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Using the Episcopal and Anglican Communion News Services as Textbooks in Anglican-Muslim Relations

The Episcopal News Service (ENS) and the Anglican Communion News Service (ACNS) are unique resources for studying Anglican-Muslim relations. These agencies share the task of documenting what the Church is doing, and reporting on matters of particular concern to the Church. What can we learn about Anglican-Muslim relations from ENS and ACNS stories? They may give us access to official statements, or chronicle an ongoing dialogue, or call our attention to Church participation in an interfaith event or program. The Interfaith Education Initiative searches for ENS and ACNS stories pertaining to Anglican interaction with Muslims, and makes them available for study and discussion.

As resources for interfaith education, ENS and ACNS stories may be subjected to the same sort of close reading we might bring to a textbook. We might ask such questions as:

- What are this author’s premises in this piece?
- What hidden assumptions lie beneath the surface of the article?
- What is the article’s argument? What point(s) is (are) made?
- Is the author’s argument persuasive? (Why or why not?)
- What questions does this article raise for you? Where might you turn to find more answers?
- If you were to write a letter to the editor responding to this piece, what point(s) would you make?
- What does this article contribute to your understanding of Islam?
- What does this article teach you about the Anglican conversation with Islam?