Provinces;
- explore key themes such as Anglican Identity in education;
- initiate collaborative projects; and
- help shape a long-term strategy for the Network.

Key outcomes

The ACSN is celebrating several achievements:

- Growing global participation: Increased engagement across a wide and diverse range of Provinces.

- A shared faith framework: Enhanced clarity around the integral role of Anglican schools as expressions of the Church's mission.
- New and strengthened diverse relationships: Building trusting, cross-Communion partnerships that reflect the diversity of the Anglican Communion and strengthen mutual support and collaboration.
- Resource and practice sharing: Expanded opportunities for exchanging knowledge, experience and practical insights.
- Momentum toward an enduring structure: The Network is moving from exploratory conversations to a more formalised and sustainable operating rhythm.

Looking ahead

Over the coming three years, the ACSN aims to:

1. Establish regular professional learning and networking offerings
Including opportunities for in-person and online gatherings.
2. Strengthen provincial participation
Support Provinces not currently represented to join the Network and contribute to the global conversation, further broadening the cultural and contextual diversity of the ACSN.
3. Promote a global narrative of Anglican education
Articulate a clear identity and mission story that resonates across cultural and national contexts.

Draft Resolution for ACC-19

That this ACC-19:

1. Recognises the early initiatives of the Anglican Communion Schools Network since its establishment at ACC-18;
2. Celebrates the diversity of members from Provinces across the Communion;
3. Commends the ACSN Steering Group in organising the first in-person symposium for members across the Communion later this year, to be held in London;
4. Encourages all representatives at ACC-19 to support ACSN by praying for its work and exhort those who lead schools and education in their Provinces to attend ACSN in-person and online gatherings; and

5. Commits to praying for the ministry of Anglican schools around the world, that they may be places of learning where the gospel is proclaimed and all are welcome.