



ACTS Year 2
Anglican Catechist Training School
Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
DUE August 19, 2024



Application Requirements:

1. Discern with the priest (or the deacon in charge of your congregation) what you are called to do in support of your clergy and/or how ACTS 2 will help you prepare for Holy Orders.
2. Meet with the vestry to discern the call to ministry as a Licensed Lay Pastoral Catechist. (This may not be required. It depends on the priest.)
3. Completed the Application and send it to Cn. Elizabeth by August 19, 2024.
4. Have your priest (or deacon in charge) complete the Clergy Recommendation Form and send it to Cn. Elizabeth—Due the same date this application is due.

FULL NAME: _____

Address: _____
Street Address (P.O. Box) City State Zip Code

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Date of Birth _____

As a licensed catechist, how are you currently serving in your congregation? _____

Have you met to discern your call to ministry (catechetical/pastoral/church planting/Holy Orders, etc.) with your priest? If so, when was this meeting? _____

Have you met to discern your call to ministry (catechetical/pastoral/church planting/Holy Orders, etc.) with your congregation's vestry? If so, when was this meeting? _____

In addition to catechism, to what other ministries do you feel called? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ **Lay pastoral ministry** (taking the eucharist to shut-ins, preaching, teaching, serving as a lay reader (leading the Daily Office), heading up prayer ministry, etc.)
- ☐ **Church Planting**—being part of a team that starts a church under the direction of a priest.
- ☐ Prepare for **Holy Orders**
- ☐ **Lay Evangelist**

Answer the following questions in a separate document and attach to this application. (You can use a Word doc or Google doc, but please submit it electronically.)

1. After having completed year 1 of ACTS, what have you discovered are your ministry strengths and passions?
2. What is your understanding of the differences between year 1 and year 2 of ACTS training, and how will Year 2 help prepare and equip you for the ministry you are pursuing?

_____I have read and give my assent to the [Jerusalem Declaration](#) (at the link or below).

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed application including clergy recommendation (sent by one's clergy) no later than August 19, 2024! Applications and clergy references should be emailed to Cn. Elizabeth at eaconkle.acts@gmail.com.

Cn Elizabeth Conkle, ACTS, 5455 N. Marty Ave. #119, Fresno, CA 93711; 559-455-7346

THE JERUSALEM STATEMENT

Created in 2008 in Jerusalem at the first GAFCON gathering.

In the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit:

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, have met in the land of Jesus' birth. We express our loyalty as disciples to the King of kings, the Lord Jesus. We joyfully embrace his command to proclaim the reality of his kingdom which he first announced in this land. The gospel of the kingdom is the good news of salvation, liberation and transformation for all. In light of the above, we agree to chart a way forward together that promotes and protects the biblical gospel and mission to the world, solemnly declaring the following tenets of orthodoxy which underpin our Anglican identity.

1. We rejoice in the gospel of God through which we have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Because God first loved us, we love him and as believers bring forth fruits of love, ongoing repentance, lively hope and thanksgiving to God in all things.
2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God written and to contain all things necessary for salvation. The Bible is to be translated, read, preached, taught and obeyed in its plain and canonical sense, respectful of the church's historic and consensual reading.
3. We uphold the four Ecumenical Councils and the three historic Creeds as expressing the rule of faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

4. We uphold the Thirty-nine Articles as containing the true doctrine of the Church agreeing with God's Word and as authoritative for Anglicans today.
5. We gladly proclaim and submit to the unique and universal Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, humanity's only Saviour from sin, judgement and hell, who lived the life we could not live and died the death that we deserve. By his atoning death and glorious resurrection, he secured the redemption of all who come to him in repentance and faith.
6. We rejoice in our Anglican sacramental and liturgical heritage as an expression of the gospel, and we uphold the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a true and authoritative standard of worship and prayer, to be translated and locally adapted for each culture.
7. We recognise that God has called and gifted bishops, priests and deacons in historic succession to equip all the people of God for their ministry in the world. We uphold the classic Anglican Ordinal as an authoritative standard of clerical orders.
8. We acknowledge God's creation of humankind as male and female and the unchangeable standard of Christian marriage between one man and one woman as the proper place for sexual intimacy and the basis of the family. We repent of our failures to maintain this standard and call for a renewed commitment to lifelong fidelity in marriage and abstinence for those who are not married.
9. We gladly accept the Great Commission of the risen Lord to make disciples of all nations, to seek those who do not know Christ and to baptise, teach and bring new believers to maturity.
10. We are mindful of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, to uphold and advocate justice in society, and to seek relief and empowerment of the poor and needy.
11. We are committed to the unity of all those who know and love Christ and to building authentic ecumenical relationships. We recognise the orders and jurisdiction of those Anglicans who uphold orthodox faith and practice, and we encourage them to join us in this declaration.
12. We celebrate the God-given diversity among us which enriches our global fellowship, and we acknowledge freedom in secondary matters. We pledge to work together to seek the mind of Christ on issues that divide us.
13. We reject the authority of those churches and leaders who have denied the orthodox faith in word or deed. We pray for them and call on them to repent and return to the Lord.
14. We rejoice at the prospect of Jesus' coming again in glory, and while we await this final event of history, we praise him for the way he builds up his church through his Spirit by miraculously changing lives.