



## **Requirements for Inter-Communion (Communio in Sacris) With The Traditional Anglican Church**

We, the Bishops of the Traditional Anglican Church, do affirm that it is our desire to be in full communion with the whole of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ, endeavoring to promote Christian Unity with all faithful Christians.

We understand the minimum basis of such unity as a sharing of:

- The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, and containing all things necessary for salvation;
- The acceptance of the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, and that known as the Creed of Saint Athanasius;
- The Sacraments of the Gospel, being Baptism and Holy Communion, along with the five commonly called Sacraments: Confirmation, Holy Matrimony, Ordination, Unction, and Penance;
- The three-fold ministry of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons – these Orders consisting exclusively of men in accordance with Christ's will and institution – such ordinations being according to valid and licit apostolic laying-on-of-hands; and
- The authority of the first Seven Ecumenical Councils of the Undivided Church.

We hold to the validity of certain foundational documents:

- The Affirmation of Saint Louis
- The Constitution of the Traditional Anglican Church

Inter-Communion (*communio in sacris*) has the following three cardinal points:

- Each Church recognizes the catholicity and independence of the other, and maintains its own.
- Each Church agrees to admit members of the other Church to participate in the sacraments.
- Communion does not require from either Church the acceptance of all doctrinal opinion, sacramental devotion, or liturgical practice characteristic of the other, but implies that each believes the other to hold all the essentials of the Catholic faith.

We have committed ourselves to communicate with, and seek the advice of, the College of Bishops of the Traditional Anglican Church whenever we enter into any conversation or dialog with another Church, Communion or ecclesiastical jurisdiction.