



APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

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Apostolic succession is the unbroken line of bishops by *the laying on of hands* stretching back to the apostles of Jesus Christ. The **Orthodox Anglican Church®** has always insisted that Apostolic Succession was God's will for the Church. The Orthodox Anglican Church was organized in the early 1960's and incorporated on **March 6, A.D. 1964**. The jurisdiction represented **the first** noteworthy group of Anglicans departing from the Episcopal Church since the formation of the Reformed Episcopal Church in 1873. In contrast to the Orthodox Anglican Church, the Reformed Episcopal Church preserved Apostolic Succession but rejected the traditional understanding of it.

The Apostolic Succession of the current bishops of the Orthodox Anglican Church can simply be traced back to the Anglican succession maintained in the original consecrations of Continuing Anglicans. This succession includes the following bishops: the Rt Revd Albert A. Chambers (#588), the Rt Revd Francisco Pagtakhan, the Rt Revd Charles D. D. Doren, and the Rt Revd Robert S. Morse.

Chambers Succession

- +Albert A. Chambers, 1962 (#588)
- +Robert S. Morse, 1978
- *+George D. Stenhouse, 1990
- ++**T. Creighton Jones**, 2012
- +**Thomas E. Gordon**, 2012

*+Albert A. Chambers was also co-consecrator to +George D. Stenhouse by letter of consent.



The Apostolic Succession of the current bishops of the Orthodox Anglican Church includes other lines of: **Anglican** succession, **Continuing Anglican** succession, **Eastern Orthodox** succession through the Moscow Patriarchate, and the Rebiban succession of the **Roman Catholic** Church.

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