

Connections

Have a question?

We are also pleased to answer questions from the media and ecumenical partners.

In order to answer questions the Library and Information Centre acquires, creates (in the case of electronic databases), catalogues and indexes a highly specialized resource collection of books, journals, clippings and photos.

In many cases our best resource is another General Synod staff person. When appropriate we refer people to other staff or program areas at the national or diocesan level.

Connecting individuals with the information they need is what we do. Our resources, energy and expertise are at your service. It's what we exist to do. It's what we love to do.

Just ASK!

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*"I really appreciate your
enthusiastic and prompt
assistance. Your ministry as
Librarian at Church House is a
blessing to our church!"*

— The Rev. Dr. Cathie Browning,
Diocese of Niagara

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Service

“The library is one of the absolutely unexpected joys of working at Church House.”

— Archbishop Michael Peers,
Former Primate

The Library and Information Centre at the national office exists to provide quick information, research and reference service to all levels of the Anglican Church. We serve General Synod staff and committee members but we are also there to assist any diocesan staff person, clergy, parish staff, theological student or individual with a question about the Anglican Church of Canada or the wider Anglican Communion.

Do you have a question? **JUST ASK!**

That is what we are here for. The Library answers an average of 2,600 questions every year.

What is the name and address of the Archbishop of Canterbury? What is the telephone number of the Anglican cathedral in St. John's,

Newfoundland? How many Anglicans are there in Canada? In what year were the first Anglican women ordained to the priesthood? What is the position of the Anglican Church of Canada on euthanasia [or gambling or genetically engineered food and many other subjects]? Does the Anglican Church of Canada allow the remarriage of divorced persons? How do I obtain a copy of my baptismal certificate?

“Very impressive service. Thank you very, very much.”

— The Rev. Dr. Ron Kydd,
Diocese of Toronto

Information

“You provide a service to the entire Communion.”

— The Rt. Rev. David Hamid,
Suffragan Bishop in Europe,
Church of England

Questions come in to us by e-mail, in-person, telephone and regular mail. Most of our enquiries come from Canada but others come from the United States and overseas.

The Library and Information Centre answers questions from all callers. Enquirers do not have to be Anglican to call us and indeed we are pleased to answer questions about the Anglican Church for anyone who is seeking information. Some are religious “seekers” looking for a church home in the Anglican Church – some for the first time, some after an absence of many years.

“You add the level of discernment that weeds out what we don't need – let Google try and do that!”

— Susie Henderson, PWRDF



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