

ANGLICAN ADOPTION FUND

The Anglican Adoption Fund (AAF) was developed in 2015 by the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy (ACNA), and the fund's committee was made up of Anglican Chaplains who were adoptive parents themselves.



Since 2015, the fund has helped eight Anglican families involved in international, domestic, and foster care adoptions. The fund has granted over \$15,000 in financial support. Through this fund, money is granted to help offset the cost of the adoption process. In August 2021, the jurisdictional authority of the fund was passed to AFL, which complements our position as the go-to Life-Affirming ministry of the Anglican Communion. If you believe God is calling your family to adopt, but you're not sure how you will afford it, consider seeking an adoption fund grant. The application can be found online at AAFAApplication.AnglicansForLife.org.

Donate

AFL invites you to donate to the Anglican Adoption Fund. The goal of the fund is to assist Anglican families during the adoption process by reimbursing adoption expenses (such as home studies or placement fees). All donations are tax-deductible, and go towards the grants gifted to adopting couples. Donating is a wonderful way to take action for life. Visit <https://bit.ly/3o53ltu> to donate today.



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Orphans
and vulnerable
Children

ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

God designed children to be loved and nurtured in a family. Sometimes, through no fault of their own, children are removed from their families of origin. When a child is separated from his or her family, it can be temporary or permanent. It can also be very traumatic for the child. Followers of Christ have the opportunity to be Jesus's hands and feet to children by meeting their needs. Through our **Orphans and Vulnerable Children Initiative**, Anglicans For Life wants to come alongside you as you explore what God would have you, and your church, do on behalf of children and their families in your community.

Adoption

There are different types of adoption, including **adoption from foster care, private adoption, or international adoption**. AFL is uniquely equipped to help you explore and understand some of the issues related to adoption, including open and closed adoptions, trauma, how adoption might impact your biological children, and more.

Contacting AFL will help you...

- Learn ways your church can best support adoptive families.
- Educate you on the needs of adoptive families and ways your church can help meet those needs either in partnership with other local churches, or alone.
- Navigate various local resources.
- Connect you with others in your area who could become a part of your support network.

Family Preservation

Closely related to foster care, and often forgotten, is the area of family preservation. Some families experience dysfunction, and face the prospect of losing their children to the foster care system. Many of these families, if they get the help they need, can stay together and find healing. We believe God wants to heal broken families, and we believe the Church can play a vital role in that process.

Foster Care

Understanding foster care involves recognizing the foster care process, learning the goals of the foster care system, and identifying foster care needs in your community. There are various concerns and topics to understand when discussing foster care, including biological family relationships, trauma, and more.

Contacting AFL will help you...

- Explore ways your church can serve children and families in the foster care system (including foster families and biological families).
- Start a foster care ministry in your church, or if available, we can connect you with a local network of churches in your area who are already working to meet the needs of children, families, and agencies.

International Orphan Care

AFL can connect you with wonderful, Christ-centered organizations who are being Jesus' hands and feet to children all across the globe.

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God's word is clear. He cares about orphans and vulnerable children, and He wants us, His adopted children, to do the same.

Johnston Moore
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