

The Episcopal / Anglican Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa

Legacy Project

Training Leaders, Community Outreach and Providing Hospitality
at St. George's Anglican Church in Tunis, Tunisia



Just as congregations of past years have left a legacy, St. George's would like to leave a legacy for the future: the creation of new facilities for theological training, community outreach, and providing hospitality.

Beginning with Prayer

During the Revolution in Tunisia in January 2011, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bill Musk, Area Bishop for North Africa and Rector of St. George's, spent a lot of time on the grounds of the church praying and listening to God. The Lord gradually impressed upon him the need for the current worshippers at St. George's to leave a legacy for the future. The vision was honed and shared, and several committees were formed to put some "flesh and bones" on to the prophetic vision.

A Legacy is Launched

On Sunday 2 December 2012, Bishop Bill Musk and members of St. George's, in the presence of The Most Rev. Dr. Mouneer Hanna Anis, the Diocesan Bishop, officially launched the **Legacy Project**. The congregation dedicated themselves to "leaving a legacy in facilities provided and disciples equipped."



Introduction to St. George's

St. George's Anglican Church has a rich history—it's cemetery dates back to 1645 and the current church dates back to 1901. The church continues this tradition and currently has two English-speaking congregations and an Arabic-speaking congregation.

On each Sunday, the same service in English is run twice back-to-back, in order to accommodate the congregation in the church. Many are sub-Saharan Africans working for the huge Africa Development Bank, and our congregation comes from a variety of denominational backgrounds. The mostly younger Arabic-speaking congregations meets on Saturday afternoons.

St George's also has a Sunday school, youth meetings and prayer meetings, and is active in its local community and further afield, such as supporting work with refugees at the Tunisian-Libyan border.

Building the Legacy

St. George's will build two buildings on different parts of the existing church site. An important guiding principle for the project is the need for sustainability. The Legacy Project has three components:

1. Training Leaders

The congregations at St. George's are growing and there is a need to provide facilities for the theological training of future leaders of the North African Anglican communities. This will include both the on-site training of local leaders and bringing students from other countries in North Africa to study in Tunis. The new facilities will include accommodation for trainers and trainees. Training of leadership 'on the spot' is vital, and the only option available to many.

2. Community Outreach

St. George's is located in a poor and bustling community of Hafsiya in downtown Tunis, famous for its large second-hand markets. St. George's wants to establish facilities for community outreach to empower the local people:

- to teach basic skills such as carpentry and sewing.
- to teach English.

3. Providing Hospitality

Over 300 people come to the services at St. George's, as well as those who use the premises during the week for other ministries. The church has a tiny kitchen and two shared toilets which are insufficient for the church community. St. George's wants to create a larger kitchen facility, modern restrooms, storage space, and a worship space for small groups.



The New Facilities

On the grounds of St. George's, two buildings will be established which will include the following facilities:

- seminar rooms for theological training
- classrooms for community outreach
- accommodation for trainers and trainees
- a medium-size worship space for small groups
- toilet and kitchen facilities
- storage space



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At the launching service, the congregations at St. George's made a commitment to *"dedicating ourselves to leaving a legacy in facilities provided and disciples equipped."* St George's are excited about the impact the project will have on the future of the church in Tunisia.

St. George's are seeking partners to support them to achieve their vision. The total cost of the project is **\$300,000 US dollars**.

How to Contribute

You can contribute donations on-line through the St. George's website (www.stgeorgetunis.com), or directly into St. George's bank account (details below)

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