

We are inviting participants to join our global Resilience course, an online learning exchange initiative of Partners in Resilience and Response

Partners in Resilience and Response (PiRR)

Partners in Resilience and Response (PiRR) is an initiative of the Anglican Alliance and Anglican partners, particularly Episcopal Relief & Development. PiRR looks to support Anglican churches to build their resilience and their capacity to prepare for and respond effectively to an emergency.

Building resilience is important, as resilient communities are less impacted by disasters. Resilient communities or organizations have been able to plan and be organized, to identify hazards and mitigate risks, identify and mitigate vulnerabilities and build capacities.

You can learn more about the concept, the process and the agenda plan for the Resilience course overleaf.

Whenever disasters strike, Anglicans are part of their community; they are there before, during and long after other agencies have left. It is important to build resilience and response capacity ahead of a disaster. This course provides a space for church leaders (clergy, lay, practitioners) to explore how this can be done.

Some of the participants in the course include PiRR resource people. If local capacity is overwhelmed, **accompaniment** by an experienced **resource person**, from the region, can help the local church. The PiRR resource person can help the local church identify the distinctive role that the church wants to play at this time, through visits and at a distance accompaniment. The PiRR resource person will be learning from the various perspectives and experiences offered.

We invite you to consider prayerfully if you could play a role in building Anglican Resilience and Response capacity in your church. We would also invite you to identify others who could benefit from this course and would encourage you to share these documents with them.

If you are interested, please complete the Resilience course registration form and return it to your regional facilitator or Janice Proud, by Friday October 9, 2020, at janice.proud@aco.org

Resilience: the ability of a community or society exposed to hazards to resist, absorb, adjust to and recover from the effects of a hazard in a timely and efficient manner

Capacities: the resources and skills people or communities possess, can develop, gather, use and access, which allow them to cope with disaster risk and have more control over shaping their own future

Accompaniment: work alongside, journey together, provide empowering support, capacity support and facilitation. Accompaniment should be supportive, encouraging and empowering. It is not a consultant coming to do things for you, but someone to walk with you at a difficult time and support and build your capacity to respond

Resource person: an Anglican from within the region who will accompany the local church:

- after an emergency, to determine and implement the church's distinctive role in the response
- before an emergency, to build the church's capacities and resilience

The Resilience Course

Concept:

To **connect regionally** with Anglican colleagues on **learning exchanges** on resilience & response, as we journey through COVID and beyond. To discuss technical and relational topics, reflecting and learning from each other to improve our community engagement.

Outcome 1: A **strong and cohesive regional network** of Anglican leaders (clergy, laity, practitioners) with a fuller understanding of **the PiRR programme** and basic **humanitarian concepts**.

Outcome 2: A **trained, equipped and confident** pool of 10-15 global resource persons to serve as **PiRR Accompaniers**.

Proposed Process:

Use a **shared course curriculum** for all courses, with a common recorded **thought-piece** on the theme, and then live discussion to explore the particular topic. This Certificate course would have **10 monthly sessions over a year**, each 2 hours (25 people max). There will also be a homework assignment each month (up to 1 hour/month).

There is a choice of group courses:

Course 1: **1400 GMT on 1st Tuesday** of every month (*in Spanish, French & English*)

Course 2: **0800 GMT on 1st Thursday** of every month (*in English*)

Course 3: **0200 GMT on 2nd Tuesday** of every month (*in Japanese, Korean, Burmese & English*)

Course 4: **1200 GMT on 2nd Thursday** of every month (*in Arabic, Portuguese & English*)

We shall try to accommodate additional language options for all courses on request

More details on the course and introductory calls on www.anglicanalliance.org

Agenda Plan:

Pre-Course Sessions

End Sep 2020: Course Introduction (optional) – *find out more before signing-up – 30min only*

End Oct 2020: Zoom platform & technical orientation (mandatory if registered) – *30min only*

Course Sessions:

Nov 2020: Welcome: community-building & sharing of assets

Dec 2020: Contextual Bible Study

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Feb 2021: Caring for the Caregiver: staff care and preventing burnout

Mar 2021: Targeting: prioritizing marginalized populations

EASTER BREAK

May 2021: Servant Ministries: Church's role in meeting gaps

Jun 2021: Climate Resilience: mitigating and responding to cyclical disasters

Jul 2021: Gender: centering women and girls in humanitarian responses

TERM BREAK

Sep 2021: Safeguarding: protecting participants and staff

Oct 2021: Mental Health: facilitating trauma and psychosocial support

Nov 2021: Networking: collaborating for greater impact