

The Rev. Canon Dr. Alison L. Barfoot

Since July 2004, Alison has served as the Archbishop's Assistant for International Relations in the Church of Uganda. She served for eight and a half years with the Most Rev. Henry Luke Orombi, and since 2012 with the current Archbishop, the Most Rev. Stanley Ntagali. Prior to that, she served as Associate Rector and then Co-Rector of Christ Church, Overland Park, Kansas, from 1997 – 2004.



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Raised in Alexandria, Virginia, she received her Bachelor of Music Degree *summa cum laude* from Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, in 1981, and her Master of Divinity degree in 1986 from Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, Pennsylvania. In 1999 she was awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC. Between college and seminary, she was the Director of Instrumental Music at St. Stephen's School for Boys in Alexandria, VA. Prior to coming to Christ Church, she spent five years in parish ministry in Western Pennsylvania, four years as a part-time adjunct faculty member of Trinity School for Ministry, and six years planting a new church in Northern Virginia.

In addition to general parish ministry responsibilities at Christ Church, she was also responsible for local and international mission ministries. She pioneered Christ Church's partnership with the Sudanese refugee community in Kansas City, established the Kansas City Sudan Support Network to raise awareness of the plight of southern Sudanese and to support them locally. She also helped Christ Church establish a partnership relationship with the Nebbi Diocese in Uganda and the Episcopal Diocese of Honduras. In these partnerships, Christ Church sent five to six teams a year and received teams of Ugandans and Hondurans in Overland Park each year. Christ Church also worked in partnership with a cluster of churches in Western Haiti. In February 2003 she was made a Canon of Nebbi Diocese in Uganda.

Alison serves as an Advisor to the Board of Directors of [SOMA \(Sharing of Ministries Abroad\)](#), a short-term sending agency that is called to equip the Church for ministry through renewal in the Holy Spirit for the purpose of transforming individuals, churches, and communities. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for [Trinity School for Ministry](#), and has helped carry the vision of Trinity as a Great Commission Seminary.

In the Church of Uganda, as the Archbishop's Assistant for International Relations, she assists him in his international ministry and keeping him abreast of the global trends of the church, preparing him for international missions and meetings, and supporting international mission partnerships. Since 2009, she has also served as the provincial Director of Communications for the Church of Uganda.

In 2004, Alison founded [Global Mobilization Ministries \(GMM\)](#), a non-profit charitable organization that empowers African missional leaders to evangelize and disciple unreached people groups. She serves as the organization's Director and also mentors key African missionaries who are working in eastern Africa in very challenging situations. GMM seeks to identify Africans doing evangelism, build their capacity for cross-cultural ministry, and see them released in effective mission and outreach. GMM is convinced that Africa is not only a mission field, but a mission force.

After brokering a partnership between the Church of Uganda and [The Global Orphan Project](#) in 2008, Alison became the first Executive Director of GO Africa in 2010. GO Africa is the East African office for The Global Orphan Project, whose mission is to build the capacity of local churches to sustainably care for the most abandoned and abused children in their communities. Through their partnerships of training and modest support, nine local churches are caring for 400 abandoned and neglected orphans in 43 homes, growing their own food, and working on sustainability projects to increase their resources to care for the children.