



# Anglican Diocese of All Nations

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A Welcome Letter to Trinity Anglican Church, Lafayette, LA.

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The Rector, Vestry & Members  
Trinity Anglican Church  
3001 Verot School Rd  
Lafayette, LA 70508

Dear Clergy, Vestry, and Members of Trinity Anglican Church,

*"The good news of the unsearchable riches of Christ which Paul preached is that he died and rose again not only to save sinners like me (though he did), but also to create a single new humanity; not only to redeem us from sin but also to adopt us into God's family; not only to reconcile us to God but also to reconcile us to one another. Thus the church is an integral part of the gospel. The gospel is good news of a new society as well as of a new life." - Dr John Stott.*

May grace and peace from God our Father be with you all through Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is with much enthusiasm and joy that I welcome you all and your Rector, The Rev'd Dr Peter Johnston, a scholar of fine repute and ability, into the Anglican Diocese of All Nations(ACNA). I realize a lot has happened at your church in the past few months causing some measure of emotional, spiritual, and relational discombobulation. By the grace of God, there will be healing, restoration, and peace. Pray for and reach out to your Rector and his family as well as the other members of staff. I implore all of you to pray for one another, be patient with one another, and reach out to one another including those who feel they are outside the fold at this time. They are your brothers and sisters in Christ, so I encourage you to please reach out to them, invite them back to the church, and make them welcome at Trinity.

As a Diocese we are biblically-driven and Christ-centered in what we do and how we relate to one another. We value relationships across all races and tribes in a way that is deeply rooted in the gospel and marked by godliness of life. As Charles H Spurgeon rightly put it *"Wherever real Christians might be, whatever the color of their skin, we are all one in Christ Jesus."* By the grace of God we have been in the business of believing, proclaiming, and following Christ be-

cause God our Father has called us to be disciples of Christ and to make disciples of all Nations for Christ trusting Him to make everyone of us faithful, loving, and joyful worshippers of the divine Trinity in time and for eternity to his glory alone.

In the providence of God, we will work together to fulfill the purpose of God for us as we make more disciples for Christ in your area and grow together into the full stature of Christ. I believe that this will be a happy union in the gospel for the spread of the gospel of Christ to the glory of God alone.

I shall be sharing the news of your joining our Diocese and partnership in the gospel of Christ with the Diocese on Monday.

My wife and I look forward to visiting you at Trinity Anglican Church in January 2024 to worship with you and to give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for the many blessings God has graciously granted us all in Christ. We are praying for you. Pray for us as well.

Please find attached your certificate of membership in the Diocese of All Nations, Anglican Church in North America(ACNA).

Once again, welcome to the Diocese of All Nations.

Let us pray:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

May the Lord richly bless you. I wish you a Holy and Blessed Advent.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John", written in a cursive style.

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"We are justified by faith alone, but not by a faith that is alone. True faith always yields the fruit of obedience to one degree or another."

- Dr. R. C. Sproul