

# Anglican 101

Session 6: The Growth of the Anglican Church

# GROWTH OF TEC

- Remains small until 1880's
  - Oxford Movement and Catholic revival
  - Bishop Hobart of New York
    - High churchman
    - Doubled Diocese in 20 years
  - Bishop Jackson Kemper
  - Missionary efforts
- Episcopal Church grew after WWII
  - 3.4 M members in 1960
  - 1.8 M today



# THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

- 18<sup>th</sup> C expansion of British Empire
- America first established colony
  - American episcopate launches the Communion
- Crown appoints colonial bishops
- 38 Provinces worldwide



# PROVINCES OF THE AC

- Each has its own Primate
  - “primus inter pares” – first among equals
- In Communion with Abp. Of Canterbury
- Third largest denomination
  - Roman - 2.2 Billion
  - Orthodox - 210 Million
  - Anglican - 82 Million
- Average Anglican is black, Southern and female



# LAMBETH CONFERENCE

- Held every 10 years at invitation of ++Cantuar
  - Search for authority
- Resolution 11 or 1978
  - “No individual Province should take action on major issues without first consulting Lambeth Conference or Primates meeting”



# CHICAGO – LAMBETH QUADRILATERAL (1888)

1. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the revealed Word of God.
2. The Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian Faith.
3. The two Sacraments — Baptism and the Supper of the Lord — ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution and of the elements ordained by Him.
4. The Historic Episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of His Church



# LAMBETH CONFERENCE 1867

- First Conference in 1867
  - 75 Bishops Present



# LAMBETH CONFERENCE 2008

- Fourteenth Conference in 2008
  - 760 Bishops Present
  - 1000% growth in 140 years
  - 2020 over 900 Bishops invited









# ENGLISH CHURCH

- Returned to practice of the undivided Church
- The Vincentian Canon 455 A.D.
  - “the holy Scriptures are the final authority in questions relating to catholic truth, the Church being the interpreter of those Scriptures in the sense in which the Fathers understood them”



# HOOKERS THREE LEGGED STOOL(?)

- How we arrive at truth
  - Scripture
    - Plain meaning
  - Tradition
    - How has the church understood it
  - Reason
    - How do we reasonably apply
- Hookers' three knotted cord
  - With Scripture as primary



# SACRAMENT

- Definition “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace”
  - They are real means of grace
- Validity
  - How does the Church recognize that a sacrament will do what it claims
    - Form – church’s procedure
    - Matter – what is the “stuff” used
    - Intention – what is the intention of the rite



# THE SACRAMENTS (CONT'D)

- **Baptism**
- **Holy Eucharist**
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- Confirmation
- Penance / Reconciliation
- Holy Orders
- Anointing of the sick
- Marriage



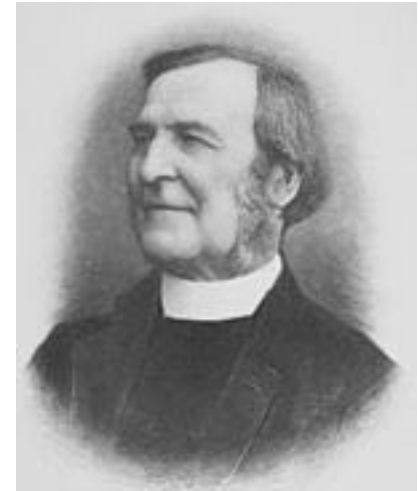
# ANGLICAN ORDERS

- Abp. Parker in 1559
  - Orders flow from him
- Apostolice Curae, Sept 15, 1896
  - Anglican orders “absolutely null and utterly void”
- Based on defect of form and intention in 1552 ordinal
  - 1552 – “take the holy ghost..”
  - 1662 – “take the holy ghost for the office and work of a priest”



# SAEPIUS OFFICIO (1897)

- Not an official Lambeth statement
- Abp Frederick Temple
  - Ordinations were biblically valid
    - Intention was stated by the rite
  - Following an ancient form
    - If Anglican orders were invalid, so were Rome's (!)
  - Orthodox and Old Catholic lines





# CARDINAL BASIL HUME

- Apostolicae Curae  
only relates to 1896
- Situation has changed with Old Catholic and Orthodox orders
- Further complications
  - Ordination of women
  - Communion with Lutherans
- The Ordinariate?



# PARTING THOUGHTS

- Anglicanism is both Catholic and Protestant
  - Catholic order
  - Protestant reliance on Primacy of Scripture
- Reformed or Primitive Catholicism
  - Before the Great Schism
- Messy

