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### INTRODUCTION : APOSTOLIC MISSION AND MINISTRY

[Archbishop Ben Kwashi] From its birth on the Day of Pentecost, the church, continuing the mission as commanded by Jesus, did not find it difficult to respond to mission. Having been with Jesus, learned from Jesus, and understood what the mind of God was and what God is about in the world today, Pentecost provided the apostles with what they had been waiting for - the promised Holy Spirit. Thereafter, the Acts of the Apostles provides us with snapshots of key moments in the life of the apostles and in the development of the mission. We hear of how they proceeded when they were faced with new situations, or with problems which could either thrust the gospel forward, or retard its growth.

The Anglican Church has always claimed the inheritance of apostolic succession. If this is to be more than just an academic "text book" type of claim it must be substantiated in our generation, and be seen in the life and witness, the ministry and mission of the church today. If we are to rediscover the urgency, the dynamism, the fire and the zeal which clearly characterized the life and work of the apostles, then we need to look again at what they did and how they did it, and we need to see how these characteristics can once again become the hallmarks of the church' mission and ministry today.

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