# BALKAN ANGLICAN MISSION 2027–2037

## A Vision and Strategic Framework for Anglican Mission in the Balkans

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# BALKAN ANGLICAN MISSION 2027–2037

## Preface

The **Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037** is the missionary vision of the **Reformed Episcopal Pannonian-Danubian Diocese**, building upon the work of the Reformed Episcopal Church already established in the Balkan region. Today, this ministry is present in three Balkan countries—**Croatia, Serbia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina**—with the desire and vision to extend its missionary work, as God provides opportunities and opens doors, into other countries of the Balkans in the manner outlined in this document.

This vision does not begin with us. It represents a continuation and further development of the missionary vision entrusted to us when the Reformed Episcopal Church established its missionary work and diocesan presence in Croatia under the leadership of the late **Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr.** Bishop Grote understood mission not as a peripheral activity of the Church but as belonging to the very heart of its identity and calling. His vision for the Reformed Episcopal Church emphasized the proclamation of the Gospel, the planting and strengthening of local churches, the raising up of indigenous leadership, and the development of missionary jurisdictions capable of carrying the Gospel beyond their original boundaries.

The Balkan Anglican Mission therefore seeks to carry this vision forward into a new stage. What began as Reformed Episcopal missionary work in Croatia has gradually developed beyond the borders of one country. Through ministry in Croatia, Serbia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, a broader regional vision has emerged: that a locally rooted Reformed Episcopal diocese might become an instrument for the proclamation of the Gospel and the development of faithful Anglican churches throughout the Balkans. The **Reformed Episcopal Pannonian-Danubian Diocese** thus understands the Balkan Anglican Mission not as a separate organization or parallel structure, but as its missionary vision for the coming decade and as a framework for extending its ministry into new areas.

The Balkan Anglican Mission exists first and foremost to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God in the spirit of the Reformation and within the historic Anglican way of faith, worship, and mission.
Although Anglicanism has its historical origins in the British Isles, it has long ceased to be defined by one nation, culture, or language. Today, Anglican Christianity is a global reality embracing different peoples, cultures, and churches throughout the world, united by a common commitment to the Gospel and a shared theological,

liturgical, and ecclesial heritage. We therefore do not understand Anglican mission in the Balkans as the transplantation of a foreign or specifically British form of Christianity, but as the expression, within our own cultural and historical context, of a Christian tradition that belongs to the wider universal Church.

This is particularly important for our vision. The future of Anglican mission in the Balkans cannot depend primarily upon importing clergy, structures, or cultural expressions from abroad. Our calling is to develop **locally rooted, self-supporting, and missionary-minded Anglican communities**, led increasingly by clergy and lay leaders raised up from among the peoples whom we serve. At the same time, these communities remain fully connected to the wider Reformed Episcopal and global Anglican family. In this way, the Pannonian-Danubian Diocese seeks to be both authentically rooted in the cultures and peoples of the Balkans and genuinely Anglican in doctrine, worship, order, and mission.

We believe that historic and confessional Anglicanism has a distinctive and relevant contribution to make to Christian witness in the Balkans today. It seeks to hold together realities that are sometimes unnecessarily separated: faithfulness to Holy Scripture and respect for the teaching of the early Church; the theological convictions of the Reformation and continuity with the ancient Christian tradition; evangelical proclamation and sacramental life; biblical preaching and liturgical worship; personal conversion and the life of the visible Church; and historic episcopal ministry and apostolic succession with the conviction that the Church must continually return to its ultimate authority—the written Word of God.

For this reason, our Anglican identity is not primarily cultural, but theological, ecclesial, and missionary. We stand within the historic Anglican tradition expressed in Holy Scripture, the historic Creeds, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Anglican Ordinal. In this regard, we also affirm the principles of the **Jerusalem Declaration of 2008**, which upholds the authority of Holy Scripture, the uniqueness and sufficiency of Christ's saving work, the historic Creeds of the Church, the Anglican formularies, and the Great Commission as the continuing call of the Church to proclaim the Gospel to all nations.

We also understand our place within the global family of biblically faithful Anglicans in the light of the **Kigali Commitment of 2023**, which once again places Jesus Christ at the centre of the life of the Church and emphasizes the lordship of Christ, the authority and clarity of the Word of God, and the priority of the Church's missionary calling to the world. We particularly share its commitment to discipleship, evangelism, and mission; to raising up a new generation of church

leaders through biblically grounded theological education; to ministry among younger generations; and to developing Christian communities that are both faithful to the Gospel and active in mission.

In this spirit, the Balkan Anglican Mission is not directed against any church, denomination, people, or Christian tradition. Its purpose is not to build its identity through opposition to others, but to make its own contribution to the global mission of Christ's Church. While remaining faithful to our Reformed Episcopal and Anglican identity and theological convictions, we desire to cooperate with fellow Christians wherever we can share in the proclamation of Christ, service to others, and a common witness to the Gospel.

The Balkan Anglican Mission therefore understands itself as part of the wider global missionary movement of the Church and of the global fellowship of faithful Anglicans represented by **GAFCON and the Global Anglican Communion**, in which different peoples and cultures find fellowship not primarily in a historical or cultural centre, but in a common faith in Jesus Christ, submission to the authority of the Word of God, and obedience to the calling to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. At the same time, our vision remains firmly rooted in the identity and missionary calling of the **Reformed Episcopal Church**. We receive with gratitude the missionary foundations laid by those who came before us, particularly the vision of Bishop Royal Grote and those who supported the establishment and development of the Reformed Episcopal mission in Croatia. The growth of that work into ministry extending across Croatia, Serbia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina encourages us to look toward the next stage: the development of a strong regional diocese capable not only of sustaining its existing churches and missions but also of planting new congregations and supporting new missionary initiatives throughout the Balkans.

The **Pannonian-Danubian Diocese** is therefore not envisioned as the final geographical limit of our mission. Rather, it is intended to become a stable ecclesial and missionary base from which the Reformed Episcopal Church can serve the wider Balkan region. As local clergy, lay leaders, congregations, and missionary partnerships are developed, the goal is to strengthen existing ministries while prayerfully exploring opportunities for new work in other Balkan countries. Such expansion must always be undertaken responsibly, in cooperation with the wider Reformed Episcopal Church and faithful Anglican partners, and with sensitivity to the particular ecclesial, cultural, and historical circumstances of each country.

It is within this theological, ecclesial, historical, and missionary context that the **Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037** is presented. This document is not merely

an institutional strategy or a plan for ecclesiastical expansion. It is an expression of our conviction that the Anglican way, when faithful to its biblical, catholic, and Reformation foundations, can provide a meaningful and fruitful framework for proclaiming Christ, making disciples, strengthening Christian communities, raising up local church leaders, and serving the peoples of the Balkans.
Our purpose, therefore, is not simply to establish Anglican institutions or expand ecclesiastical structures. It is to participate in the mission of Christ: to proclaim His Gospel faithfully, to build up His Church, to establish worshipping and witnessing Christian communities, and to invite people into a living faith rooted in the Word of God, nourished by the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church, informed by the wisdom of the historic Christian tradition, and directed toward making disciples among all nations.

In this sense, the **Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037** represents both **continuity and a new missionary horizon**: continuity with the Reformed Episcopal mission entrusted to us and nurtured under the vision of Bishop Royal Grote, and a new horizon in which the Pannonian-Danubian Diocese seeks to become an increasingly mature, locally rooted, and missionary Anglican presence serving not only the communities already entrusted to us but, God willing, new communities and peoples throughout the Balkans.

In this spirit, we present the **Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037** as an invitation to prayer, partnership, and shared participation in a mission that belongs not to us, but to Christ and His Church.

## Executive Summary

The Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037 is a long-term missionary initiative of the Reformed Episcopal Churches in Croatia and Serbia, developed with the vision of strengthening and expanding a faithful Anglican presence throughout the Western Balkans.

The Mission grows out of more than fifteen years of renewed missionary development in Croatia and Serbia, while also building upon a much older Christian and Reformation heritage. The Reformed Episcopal Church in Croatia traces its historical roots to the Reformation of the sixteenth century and represents the continuity of the Reformed Christian tradition in Croatia. A significant new phase in its contemporary development began in 2011, when the Church came under the jurisdiction of the Reformed Episcopal Church in the United States. This relationship marked the beginning of a renewed period of ecclesial, pastoral, and missionary development, bringing fresh momentum to the life and mission of the Church. Since then, existing congregations have been strengthened, new churches and mission initiatives have been established, clergy and lay leadership have been developed, and greater attention has been given to theological education, publishing, evangelism, and missionary outreach.

Anglican missionary work in Serbia also began in 2011 and entered a renewed phase of institutional and pastoral development from 2019 onward. During this period, the work developed from its initial missionary foundations toward a more structured ecclesial presence, including pastoral ministry, evangelism, theological education, publishing, leadership formation, and the establishment of relationships with Anglican churches and institutions abroad.
Together, these developments in Croatia and Serbia have progressively established the foundations for sustainable regional ministry through pastoral work, evangelism, theological education, clergy and lay formation, publishing and translation, pastoral counselling, digital engagement, and international Christian partnerships.

The Mission therefore does not begin from zero. It enters the period 2027–2037 with existing ecclesial communities, developing theological institutions, publishing capacity, pastoral and missionary experience, established international relationships, and an emerging foundation for indigenous leadership.

The vision for the next decade is to strengthen Croatia and Serbia as primary mission bases while progressively developing Anglican missionary engagement in other countries of the Western Balkans. Particular attention will initially be given to

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and North Macedonia, with further opportunities for engagement in Slovenia, Albania, and Bulgaria to be explored as relationships, local leadership, and resources develop.

The Mission will pursue this vision through three broad phases. The first phase, 2027–2030, will focus on consolidation, theological formation, institutional development, publishing and translation, missionary preparation, and the strengthening of the existing work in Croatia and Serbia. The second phase, 2031–2034, will focus on regional expansion and the development of concrete missionary initiatives in priority countries, including the identification and formation of local leaders and the establishment of sustainable patterns of ministry. The third phase, 2035–2037, will focus on consolidation and multiplication, the development of permanent congregations where appropriate, the strengthening of indigenous leadership, and the emergence of mature local communities capable of participating in further missionary expansion.

The Mission will place particular emphasis on the development of indigenous clergy and lay leadership. The long-term objective is not merely to establish mission stations dependent upon external support, but to develop mature, locally rooted Anglican communities capable of sustaining regular worship, proclaiming the Gospel, making disciples, providing pastoral care, forming new Christian leaders, and eventually participating in the sending of missionaries themselves.

The Mission also recognizes that sustainable missionary work requires strong and committed partnerships. We therefore invite Anglican churches, theological institutions, mission organizations, clergy, scholars, and individual Christians to participate through prayer, financial support, theological education and training, clergy mentoring, missionary and teaching visits, scholarships, publishing and translation, networking and church partnerships, professional expertise, and other forms of practical cooperation. Partnership is understood not simply as financial support, but as shared participation in the mission of the Church.

Partnership will be accompanied by regular communication, transparency, and accountability. The Mission will establish a Balkan Anglican Mission Partners Zoom Gathering every two months, providing an opportunity to share developments, prayer needs, missionary opportunities, challenges, and plans with partners and supporters. It will also publish an Annual Balkan Anglican Mission Report outlining achievements, missionary and institutional developments, financial stewardship, challenges, and priorities for the coming year.

The Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037 is therefore both a ten-year strategic framework and an invitation to participate in a missionary work that has already begun. Building upon the foundations established in Croatia and Serbia, we seek to enter the next decade with a clear commitment to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, strengthening the Church, forming faithful Christian leaders, developing sustainable local communities, and establishing a lasting Anglican witness throughout the Balkans. We invite churches, organizations, institutions, clergy, and individual Christians to join us in prayer, partnership, and practical support as we seek to serve Christ and advance His mission throughout the region.

## I. Historical Background

The Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037 is a missionary initiative of the Reformed Episcopal Churches in Croatia and Serbia. It arises from a shared commitment to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the Balkan region, to strengthen biblical and confessional Christianity, and to establish sustainable Anglican communities rooted in the historic faith of the Church.

The Reformed Episcopal Church in Croatia traces its origins to the historic Reformation of the sixteenth century and represents the continuity of the Reformed Christian tradition in Croatia. Throughout its history, despite periods of political upheaval, social change, and numerous challenges, the Church has remained committed to the authority of Holy Scripture, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the faithful administration of the sacraments. Today, it continues to serve congregations throughout Croatia while actively investing in theological education, pastoral formation, publishing, and missionary outreach beyond its national borders.

The Reformed Episcopal Church in Serbia began its missionary work in 2011, with a renewed phase of development commencing in 2019. Since its official registration as a religious community, the Church has focused on establishing a stable foundation for Anglican witness through pastoral ministry, theological education, publishing, and evangelism. Although still a young and relatively small church, it has developed meaningful partnerships with Anglican jurisdictions and theological institutions abroad while steadily expanding its ministry within Serbia.

Recognizing their shared theological convictions, common missionary vision, and complementary gifts, the Reformed Episcopal Churches in Croatia and Serbia have committed themselves to a long-term strategy for missionary work. They seek to establish a sustainable Anglican presence throughout the Balkans by combining

resources, theological expertise, clergy formation, publishing ministries, and missionary engagement.

## II. Fifteen Years of Mission: 2011–2026

The **Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037** does not emerge from an abstract vision or from a work that is only beginning. It grows out of more than fifteen years of missionary activity, pastoral ministry, theological formation, publishing, and institutional development.

### The Beginning and Development of the Mission

Anglican missionary work in Serbia began in 2011 with the conviction that there was a genuine need for a faithful Anglican witness within the cultural and ecclesial context of the Balkans. Over the following years, the mission gradually developed from its initial foundations into a broader ecclesial and institutional ministry.

A significant new phase began in 2019, when the work entered a period of more structured development and institutional consolidation. Following the official registration of the Church and the development of its associated ministries, greater attention was given to establishing sustainable structures for pastoral ministry, evangelism, theological education, publishing, and public engagement.

This development has demonstrated that Anglican ministry in the Balkans is not merely a theoretical possibility. It has already taken concrete institutional and pastoral form and has begun to develop the human and organizational resources necessary for long-term missionary work.

### Church Life and Pastoral Ministry

During this period, existing Anglican communities have been strengthened while new opportunities for missionary engagement have been identified. Pastoral ministry has developed around preaching, worship, sacramental life, Christian formation, discipleship, pastoral counselling, and personal spiritual care.

The development of pastoral counselling has become an important part of this wider ministry. The Pastoral Counselling Center provides a meeting place for people from different Christian backgrounds and represents an important point of contact between the Church and wider society. The integration of pastoral counselling into

theological and ministerial education has also contributed to the preparation of leaders capable of responding to the complex pastoral realities of contemporary society.

## Theological Education and Formation

One of the most important developments of the past fifteen years has been the strengthening of theological education and ministerial formation. Through the Protestant Theological Seminary "Michael Starin" and the Anglican Theological Institute, foundations have been established for theological education, continuing ministerial formation, and leadership development.

The long-term objective is to raise up local clergy and lay leaders who can assume increasing responsibility for the life, ministry, and mission of their own communities.

## Publishing, Translation, and Intellectual Engagement

Through Ipostas Publishing House, theological, biblical, liturgical, historical, and pastoral resources have been made available in the languages of the region.
Particular attention has been given to classical Anglican and Reformation resources, contributing to theological education, discipleship, clergy formation, and evangelistic engagement.

## Digital Mission and Public Engagement

The Mission has increasingly recognized the importance of digital communication, online education, public lectures, conferences, theological resources, and other forms of media engagement. Digital ministry is understood as a means of evangelism, education, and public witness that ultimately points people toward genuine Christian community, pastoral care, worship, and sacramental life.

## International Partnerships

The Mission has established and maintained relationships with Anglican jurisdictions, theological institutions, and Christian partners outside Serbia and Croatia. These relationships have provided opportunities for theological exchange, ministerial formation, mutual encouragement, educational cooperation, and the sharing of missionary experience.

### Indigenous Leadership

The gradual emergence of local leadership is one of the most important foundations for the next stage of missionary development. The long-term objective is not to create communities that remain permanently dependent upon external personnel, but to raise up local clergy and lay leaders who can carry the work forward within their own communities.

### From Foundation to a New Missionary Stage

The experience of 2011–2026 has created an emerging missionary infrastructure: established ecclesial communities, pastoral experience, theological education, publishing capacity, pastoral counselling, digital engagement, international relationships, and developing local leadership.
The question before the Church is therefore no longer whether Anglican missionary work can begin in the Balkans. It has already begun. The question is how that work can now be strengthened, expanded, and developed into a sustainable regional mission.

The Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037 therefore does not begin from zero. It represents the next stage of a missionary work that has been developing for more than fifteen years.
What is envisioned for 2027–2037 is therefore not a new beginning, but the consolidation, expansion, and maturation of a work that God has already begun.

## III Vision and Mission

### Vision

The vision of the Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037 is to see a vibrant, confessional, and missionary Anglican presence established throughout the Balkan Peninsula, and especially in the Western Balkans, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in faithfulness to Holy Scripture, the historic Creeds, and the classical formularies of the Anglican tradition.

We envision a network of worshipping communities, mission stations, theological institutions, and educational initiatives that will nurture disciples, equip clergy and lay leaders, and contribute to the spiritual renewal of the peoples of the Balkans.

Recognizing the unique historical, cultural, linguistic, and religious diversity of the Balkans, we seek to present the unchanging Gospel in ways that are both biblically faithful and culturally intelligible.

The Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037 represents one of the first coordinated long-term initiatives specifically aimed at establishing a confessional Anglican presence across several countries of the Western Balkans. It represents an autonomous initiative of the Reformed Episcopal Churches in Croatia and Serbia, through which we seek to invite partnership and joint work in geographical areas where we have not previously been present.

## Mission

The mission of the **Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037** is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to make faithful disciples throughout the Balkan region by establishing sustainable Anglican ministries grounded in biblical truth, sacramental life, theological education, pastoral care, and Christian service.

This mission will be carried out through evangelism, church planting, clergy and lay leadership formation, theological education, publishing, digital communication, pastoral counselling, youth ministry, and cooperation with churches and institutions that share our theological convictions.

Special attention will be given to translating and publishing classical Anglican theological resources through **Ipostas Publishing House**, strengthening theological scholarship through the **Protestant Theological Seminary "Michael Starin"** and the **Anglican Theological Institute**, developing indigenous leadership, and equipping believers to engage faithfully with the moral, cultural, and spiritual challenges of the twenty-first century.

## IV Strategic Priorities 2027–2037

1. **Evangelism and Church Planting**
   The primary objective of the Mission is the proclamation of the Gospel and the establishment of new Anglican worshipping communities where no such witness currently exists.

2. **Theological Education and Leadership Formation**
   Through the **Protestant Theological Seminary "Michael Starin"** and the

**Anglican Theological Institute**, educational programmes will prepare future bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, and lay ministers.

3. **Publishing and Intellectual Engagement**
   The Mission will continue translating, publishing, and distributing biblical, theological, liturgical, historical, and pastoral literature in the languages of the region.

4. **Pastoral Care and Christian Formation**
   Pastoral ministry will include preaching, sacramental life, catechesis, spiritual direction, pastoral counselling, family ministry, and ministries of mercy.

5. **Youth and Digital Mission**
   The Mission will develop ministries engaging younger generations through digital communication, educational platforms, conferences, podcasts, publications, and the responsible use of emerging technologies.

6. **Regional and International Cooperation**
   The Mission will strengthen partnerships among Anglican jurisdictions, theological institutions, mission agencies, and other orthodox Christian communities.

7. **Sustainable Institutional Development**
   The Mission will develop sustainable financial support, transparent governance, clergy development, volunteer training, legal stability, and administrative capacity.

## V. Regional Mission Priorities

The Mission will pursue a differentiated regional strategy based on existing ecclesial structures, available leadership, demographic and cultural conditions, missionary opportunities, and the potential for sustainable long-term ministry.

The objective is not to establish an Anglican presence simultaneously in every Balkan country, but to develop a strategic network of mission centres from which the Gospel may progressively reach the wider region.
Particular priority will initially be given to strengthening Croatia and Serbia while developing structured missionary engagement in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and North Macedonia.

As relationships, leadership, and ministry opportunities develop, the Mission will progressively explore further engagement in Slovenia, Albania, and Bulgaria.

A dedicated mission among Roma communities in Serbia will also remain an important strategic objective, including evangelism, pastoral care, Christian education, leadership formation, and practical community support.

## VI. Three Phases of Mission: 2027–2037

### Phase I — Consolidation and Preparation (2027–2030)

The first phase will focus on strengthening Croatia and Serbia as the primary institutional and missionary bases of the Balkan Anglican Mission.

Particular attention will be given to theological education and clergy formation, financial and institutional stability, pastoral and educational ministries, publishing and translation, and the development of missionary capacity.

During this phase, the Mission will also research and establish relationships in potential areas of future expansion.

### Phase II — Regional Expansion (2031–2034)

The second phase will focus on extending Anglican missionary engagement into Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and North Macedonia.

The Mission will seek to develop concrete mission initiatives, worshipping communities, Bible study groups, pastoral ministries, and educational programmes. Particular emphasis will be placed upon identifying, encouraging, and training local collaborators and emerging indigenous leaders.

### Phase III — Consolidation and Multiplication (2035–2037)

The final phase will focus on consolidating and strengthening communities established during the previous stages.

Where sufficient local leadership and pastoral maturity have developed, the Mission will consider the establishment of permanent congregations and parishes served by indigenous clergy.

At the same time, the Mission will evaluate opportunities for further expansion toward Slovenia, Albania, and Bulgaria, while encouraging mature Anglican communities to participate actively in evangelization and church planting.
The ultimate objective is not institutional growth for its own sake, but the formation of mature, locally rooted Anglican communities capable of worshipping, evangelizing, discipling, providing pastoral care, and eventually participating in the sending of missionaries themselves.

## VII. Key Strategic Objectives

1. **Strengthening the Mission Bases in Croatia and Serbia**
   To strengthen existing Anglican communities as stable centres of worship, pastoral ministry, theological education, missionary coordination, and regional outreach.

2. **Church Planting and Regional Mission Expansion**
   To establish new Anglican mission stations, worshipping communities, and, where appropriate, congregations in priority areas throughout the Balkans.

3. **Theological Education and Leadership Formation**
   To develop the **Protestant Theological Seminary "Michael Starin"** and the **Anglican Theological Institute** as regional centres for theological education, clergy formation, lay leadership, continuing education, and missionary training.

4. **Roma Mission in Croatia and Serbia**
   To develop a dedicated Anglican mission among Roma communities in Croatia and Serbia through evangelism, pastoral care, Christian education, leadership formation, and practical community support.

5. **Evangelism, Discipleship, and Youth Ministry**
   To develop sustainable programmes of evangelism and Christian discipleship, with particular attention to young people and those who have little or no connection with the institutional Church.

6. **Publishing and Translation**
   To expand the translation, publication, and distribution of Anglican, Reformed, biblical, theological, liturgical, and pastoral resources in the languages of the Balkans.

7. **Pastoral Care and Community Ministry**
   To develop pastoral counselling, family ministry, chaplaincy, ministries of mercy, and other forms of Christian service.

8. **Digital Mission and Public Engagement**
   To establish a coordinated digital and media presence capable of communicating the Gospel, providing theological education, engaging contemporary cultural questions, and presenting a credible Christian witness.

9. **Regional and International Partnerships**
   To strengthen cooperation with Anglican churches, mission organizations, theological institutions, and other orthodox Christian partners.

10. **Sustainable Governance and Financial Development**
    To establish responsible structures of governance, financial stewardship, fundraising, accountability, and administrative development.

## VIII. Implementation Framework

Implementation will combine evangelism, theological education, pastoral ministry, institutional development, publishing, digital mission, and regional cooperation.

### Mission Development

The Mission will identify strategic locations throughout the Balkans where Anglican ministry may be established or strengthened. New initiatives will begin through prayer, local partnerships, evangelistic outreach, Bible study groups, and regular worship gatherings.

### Clergy Formation and Continuing Education

The Anglican Theological Institute will serve as a principal centre for theological education and ministerial formation. Academic programmes, certificate courses, continuing education seminars, clergy retreats, and mentoring programmes will provide ongoing formation.

### Publishing and Educational Resources

The Mission will continue developing a comprehensive publishing programme through Ipostas Publishing House, including classical Anglican

formularies, biblical commentaries, catechetical resources, works of historical theology, contemporary apologetics, and resources addressing pastoral and ethical questions.

### Digital Evangelism and Media Ministry

The Mission will develop an integrated media strategy, including websites, online theological courses, podcasts, educational videos, livestreamed lectures, digital libraries, and social media engagement.

### Pastoral and Community Ministries

Local churches will be encouraged to develop ministries addressing practical and spiritual needs, including pastoral counselling, family support, youth programmes, chaplaincy, educational initiatives, charitable activities, and cooperation with local institutions.
The educational programme in Pastoral Counselling will remain an integral part of the academic programmes of the Seminary.

### Regional Cooperation

The Mission will cultivate partnerships with Anglican provinces, theological institutions, mission agencies, and ecumenical partners committed to the historic Christian faith.

### Governance, Stewardship, and Evaluation

Mission leadership will review progress periodically, assess emerging opportunities and challenges, and revise operational priorities where necessary.
All ministry shall be carried out with accountability, integrity, prudent stewardship of resources, and dependence upon God's providence.

## IX. How You Can Partner with the Balkan Anglican Mission

The **Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037** is intended to be a collaborative missionary endeavour. We recognize that sustainable Anglican communities cannot be established by one church or institution alone.

We therefore invite Anglican churches, theological institutions, mission organizations, individual Christians, and other partners who share our commitment to biblical and historic Christianity to participate through:

1. **Prayer Partnership**
   Regular prayer for the development of new communities, theological education, local leadership, pastoral ministry, evangelism, and the peoples of the Balkans.

2. **Financial Partnership**
   Financial support for church planting, theological education, publishing, missionary travel, pastoral ministries, digital outreach, and clergy formation.

3. **Theological and Educational Partnership**
   Visiting lecturers, online teaching, faculty exchange, theological conferences, curriculum development, mentoring, and assistance in clergy and lay formation.

4. **Clergy Formation and Mentoring**
   Pastoral consultations, clergy retreats, preaching opportunities, theological supervision, and practical ministry training.

5. **Missionary Visits**
   Short-term missionary visits involving preaching, evangelism, youth ministry, theological teaching, pastoral ministry, conferences, and community outreach.

6. **Publishing and Translation**
   Cooperation in translation, editing, publishing, rights and permissions, distribution, digital publishing, and theological libraries.

7. **Scholarships and Student Support**
   Scholarships and educational support for students preparing for pastoral, theological, missionary, or educational ministry.

8. **Networking and Introductions**
   Connecting the Mission with churches, dioceses, theological institutions, mission agencies, foundations, and Christian organizations.

9. **Professional and Practical Expertise**
   Assistance in administration, communications, fundraising, publishing, education, media, information technology, project management, and organizational development.

### A Partnership for the Long Term

Our desire is to develop relationships that go beyond individual projects or occasional assistance.

We seek partners who will become part of a long-term missionary network committed to the spiritual renewal of the Balkans.
The Mission will seek to maintain transparency, accountability, regular communication, and responsible stewardship in all partnership relationships.

## X. Communication, Accountability and Annual Reporting

The Mission recognizes that long-term partnership requires regular communication, transparency, and accountability.

The 2027–2037 strategy will therefore be supported by two complementary mechanisms: regular online communication with partners and an annual written report.
These mechanisms will allow partners to follow the development of the Mission throughout the decade, rather than receiving a strategic document at the beginning of the period and returning to it only at its conclusion.

The Mission will maintain regular communication concerning ministry developments, missionary opportunities, prayer needs, financial priorities, challenges, and emerging areas of cooperation.

## XI. Bimonthly Partners Zoom Gathering

To strengthen communication, transparency, mutual encouragement, and prayer among our partners, the Balkan Anglican Mission will establish a Balkan Anglican Mission Partners Zoom Gathering held every two months.

Each 45–60 minute gathering may include:

- a brief ministry update from Croatia and Serbia;
- an update on regional missionary development;
- presentation of one new missionary initiative or country of focus;

- theological, pastoral, and missionary developments;
- specific prayer requests;
- current financial and practical needs;
- opportunities for partnership and cooperation; and
- time for questions, discussion, and mutual encouragement.

The gatherings will normally be held six times per year. The purpose is not simply to provide information, but to cultivate genuine missionary partnership. Partners will be able to know the people, places, challenges, opportunities, and stories that shape the Mission and to participate through prayer, encouragement, advice, and practical cooperation.

## XII. Annual Balkan Anglican Mission Report

In addition to regular online communication, the Mission will prepare an Annual Balkan Anglican Mission Report documenting its development during each year of the 2027–2037 strategy.

The report will include, as appropriate:

- principal achievements of the year;
- developments in existing Anglican communities and new mission contacts;
- new mission initiatives and regional developments;
- theological education, ministerial formation, and ordinations;
- clergy and lay leadership development;
- books and theological resources published or translated;
- digital ministry and media reach;
- pastoral, youth, and community ministries;
- international partnerships and missionary cooperation;
- an overview of financial support and use of resources;
- significant challenges and lessons learned; and
- strategic priorities and objectives for the coming year.

The annual report will also provide an opportunity to evaluate progress in relation to the objectives established in this strategy. Where circumstances change, priorities may be adjusted responsibly while remaining faithful to the overall vision and mission.

Together with the Partners Zoom Gathering, the annual report will establish a regular rhythm of communication, accountability, and shared participation.

The 2027–2037 strategy will therefore function not as a static ten-year plan, but as a living framework that can be prayerfully reviewed, evaluated, and developed throughout the decade.

## XIII. Conclusion

The **Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037** is a commitment to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, strengthen the Church, and establish a faithful and sustainable Anglican presence throughout the Balkans.

Building upon the existing foundations in Serbia and Croatia, and extending through strategic regional partnerships and new mission initiatives, we seek to serve the peoples of the region with the truth, grace, and hope of the Gospel.

We recognize that the success of this mission depends not ultimately upon our plans or resources, but upon the grace and providence of God. Our prayer is that this mission will raise up faithful local leaders, establish mature Christian communities, and equip the Church to become both a recipient and a bearer of the Gospel.
With confidence in Christ's promise to build His Church, we enter the years 2027–2037 in faith, prayer, and hope, trusting God to use this work for His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom throughout the Balkans.

## XIV. Invitation to Partnership

The **Balkan Anglican Mission 2027–2037** is ultimately an invitation to participate in a missionary work that has already begun.

We invite churches, theological institutions, mission organizations, clergy, scholars, and individual Christians to prayerfully consider how they might participate in this work.
Some may be called to pray. Others may contribute through theological education, clergy mentoring, missionary visits, publishing, scholarships, networking, professional expertise, or financial support. Each contribution can become part of a larger missionary effort when it is offered in faith and directed toward the strengthening of the Church.

Our desire is to build partnerships characterized by trust, transparency, mutual encouragement, and a shared commitment to the Gospel.

The goal is not institutional expansion for its own sake. The goal is to see Christ proclaimed, disciples formed, local leaders equipped, Christian communities established, and the Church strengthened throughout the Balkans.

**We invite you to join us in this work.**
**Together, we can help build a sustainable Anglican presence in the Balkans—rooted in Scripture, faithful to the historic Christian faith, committed to the local Church, and prepared to serve future generations.**