



Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd (South Asian) Calgary

Church Plant Profile

The Community We Serve

1. The city of Calgary

Calgary is the largest city in the province of Alberta, Canada. It is situated in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies, transitioning to the Canadian Prairies to the east. Calgary is the leader in the oil and gas industry in the country and has a relatively strong job market in Alberta.

2. Demographics

In the Statistics Canada 2011 Census, the city of Calgary had a population of 1,096,833. The median age was 36.4 years. As of 2006 Census, Calgary ranked third in proportion of visible minority population, behind Toronto and Vancouver. There were more than 200 different ethnic groups in Calgary. The largest group was Chinese while South Asians (mainly from India and Pakistan) made up the second largest group.

The Church Plant

1. Our vision is to reach out to Christians who speak Punjabi, Urdu and Hindi:

During the last fifty years, a large number of Punjabi, Urdu and Hindi speaking people have migrated to North America from various parts of India and Pakistan. The majority miss the cultural and religious customs, to worship the Lord in our language and sing geet (hymns) and zaboors (psalms) which give us spiritual nourishment in our cultural tradition. Since most of us have come from Anglican background, we long to be part of an Anglican diocese in order to upkeep our faith of what we have learned from our Church.

2. The Committee was elected on May 25, 2013:

Mr. Rajiv Singh (Rector's Warden), Mr. Vikas Augustine (People's Warden), and Mr. Roshan Masih (Treasurer).

3. About the Asian and Multicultural Ministries in Canada (AMMiC), the Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC) and the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA):

The Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd (South Asian) Calgary is a church plant in the nation-wide Diocese of the Anglican Network in Canada, under the immediate oversight of the Right Reverend Stephen Leung of the missionary Asian and Multicultural Ministries of ANiC. ANiC is a diocese in the Province of the Anglican Church in North America, which is in communion with many Anglican Provinces in the worldwide Anglican Communion. More details can be found on their respective web sites: www.ammic.ca, www.anglicannetwork.ca, and www.anglicanchurch.net.



Search for a Priest-in-charge

1. Qualifications and Experiences
 - a. He/she must be an Anglican ordained clergy with pastoral experience.
 - b. He/she must have an understanding of and a firm stance in the Anglican Church in North America's faith and worship.
 - c. He/she must be fluent in Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English.
 - d. He/she must be supportive of multilingual (Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English) and intergenerational setting.
 - e. Preference would be given to those:
 - i. who have gifts and pastoral experience in first generation immigrants and young adult ministries; and
 - ii. who have acquaintance with both South Asian and North American cultures.
2. Duties and Responsibilities
 - a. Giving major attention to the ministry of evangelism with numerical growth of the church-plant;
 - b. Being responsible for church-plant ministry under the supervision of the Bishop of Asian and Multicultural Ministries ("the Bishop");
 - c. Doing outreach, evangelism, nurture and disciple the leaders of the church plant;
 - d. Being involved in teaching ministry including Christian initiation class, Bible studies and Christian education;
 - e. Being responsible for Sunday services, administering the Sacraments, officiating Holy Matrimonies and funerals;
 - f. Supervising the compilation of church bulletins, the development of liturgies and the compilation of the church's annual reports;
 - g. Fulfilling other duties as may be assigned by the Bishop.
3. Bishop's expectations of the Priest-in-charge
 - a. As clergy in the Diocese of the Anglican Network Church in Canada (ANiC) and the Province of Anglican Church in North America (ANCA), the Priest-in-charge is expected to give leadership in the development of the relationship between the church plant and ANiC Diocese & the ACNA Province; between the church plant and AMMiC, the multicultural missionary diocese-in-formation in ANiC, under whose immediate oversight the church plant is.
 - b. The Priest-in-charge is expected to actively take part in the Diocesan Synod, the Diocesan Clergy Retreat, and ministries in the deanery of multicultural missionary diocese-in-formation and through these involvements show the interdependent life of the body of Christ.
 - c. The Priest-in-charge is expected to be actively involved in self-planned continuing education program, in consultation with the Bishop to benefit from his/her study leave.
 - d. The Priest-in-charge is expected to maintain a vibrant spiritual life by taking personal retreat and AMMiC clergy gatherings for mutual encouragement.
 - e. The Priest-in-charge is expected to encourage the people to be actively involved in leadership responsibilities, in matters of finance and stewardship, Christian education and spiritual life, particularly in diocesan nurturing.
 - f. The Bishop gives pastoral care to all clergy. All clergy must be able to work collegially and give support to one another, regardless of gender, race, or social class so as to live out the unity in Christ.