

HOW DO I START A CHAPTER?

1. Acknowledge a call for life ministry in your church.
2. Discuss your church's vision with AFL's president, Georgette Forney.
3. Request a Chapter Handbook from AFL.
4. Obtain approval from your church leadership to start the Chapter (rector and priest/pastor)
5. Schedule meetings with life advocates and protectors in your church to determine God's vision and purpose for your Chapter.
6. Establish annual goals and activities for your Chapter.
7. Start accomplishing your life ministry goals and activities!

NOT READY?

If there are not enough people in your church who are ready to start a Chapter, consider initiating life ministry in your church as a Life Leader. Becoming a Life Leader is similar to becoming a Chapter Leader, except you eliminate step 5 above.

ARE YOU READY?

Before you commit to becoming a Chapter Leader in your church, we recommend self-evaluation and reflection in addition to church leadership approval.

1. Prayer

Seek God's guidance as you make the decision to pursue being a Chapter Leader.

2. Self-Evaluation

As you pray, consider your walk with the Lord, your calling, your leadership skills, and the time commitment.

3. Church Leadership Approval

AFL requires that all new church ministries have the approval of the church's rector.

If you are ready to lead life in your church, contact Georgette via email at Georgette@AnglicansForLife.org for next steps.



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WHAT IS AN AFL
Chapter Leader?

Anglicans Celebrate, Protect, & Honor Life





WHAT DO CHAPTERS DO?

Every church is unique, therefore, every Chapter's ministry focus will reflect the local needs. Chapters minister where God calls them to make a difference. For some, that may be teaming up with an elderly care home to read to residents, while others may wish to focus on partnering with the local pregnancy center or supporting foster care parents. Chapters are responsible for seeking God's guidance and direction for the ministry He is calling them to do for His kingdom.

DUTIES OF CHAPTERS

Chapters should establish ministry goals that serve the Chapter's vision, plan events, hold one Life-Affirming service or offering a year, distribute the AFL newsletter, and regularly communicate with Chapter members.

WHO CAN START A CHAPTER?

Any lay or clergy member in a church can start a Chapter. Chapters are formed when a church has several people interested in upholding the Sanctity of Life through education, advocacy, and ministry. Each Chapter has a Chapter Leader, who is responsible for acting as the liaison between their church and Anglicans For Life (AFL). Chapter Leaders are encouraged to establish an action plan that will aid in their Chapter's effectiveness in serving God and life.

WHY SHOULD WE CREATE A CHAPTER?

There are many benefits to affiliating with AFL. Chapters receive information, resources, ideas, and ongoing support for your ministry. Chapter Leaders participate in AFL's monthly Zoom for Life calls that feature national leaders discussing critical topics. Chapters also receive a 15% discount off all purchases and event tickets.



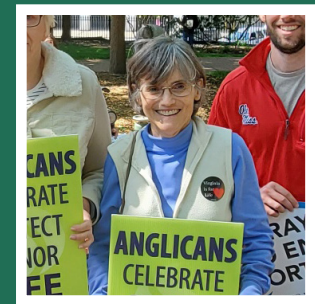
WHAT IS A PRIEST OR PASTOR'S ROLE?

All new church ministries should receive the approval of the church's rector. This is a requirement for all AFL affiliated chapters. Priests or pastors are not required to be active members of each Chapter, but their endorsement is important. Their support reinforces the importance of Life-Affirming ministry in your church.

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Leading an AFL Chapter has been incredibly rewarding because I believe the local church is key to winning the battle for life in our society. Many people in our church are pro-life but are not sure how they can make a difference. We provide big and little ways for congregants to get involved – whatever their age and stage of life. Our Chapter has grown since its inception, and we have formed many new friendships. We are very grateful for the encouragement and resources provided by Anglicans For Life.

– JEANNE LEE, AFL CHAPTER LEADER



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