

# The Anglican Centre in Rome

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## OUR MISSION

The Anglican Centre in Rome promotes Christian unity in a divided world.

It is a permanent Anglican Communion presence in Rome.

Its Director is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See.

It exercises a ministry of hospitality and prayer, and provides educational opportunities and resources.

## A Five Year Plan up to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016

The following has been identified by the Governors as the work on which the Centre should focus in the coming period.

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#### Being a presence in Rome

- Being the symbol and embodiment of the Anglican Communion's commitment to the vision of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.
- Through the Director of the Centre, maintaining a representative presence of the Anglican Communion and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

#### Promoting the newest ideas and most helpful developments in Anglican – Roman Catholic relations, both in Rome and across the world

- Supporting ARCIC, IARCCUM, the national Anglican-Roman Catholic Commissions and other ecumenical networks and institutions.
- Offering Receptive Ecumenism courses and colloquia that use comparative theological, sociological, business, anthropological, philosophical teachings and practices to learn from each other.
- Developing colloquia that explore Anglican understandings of Catholicism, and Catholic understandings of Anglicanism.
- Distributing these courses, practices, model relationships, liturgies, and study guides around the world.

#### Collaborating and brokering

The Anglican Centre will use its close, rebuilt friendships to serve the Communion by:

- Brokering joint endeavours, including study and practical mission projects.
- Building effective structures for common action.
- Being a focal point for facilitating Anglican collaboration with the offices of the Vatican, especially the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

#### Continuing to be a place of worship, hospitality, and education for everyone, by:

- Sponsoring courses and help for pilgrims and course takers.
- Welcoming and supporting pilgrims and travellers with advice on accommodation, restaurants, shopping, bus routes, papal events, etc..
- Offering a quiet place of spiritual and intellectual renewal for sabbaticals, meetings, and study.

#### Communicating fresh ideas, best practices, and stories about the varied and rich daily life at the Anglican Centre in Rome

- Reporting systematically to the Anglican Communion, especially to the primates and targeted leaders, to tell the stories of what *we are doing to promote unity in a divided world*, and what we can be doing for them, in Rome and at home.

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