Heeding the Call

Mission:
To reach all of North America with the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

Vision:
To attract and equip a rising generation of believing leaders in an ancient-future 21st Century Anglican Church.

Challenge:
To raise up 1,000 new churches in 5 years.

Answer:
The Anglican Ministry House Project.

Our Lord’s two Greatest Commandments and the Great Commission teach us that our work and life together are centered on relationships. Anglican Ministry Houses provide a training ground for holy relationships. By residing in and serving the neighborhoods of new Anglican churches, Anglican Ministry House members learn to live together in love, so that in turn, they may bring God’s love to the world through outreach, evangelism and service.

Anglican Ministry Houses are places of hospitality, servanthood and joy, where dedicated missionaries grow in their relationship with God and one another as they work to see lives in North America transformed by the love of Christ.
About Anglican Ministry Houses

What is an Anglican Ministry House?
An Anglican Ministry House is an intentional community of Christ followers who live for a year or more in mutual accountability, under the authority of the local priest and bishop.

An Anglican Ministry House is not a religious order. Rather, it is a gathering of Anglican Christians at various places on the road to holiness who are committed to spiritual growth, the development of ministry skills, and participation in the mission and ministry of a local church plant or restart.

The Three-Point Covenant
Once selected, members are required to enter into a Three-Point Covenant. This covenant is designed to produce a fruitful harvest from the good soil of the lives of each household member — i.e., “to make disciples who make disciples, who plant churches who plant churches” as stated in the declaration of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). As such, Anglican Ministry House members covenant to:

1. Serve the gospel ministry of a local church or restart.
2. Grow in ministry skills and train others in those same skills.
3. Further develop personal character and confidence in the Lord as life-long servants of Christ, following the Anglican Way.

Who lives in a Ministry House?
House members are adult Christians, age 20 or older, who have been confirmed or received by the ACNA or those seriously exploring Anglicanism and willing to submit themselves to Anglican doctrine, discipline and worship. These members may be committed lay people, single, married, retired, college students, or seminarians, with or without children.

What can an Anglican Ministry House do for my church?
Through hospitality, ministry, evangelism and discipleship, Anglican Ministry House members serve the immediate needs of new churches, helping them to establish lasting, effective neighborhood ministries.

What are the costs involved?
Because each house member is responsible for his or her own fund raising, Ministry House services are free for the local church.

Priests participate in the prayerful searching and identification of suitable housing within targeted neighborhoods according to the church’s mission priorities. Priests also attend monthly house meetings to determine the best use of each member’s gifts and calling in serving the church and community.

How can I become a Ministry House resident?
Membership in Anglican Ministry Houses is selected through a formal, written application process followed by interviews with the local priest, ministry house leader and other ministry house members.

How can I help financially?
Anglican Ministry Houses rely on the generosity of donors who are led to support the mission. Please make checks payable to The Anglican Diocese in New England with “Ministry House” in the memo line. Donations are tax-deductible.

Contact Us!
To request applications or make a donation, or for more information on Ministry Houses and the Three-Point Covenant, please write to:

Anglican Diocese in New England
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You may also visit www.anglicandiocesene.org or call (978) 388-0009 for more information.

Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to support this new outreach for the furtherance of His kingdom.

Partnering with you in His service
And under His mercy,
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