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**THE ANGLICAN CENTRE**

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Re: Alpha Canada

Dear friends,

I am writing to recommend Alberta 2013 and the Alpha Program ([www.alberta2013.org](http://www.alberta2013.org)) as a resource to your local parish. Many of you are already familiar with Alpha, as I am from my own use of it in parish ministry. Alpha originated at the Anglican parish of Holy Trinity Brompton in England in the late 1970s, and has a wide appeal by inviting people to explore the Christian faith in a friendly and relaxed manner.

There are a variety of ways you can use Alpha within your parish, as it has a number of flexible and accessible ways of offering the course. It has specific tools for youth, seniors, over lunch, as prayerful consideration to using the Alpha program in your parish.

This April 19-20 there will be an Alpha Conference (a training event) at Beulah Alliance Church (17504 98A Ave NW, Edmonton, AB) with guest speakers like the Rev Jamie Haith, Michael Harvey and worship leader Ben Cantelon. Online registration is available at [www.alberta2013.org/conference](http://www.alberta2013.org/conference). McMurray (further details will be available following the conference at Beulah Alliance Church).

May the Lord prosper you in your ministries,

+Fraser

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