

Mission of the Anglican Health Network

The mission of the Anglican Health Network (AHN) is to renew the ministries of healing and healthcare within the Anglican Communion. It will transform the state of healthcare for millions of impoverished communities served by Anglicans in the developing world. It will promote learning and practice on the interactions between faith and health.

This mission is to be accomplished through the achievement of two specific objectives:

1. Creation of a communication network linking Anglican healthcare facilities, healing ministries and health professionals for the purposes of aggregating data; sharing expertise, experience, theological reflection and best practices; and disseminating policy guidance from the World Health Organization and other relevant sources.
2. Creation and support of specific programs to improve healthcare in the developing world including:
 - (a) a micro-health insurance program to provide millions of people with low cost health cover currently unavailable to them, thereby expanding the number of low income communities which have access to simple, inexpensive but effective preventive and curative measures;
 - (b) a program to efficiently transfer medical equipment no longer needed in the developed world to Anglican facilities in the developing world;
 - (c) the pursuit of partnerships with government agencies and donors in which Anglican health facilities can receive improved investment and integration opportunities within national health systems;
 - (d) the development and implementation of a training program that will teach Anglicans how to serve as advocates for better healthcare.

The motivation for this initiative originates from the simple instructions of Jesus to his disciples: “He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick”.
Luke 9 v 2