

WELCOME TO **USPG**

An introduction to who
we are & what we do

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WELCOME



Welcome and thank you for your interest in the work of USPG – United Society Partners in the Gospel. Founded in 1701, we are the Anglican mission agency that partners churches and communities worldwide in God’s mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice.

Environmental degradation. Turbulent global politics. Gender injustice. The desperate flight of migrants. Forced displacement of people at record levels. USPG believes today’s major challenges cry out for words and actions that express a love and solidarity that goes beyond narrow self-interest and national boundaries.

We believe the churches of the Anglican Communion are called in mission to be communities of resistance and hope, following the teaching of Jesus Christ and witnessing to the healing power of his love. At USPG we seek to encourage and accompany local churches in their work as they seek to bring about transformation in the lives of our sisters and brothers across the globe. We invite you to join us on that journey.

Whether you come to USPG as a church leader, a member of a congregation or as an inquiring individual, we would be delighted to hear from and engage with you. There are many ways you can be involved in our mission; please read on to find out more.

Yours in Christ,

The Revd Duncan Dormor
USPG General Secretary

Cover: Woman decorating church with flowers before service, All Saints Church, Nacala, Mozambique.
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Woman speaking at a meeting of self-help groups, Jui and Tagar (both types of flowers), in the village of Kalinagar, Diocese of Kolkata, Church of North India.

HOW WE WORK

Rethinking Mission

We bring people together from different parts of the global church in mutually enriching conversation and profound encounters, to deepen faith in Jesus Christ and our discipleship as inter-cultural Christians.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God.

Romans 12:2

Energising Church and Community

We make connections between the churches of the Anglican Communion to deepen bonds of affection and learn from each other in rich exchange. We promote education and leadership and strengthen the unity and capacity of the Anglican Church.

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

Championing Justice

We accompany Anglican churches across the world as they form communities of hope and resistance in the struggle against injustices associated with climate change, migration, gender, the human rights of indigenous people and inter-religious living.

But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Matthew 6:33



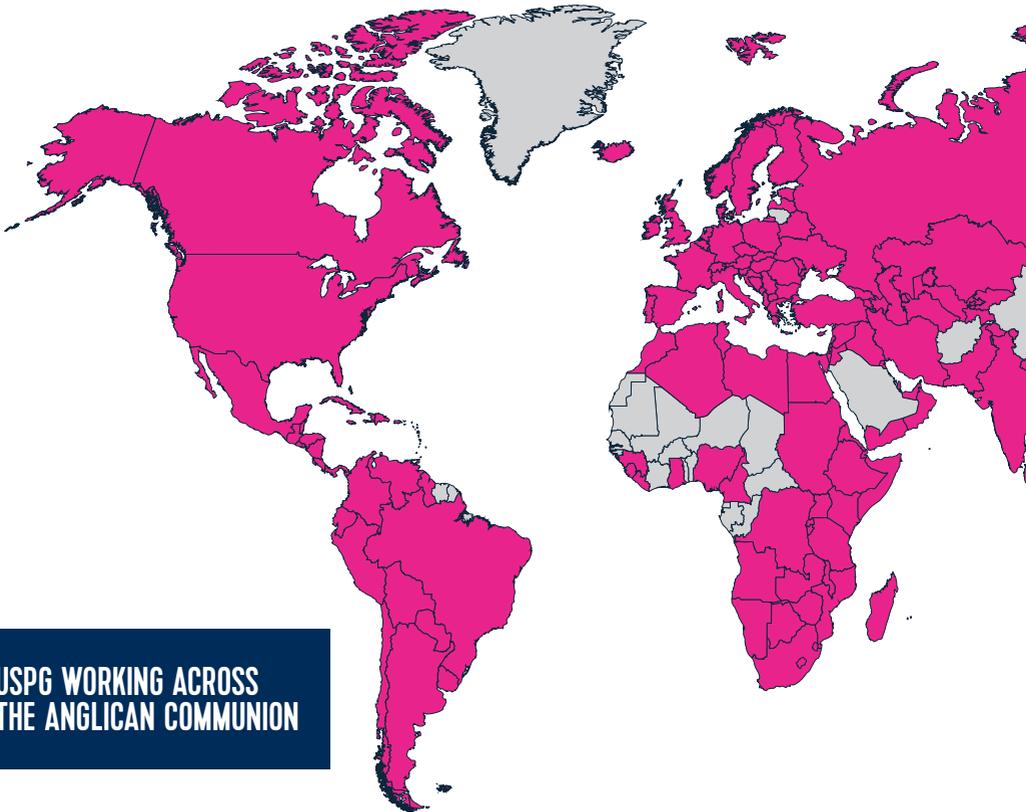
WHAT WE DO

USPG has long established relationships with churches in over fifty countries. We work always and only in partnership with the churches of the Anglican Communion.

Our priorities in mission are those of our sisters and brothers across the world serving God and their communities in a wide range of different contexts and cultures. These

priorities are shaped by international consultations held every three years.

The work is very wide-ranging and changes over time. However there are many common themes like theological education, leadership development and advocacy; as well as meeting the challenges of climate justice, migration, gender-based violence and discrimination against minority groups.



**USPG WORKING ACROSS
THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION**

In responding to the mission priorities of churches, we are evolving creative ways of working:

Exchanging Places

This programme facilitates the sending and receiving of mission personnel (clergy or lay) between some Anglican Provinces across the Communion.

Recent examples have included priests from Cape Coast, Ghana going to The Gambia or from Ho, Ghana to work with the Church in Tangiers, Morocco.



Policy, advocacy and research

USPG seeks to engage with influential policy forums, like platforms within the United Nations, through timely and innovative research (e.g. on the Sustainable Development Goals) and by deepening understanding of faith-based organizations.

In extending learning and solidarity across churches, many initiatives work across regions. These include:

Asian Theological Academy (ATA)

USPG supports clergy and grass-roots community leaders from Korea, Myanmar, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and the Philippines to come together to interrogate inherited thinking and develop theologies that come from Asian contexts, where Christians are often in a minority.

Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA)

CAPA unifies and strengthens the churches of 12 Anglican Provinces across 25 African countries. USPG supports the work of CAPA in leadership training, theological education and capacity building, empowering these churches to play an active part in struggles against injustice and violence and to be a strong voice in inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue.

COUNTRIES

Most of the work is undertaken directly by the churches responding to the key challenges they face. A small selection of examples includes:

Brazil Extending the internal mission of the Church in Brazil to the missionary district of the West where it serves the most marginalised, and supporting the Anglican mission to communities facing the challenges of crime and violence in the City of God, Rio de Janeiro.

India In the north, the provision of practical and legal assistance for survivors of rape and violence through the support of women's empowerment councils in Delhi; in the south, enhancing awareness of the issues of environmental pollution through the Green Schools Programme of the Church of South India, which supports students in their learning and promotion of greener solutions.

Malawi A national church programme benefitting communities in all four dioceses of Malawi with four main areas of focus: education for girls, protecting livelihoods, management of the environment, and hygiene and sanitation. In addition, there is an across-the-board focus on gender equality and issues relating to HIV and AIDS.

Philippines Enhancing the ability of the church to respond to the issues faced by the indigenous peoples of the Philippines. The development of a highly successful training process, the 'Givers to Receivers' programme in which communities identify and rely on their own strengths, skills and resources. Learning about this transition from dependency to self-reliance is now being shared with other churches in Asia.

Many churches in Britain and Ireland support the breadth of USPG's engagement with the world-wide Church. Some churches and individuals may wish to support the work of particular partner churches.

Opposite: Playing hopscotch at after girls club at Chintheche Msompa school, Malawi.
USPG/Carrie Myers



ENGAGING YOUR CHURCH

There are many ways to involve your church with the work of USPG.

Rethink Mission

We hold an annual Rethinking Mission Conference in the UK each March with speakers from around the world. In recent years these have looked at *Living in a Religiously Diverse World* (Birmingham 2018) and *Remembering History* which focused on the legacies of the Transatlantic Slave Trade (Liverpool 2019).

USPG Conference

Each year we gather for three days of fellowship, Bible study, prayer, discussion and workshops as we explore what it means to be part of the USPG global family. There is the opportunity to hear directly from world church partners and be inspired and challenged by what they are facing in their local context. For more information about our annual conference please visit our website www.uspg.org.uk/conference

Invite a USPG speaker

We would love to organise a volunteer speaker to come and visit your church, to inspire the congregation with stories of how our world church partners are living out the gospel in their local communities. Please email Gwen Mtambirwa at gwenm@uspg.org.uk or call 020 7921 2231.

Partners in Mission

Participate in the Partners in Mission scheme which provides opportunities for your church to engage with the work of one of our church partners around the world. For more information please visit our website www.uspg.org.uk/pim

Order our resources

We have a wealth of resources for churches to study and discuss together. Each year we produce a Bible Study Course, looking at different themes and issues facing the world church today. Please take a look on our website www.uspg.org.uk/resources to find out more.

Opposite: Father Chris Ablon, from the Philippines, talking about the struggles of indigenous peoples against the mining companies, on the USPG stall at Greenbelt.



SHORT-TERM PLACEMENTS

USPG has been arranging short-term placements with our partner churches around the world for over 50 years. These placements are a remarkable opportunity to experience first-hand the life and mission of the world church, while broadening your understanding of global issues.

Expanding Horizons

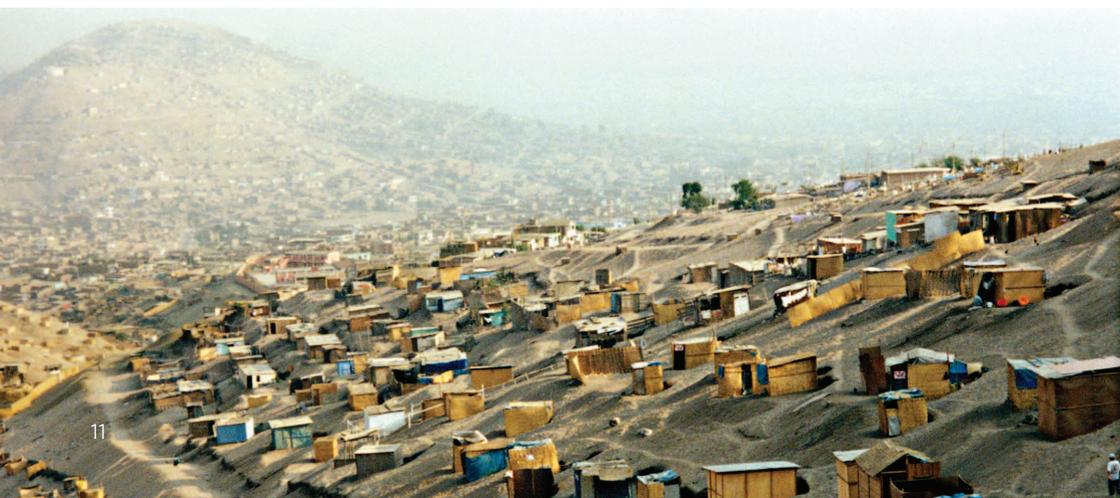
Expanding Horizons is for clergy or lay people wishing to spend a sabbatical overseas, ordinands planning an overseas placement, or church workers wanting to grow their understanding of the world church.

We offer a grant and, if required, can help arrange a placement for anything from one month to a year, anywhere in the world where we have links with an Anglican Church.

Journey With Us

Journey With Us is open to everyone aged 18+, irrespective of background or where you are on your faith journey. Placements of up to 18 months are a chance to have a life-changing experience in another culture, deepen your faith, and develop your gifts.

USPG provides support to volunteers through every step of the placement process, with training and preparation prior to travel, care while on placement, and debriefing on return.



WHY WOULD YOU GIVE TO USPG?

Because you believe...

In the global church

By supporting USPG through fundraising and donations you are supporting the mission of Anglican churches across the world witnessing to the transformation of the lives of individuals and communities in Christ, and affirming that as sisters and brothers we are all heirs together and precious in God's sight.

In genuine partnership

What distinguishes USPG is not *what* it does, but *how* it does it. Money given for the work of USPG goes to support those activities and initiatives prioritised by our partner churches within the Anglican Communion. Always and everywhere, we work in deep and mutually transformative partnership with the direct involvement of the leadership and structures of partner churches. We are not like an NGO, which runs its own separate projects overseas.

In a wide-ranging understanding of mission

Our vision of sharing in God's mission is broad and inclusive. This mission is catalytic, innovative and transformative in character, and wide-ranging in scope. It includes initiatives in education, leadership development, health and community development. The focus is on activities that are not part of the routine and established work of partner churches, so we do not maintain church buildings or pay the stipends of parish clergy or bishops.

Opposite: La Chancheria (meaning pig sty) settlement on outskirts of Lima, Peru.
USPG / Ian Hutchinson-Cervantes



HOW YOU CAN RESPOND

As a global Anglican mission agency, USPG seeks to stand alongside churches around the world as they respond to God's call to mission in the communities they serve. You can be part of this mission! Here are some practical ways to respond:

Pray

Sign up to receive our daily prayer diary, or read it on our website www.uspg.org.uk/pray

Volunteer

We are always looking for people to speak, raise awareness and fundraise on behalf of USPG. You can now read more online www.uspg.org.uk/volunteer

Donate

You can make a gift to USPG by using the form attached, calling 020 7921 2200, or visiting www.uspg.org.uk/donate

Connect

Sign up to our monthly email newsletter, featuring news, resources and upcoming events.

You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Vimeo using the handle @USPGglobal.

For more details on any of the above, please email info@uspg.org.uk

Opposite: Unloading bundles of mosquito nets for distribution in the diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe.

THE PROPHETIC VOICE OF THE CHURCH

A study course looking at the radical nature of the gospel, with a special focus on the church in India

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Short-term placements with the world church

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Mission in the 21st century

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- Please send me your e-newsletter

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Christina Wanson, a participant in the 'Receivers to Givers' scheme with fresh beans in Ur-urtuut field, near Basao, Tinglayan municipality, Kalinga Province, the Philippines.

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