



MATTHEW 25 INITIATIVE

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In Turbulent Times Become a M25i Anglican - By Christine Warner

When we fly, irregular activity in the atmosphere causes turbulence. Pilots navigate these pockets by studying the information, adjusting the pitch, informing the passengers, and planning for the best course forward. They move from automatic to manual, from routinely active to proactive.

As Anglicans living in turbulent times, we too may be looking for more direct ways of participating in the justice and ministry work of the church. Perhaps also as Anglicans, we hope for a way rooted in contemplative activism—acting and serving from places of rest in God.

The Matthew 25 Initiative exists to support, encourage, and equip practitioners companioning the vulnerable, the marginalized, and the under-resourced communities of North America. In these spaces, we find Anglicans who grow food for the hungry and displaced, who visit and advocate for the incarcerated, and those who mentor and educate children of refugees and immigrants. In these spaces, the church steps into the role of companionship with those who practice contemplative activism. As one Body, we root ourselves in the Gospel and step into a direct experience of being Christ's hands and feet.

When our lives are marked by comfort, it is often a result of pursuing comfort. When our lives are marked by Christ, it is often because we are not far from those with whom he identifies: the hungry, the prisoner, the sick, the stranger, and those without homes.

Matthew 25 Initiative is both a safe space that focuses on the needs of practitioners, as well as an invitation to the Anglican church at large. It is an initiative that invites us to taste, see, and take part in what is afoot. Here, the church considers what is happening, what is needed, how to support, and how to more fully be the hands and feet and kindness of Christ, but also encounter Christ himself. We get to be a part of healing and mending, and we find that we ourselves are healed and mended, formed into Christ-likeness.

In turbulent times, become a Matthew 25 Initiative Anglican. Come see and join and be transformed. We offer a light to a dark world, an apologetic to the skeptical, and the love and glory of Christ to the world he loves.

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy those who are in need, then... you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.
Isaiah 58:10-12



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