



IAWN

International Anglican Women's Network

An Official Network of the Anglican Consultative Council

IAWN Mission

Our Mandate

The mandate of the International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN), as an official network of the Anglican Communion, is to report to the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) on women's concerns. It serves as the global voice of Anglican women and links Anglican women around the globe.

Our Vision

To be a bold and prophetic voice for Anglican women throughout the Anglican Communion and in the wider world.

Our Purpose

To enable and empower all women of the Anglican Communion to work cooperatively at national, provincial and communion-wide levels to strengthen the ministries of women in God's world and to ensure women are influential and equal participants throughout the entire Anglican Communion.

Our Objectives

- ♦ To uphold and live out God's mission for the Anglican Communion as expressed by the ACC in the Five Marks of Mission: to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; to teach, baptize and nurture new believers; to respond to human need by loving service; to seek to transform unjust structures of society; to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. We will do this with respect to the full participation of women, as well as women's rights and needs.
- ♦ To bring to the Anglican Consultative Council the perspectives of women and to raise issues that affect women and to communicate to women across the Communion news from their sisters; IAWN reports to the ACC will include reports from the provincial links and from multi-provincial organizations, including Mothers' Union, Girl Friendly Society, etc.
- ♦ To work with the Anglican Observer at the United Nations and implement initiatives that fulfil the UN Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA), the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and other initiatives of the United Nations and its specialized agencies for the benefit of women.
- ♦ To partner with the other networks of the Anglican Consultative Council;
- ♦ To ensure adequate resources for IAWN.

Organisational Structure

To assist IAWN achieve its purpose, the following structure shall exist:

- 1. Steering Group with a Coordinator.** The Steering Group shall comprise eight full members. Seven members of the Steering Group will be elected by the Provincial¹ Links and the current Steering Group members of the Network; the eighth member will be the world-wide President of the Mothers' Union or her representative. The members designate a Coordinator from amongst them. The group shall collectively reflect the diversities of age, ethnicity, clerical status, provincial context and professional and life experiences needed to embrace and advance all women's interests.

The Focal Point for women designated by the ACC Standing Committee and the Anglican Observer at the United Nations shall have ex-officio status. From time to time additional members with specific and necessary expertise may be co-opted.

The Steering Group, in response to issues raised throughout the Anglican Communion, shall identify, prioritise and promote the key issues for the Network. It shall ensure prompt and appropriate follow-up to ACC actions and resolutions and timely reporting to the ACC.

The term of office shall be three years, with the possibility of being re-elected for a second term. No member may serve more than six consecutive years. At the end of the first three-year period up to 50% of the initial Steering Group shall be eligible for re-election.
- 2. Patron and Advisors.** The Steering Group may designate a patron. They may invite individuals to serve as advisors for their expertise and capacity to support and assist the work of IAWN.
- 3. Provincial Links.** The Primate of each Province shall appoint an official link person who will be the IAWN Provincial Link. Each Provincial Link shall be the liaison between the Steering Group and the women in her province. The Provincial Link shall ensure that the successes, challenges and concerns of Anglican women within provinces are brought to the attention of the Steering Group and that provincial reports are prepared for the Steering Group. A national and or diocesan network will be organized by each province.
- 4. All women.** All women of the Anglican Communion are invited to voice their concerns and become active in promoting the work of the IAWN.
- 5. Secretariat.** A secretariat, working with the Coordinator of the Steering Group, shall assist with administrative matters, including financial management, fundraising, publicity and communication on behalf of IAWN.

¹ Refers to Provinces of the Anglican Communion