

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada)

Parish Prayer Contact Guidelines

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Overview

The primary role of the Parish Contact is to support the role of prayer in the parish. This is normally done by sharing information about prayer resources and events with members of the parish.

Receive and Share Information

- *Seek* hard copy and electronic resources about the many aspects of prayer that may be useful in encouraging prayer by members of your parish.
- *Advertise* Prayer and Spirituality events by posting them on your church's bulletin board, in the weekly service bulletin, parish newsletter, and parish or Diocesan website.
- *Keep* things up to date.

Contacts

- *Keep* a list of contacts in your parish who are either already a part of the prayer ministry in your parish or who might help you with your ministry (e.g. prayer group members, prayer chain members; Intercessors etc.)
- Keep a list of contacts beyond your parish who have been helpful or a source of resources and assistance.

Team approach

- *Team* up with others in your parish.
- *Choose* one or more co-worker(s) with whom to share this ministry.

Communicate

- *Keep in touch* with the AFP Diocesan Contact (DC)
- *Receive* information, resources and help from the DC, the AFP Website (www.anglicanprayer.org), and/or members of the National AFP Executive.
- *Provide* information to *the* DC and others about prayer activities in your parish, and ideas and experience(s) you have.

Work with parish clergy

- *Pray* together.
- *Review* these AFP Parish Prayer Contact guidelines with your incumbent.
- *Ask* that your ministry be commissioned at the Sunday

worship service.

- **Prayerfully** consider ideas for prayer and spirituality events.
- **Establish** goals and set dates for these events for the parish or a cluster of parishes.
- **Ask** for, and note, *suggestions*.

Discern what would be helpful

- **Offer resource material:** received at training and enrichment days; from your own prayer experience; available through your Diocesan or Deanery Contact.
- **Encourage** the value of a personal and corporate prayer life.
- **Initiate** opportunities for Prayer events, in consultation with your clergy.
- **Invite** others to get *involved*.

Prayer Contact Resources

- **It is helpful** to keep a notebook or files in which to keep the following: Good prayer material and resources; Lists of Book Stores & Retreat Centers; Spiritual Directors and speakers on prayer; and Evaluations of events.
- **You might** want to keep a journal to record prayer activities, events, meetings etc.

Training and Enrichment

- **It will** be to the benefit of your ministry that you and your co-worker(s) attend any events that are offered in your Diocese or beyond in the wider church.

Membership in AFP

- **We encourage** each Prayer Contact to become a member of AFP Canada.
- **There is no fee** to become a member. In addition to an annual request for financial support, we welcome donations throughout the year.
- **Members** of AFP receive the AFP Canada Newsletter and other news, either in hard copy or electronic format. Electronic format saves printing and mailing expenses, and it also allows you to send it out to many members of your parish at no cost.

- ***One becomes a member*** by contacting the AFP Membership Coordinator and giving contact information. For electronic distribution only, name and e-mail address are needed. For hard copy distribution, name and address including your postal code are needed.
- ***We encourage*** each Parish and Congregation to belong to AFP. There is no fee for being a member of AFP, and membership by a parish means that *newsletters* and information will get to the church office and clergy as well as to you.

Contact Your Diocesan or Deanery Contact:

- ***If you wish help*** in your ministry of prayer.
- ***If you change*** your address, telephone number or Email address.
- ***If you retire or resign*** from this ministry - Prayerfully suggest the name of a successor in consultation with your Rector and pass on your files to your successor.

A PRAYER FOR THE PARISH

Gracious God, bestow upon our parish the rich blessings of your loving kindness; that we may prove ourselves a people of your favour and glad to do your will. Make us alive to all the opportunities and responsibilities of our time. Keep us open to all who need our love and fellowship and inspire us with a vision of a world won for Jesus our Lord.

More information about AFP and its resources can be found on our website: www.anglicanprayer.org. The website contains the contact information for the National Director and members of the Executive Committee on the "Contact AFP" page.

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