



# USPG 2011: Moving forward in mission

**USPG: Anglicans in World Mission** has seen a number of radical changes since its inception in 1701. Today we are emerging from just such a period of change, with a new approach, new ways of working and new people. But our purpose remains the same: to support the churches of the Anglican Communion as they engage in God's holistic mission.



'The world needs USPG because they are in the forefront of the struggle for a better world.'

**Archbishop Desmond Tutu**



## Who are we?

USPG is a major mission agency working to strengthen relationships and encourage mutual support across the Anglican Communion. We also assist Anglican churches in Africa and Asia to reach out to poor and marginalised people in practical and life-changing ways, supporting community transformation through church leadership development and health care.

## Linking churches, connecting lives

Each part of the world church has something unique to offer – which means we have so much to learn by looking beyond our parish boundaries. USPG encourages this process of learning by creating links and making connections across the Anglican Communion. The result is a deepening of relationships. Supporting USPG, and getting involved with our work, is one of the key ways in which churches in Britain and Ireland can strengthen their bonds with the global Communion.

## Building capacity, encouraging sustainability

USPG is a modern mission agency. For us, that means enabling churches to reach out to their local communities in ways that are sustainable and culturally appropriate.

We support our church partners as they develop priorities that are free from the vested interests of the west. Rather than sustaining old-style models of 'colonial' dependency, we acknowledge our inter-dependence and encourage shared decision-making among equal partners. It is within this context that USPG provides the resources – ideas, finance, people and prayer – that our partners deem necessary for their local mission.



'USPG continues to enrich the life of the Anglican Communion through its rootedness in the life of the provinces.'

**Archbishop Rowan Williams**

### **Mission is more than development, more than evangelism**

Development work alone is not enough: tackling poverty and speaking out against injustice is crucial, but we believe mission goes deeper. Likewise, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ is essential, but we believe that mission is about more than winning converts.

We believe that mission is 'holistic': it includes development and evangelism, and much more besides. Our goal is to develop mission programmes that minister to the well-being of the whole person and the whole community – providing both practical support and spiritual nourishment. Ultimately, we believe that mission is about getting caught up in the work God is already doing in the world.

### **Developing Leadership**

Many churches around the world have the vision and the spiritual energy to get involved in God's mission. Their young people – women and men – want to share their faith and make a real difference in their communities. But often leaders feel over-stretched and under-resourced. That's why USPG is supporting leadership development programmes that are enabling ordained and lay leaders to be effective in mission. As well as providing a solid theological foundation, leaders are being trained in managerial, financial and practical skills that are applicable to their local context.

### **Working for health**

Healthcare remains one of the top outreach priorities for Anglican Churches in developing countries, with AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis continuing to claim thousands of lives every day.



Until recently, the prevailing wisdom has been to retain hospitals that are struggling to cope with an overwhelming demand. But, increasingly, health experts are shifting their emphasis towards primary health care, teaching basic health skills, and equipping communities to improve nutrition and sanitation. USPG is at the forefront of these new initiatives.



‘Without the support we receive from USPG we would not be able to deliver health services as well as we do.’

**Dr Peterkins Kalungwe,  
Diocesan Health  
Co-ordinator, Diocese  
of Lake Malawi**

### **Working at the heart of communities**

Throughout the world, Anglican churches can be found at the heart of their communities. Indeed, in many cases, the church is the primary source of local knowledge – with the best capacity for delivering aid and other forms of practical assistance, using grassroots networks to reach people that are often overlooked by western agencies. It is within these communities that USPG is working with local churches to train leaders and build infrastructure.

### **Following the Anglican Way**

USPG is rooted within the global Anglican Communion, encouraging relationships and mutual support among Anglican Churches and affiliated United Churches around the world.

We work with Diocesan Companion Links in this country, but also have a concern for those places and people that don't enjoy the special attention of such relationships.

We focus on mission that is specifically Anglican, or done by Anglicans in an ecumenical context, always reaching outwards.

We do not exclude people of different faiths: indeed, many of the churches we support have an emphasis on peace-building and reconciliation within communities and nations.

Your support for USPG will help to ensure that Anglicans around the world can continue to offer a dynamic witness and a distinctive combination of tradition, worship, and openness in seeking truth.



'It is a joy and a privilege to be in partnership with USPG and with the gospel of Jesus Christ in Pakistan. Your support is valued greatly. We pray for God's blessings for you.'

**Revd Dr Pervaiz Sultan,  
Principal at St Thomas'  
Theological College,  
Church of Pakistan.**

### **We are rising to the challenge – now we want to challenge you!**

USPG relies on your donations to ensure that Anglican Churches throughout the world are able to develop their mission and become change-makers in some of the world's poorest communities. Please accept this challenge to put your faith into action. There are many ways you can support USPG – financially and otherwise – as an individual or as a church. Join us, and together let us pray, grow, and celebrate God's global mission.

- **Pray each day** with USPG's prayer diary – available online and in print
- **Make a financial commitment to USPG**
- **Support a USPG Project** – over 50 to choose from
- **Learn about the world church** through our magazine and website
- **Organise a fundraising event** in your church
- **Become a volunteer** and raise awareness of USPG's work in your church
- **Host a USPG Speaker** at your Sunday service
- **Consider a placement** as a professional, ordinand or volunteer where such a need arises

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