



The  
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American Churches  
In Europe

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Handbook of the Convocation of Churches in Europe. Inside you will find gathered all the important documents relating to the life and ministry of the Episcopal congregations in Europe. As the Handbook is designed to be bound in a looseleaf binder format, you will be able to keep current, as memberships of the various bodies of the Convocation, such as the Council of Advice, change, and as policies and procedures are updated and revised. The Convocation Office will send out updates, both by email and hard copy. You will also be able to find these materials online at the Convocation website, [www.tec-europe.org](http://www.tec-europe.org)

The purpose of the Convocation, like all dioceses, is to meet the needs of its congregations that they cannot individually meet for themselves. In this Handbook you will find a great deal of the resources offered for the daily life of all our churches in Europe.

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Enjoy!

And work hard, to the glory of God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

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