

Greetings from a member of Christchurch in Montgomery, Alabama.  
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I want to commend you on your faithfulness and courage. Like he did with Job, God will bless the next part of your life much more than the first. Claim that promise.

Christchurch was formed in May of 2005 when our clergy and most of our lay leadership left the Church of Ascension in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, which was then the 3rd largest Episcopal Church in the state. We are under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Uganda. Our journey first led us to a Presbyterian Church, then to the cafeteria of a local school and now to a more permanent temporary location in a Methodist Church building in Montgomery. Parts of our departure were difficult, including the headline in our local newspaper "Gay Bishop Divides Church." However, we were able to use the first few months after our departure to focus on what we believe, and why, and where God was calling our new church. Many of us found we were carrying around some baggage that God was calling us to discard. We have reordered our lives in a good way.

The result is a rejuvenated church, with an evangelical focus, that has grown to about 600 active members and a 1.4 million 2006 budget. Like you, we hope to be part of a new vibrant Anglican presence in the United States. I look forward to watching God work in your midst. Please call on us if we can help. You will be in our prayers on Sunday.

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A former parishioner of mine in Montgomery, AL, just sent an e-mail with your website and a request for prayer support and e-mails of encouragement.

Please know that I will be lifting you up in prayer and will post this in our prayer room. Be strong and courageous, God is with you.

In His peace,  
Mark Brown  
Associate Rector

Greetings in Christ!

I received word that you have formed a new Anglican parish and wanted to write and let you know that I'll be praying for you -- that this be a time of rejoicing and freedom in our Lord Jesus Christ!! Although I'm an Alabama native, I lived in the Detroit area working for EDS for almost 10 years and know EXACTLY where you are in Livonia!!

I am a proud member of Christchurch Anglican in Montgomery and we just celebrated nine months of freedom to preach the gospel and recently moved into a building that we are sharing with a Methodist congregation after 8 months meeting in a school cafeteria.

May God richly bless you!  
Your sister in Christ,  
Jennifer Sluis