How Do Decisions Get Made by Anglicans?

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR:



 Vestry: from 5-15 members, elected for 3-year terms. Led by the Senior Warden and Junior Warden, with meetings chaired by Rector. Make decisions about:

Budget & finances

Big-picture counsel & direction

Selection of new Rector (with concurrence of bishop)

- 2. Staff: make decisions about day-to-day ministries of the church
- 3. <u>Clergy:</u> make decisions about liturgy, pastoral care, church discipline; part of discernment for potential ordinands
- 4. <u>Parish:</u> vote on (a) slate of new vestry members, (b) annual budget, (c) bylaws changes

WITHIN OUR DIOCESE (CHURCHES FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS):



57 churches in 13 states

- Bishop: Todd Hunter. Final authority for all matters. Ordains, confirms, disciplines
- Dean: Patrick Wildman in KS; oversees C4SO churches in Midwest (there are 4 other deaneries).
- 3. Annual diocesan convention: Savior has 2 lay delegates

WITHIN OUR PROVINCE (ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA):



About 1,000 congregations in US, Canada, and Mexico

- 1. <u>The College of Bishops:</u> 50-some bishops in 30 dioceses, led by Archbishop Foley Beach, elected by fellow bishops for 5-year term
- 2. <u>The Executive Committee</u>, 12 people, meet monthly. Like a Vestry.
- 3. <u>The Provincial Council / Assembly,</u> meet every 2-3 years to approve changes to bylaws

WITHIN OUR GLOBAL CHURCH (ANGLICAN COMMUNION AND SUBGROUP GAFCON):



- 1. Archbishop of Canterbury: first among equals
- 2. Primates' Meeting: heads of 38 autonomous provinces. Every 1-2 yrs
- 3. Lambeth Conference: all global bishops, every 10 years

GAFCON: Primates' Council; and Assembly every 3-5 years