

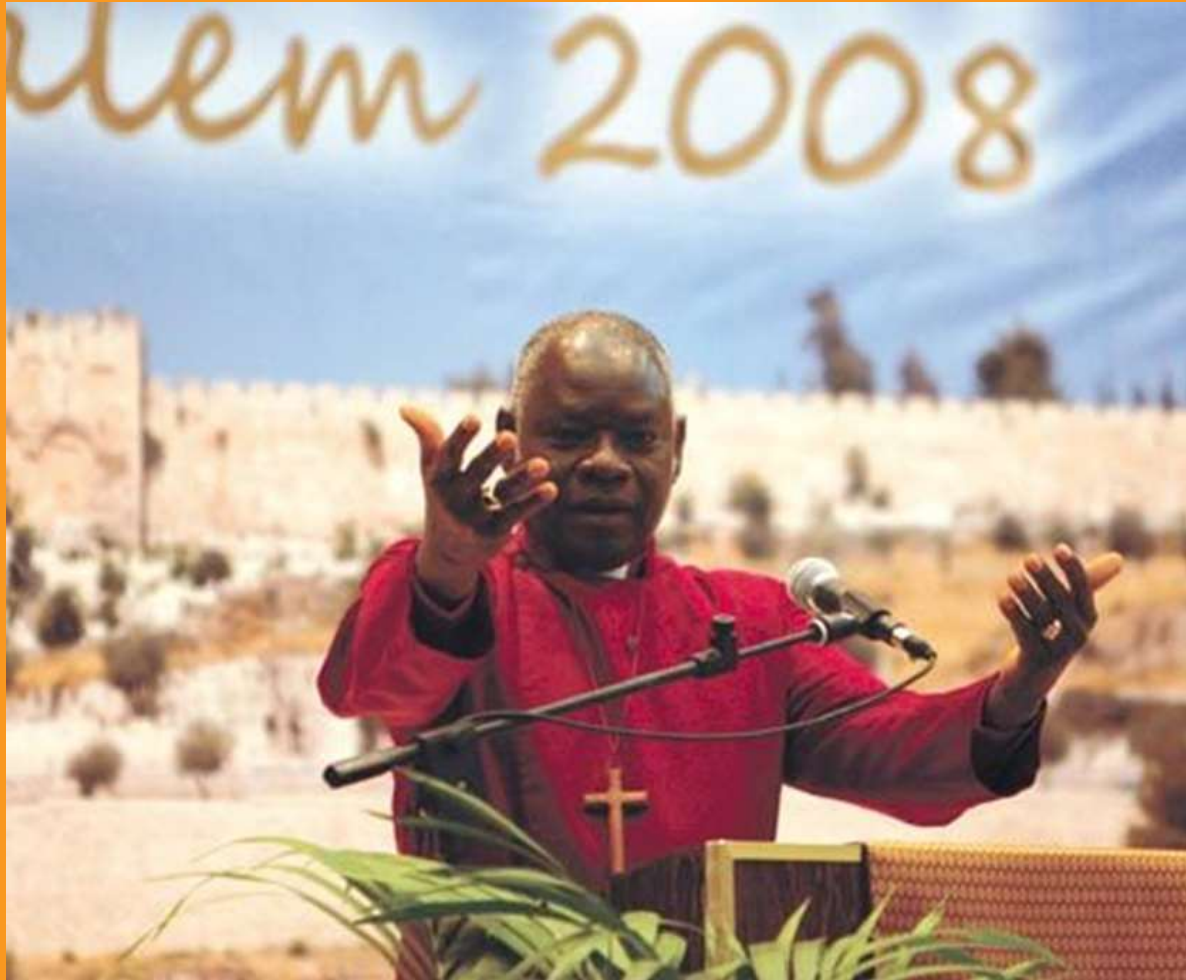


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Understanding the Context

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- What has Gafcon achieved?
- Why is Gafcon needed in 2023?
- What might the future hold?

A Rescue Mission



“Our beloved Anglican Communion must be rescued from the manipulation of those who have denied the gospel and its power to transform and to save; those who have departed from the scripture and the faith 'once and for all delivered to the saints' from those who are proclaiming a new gospel, which really is no gospel at all, {Gal 1.} In the wisdom and strength God supplies we must rescue what is left of the Church from error of the apostates.”

That is still needed?

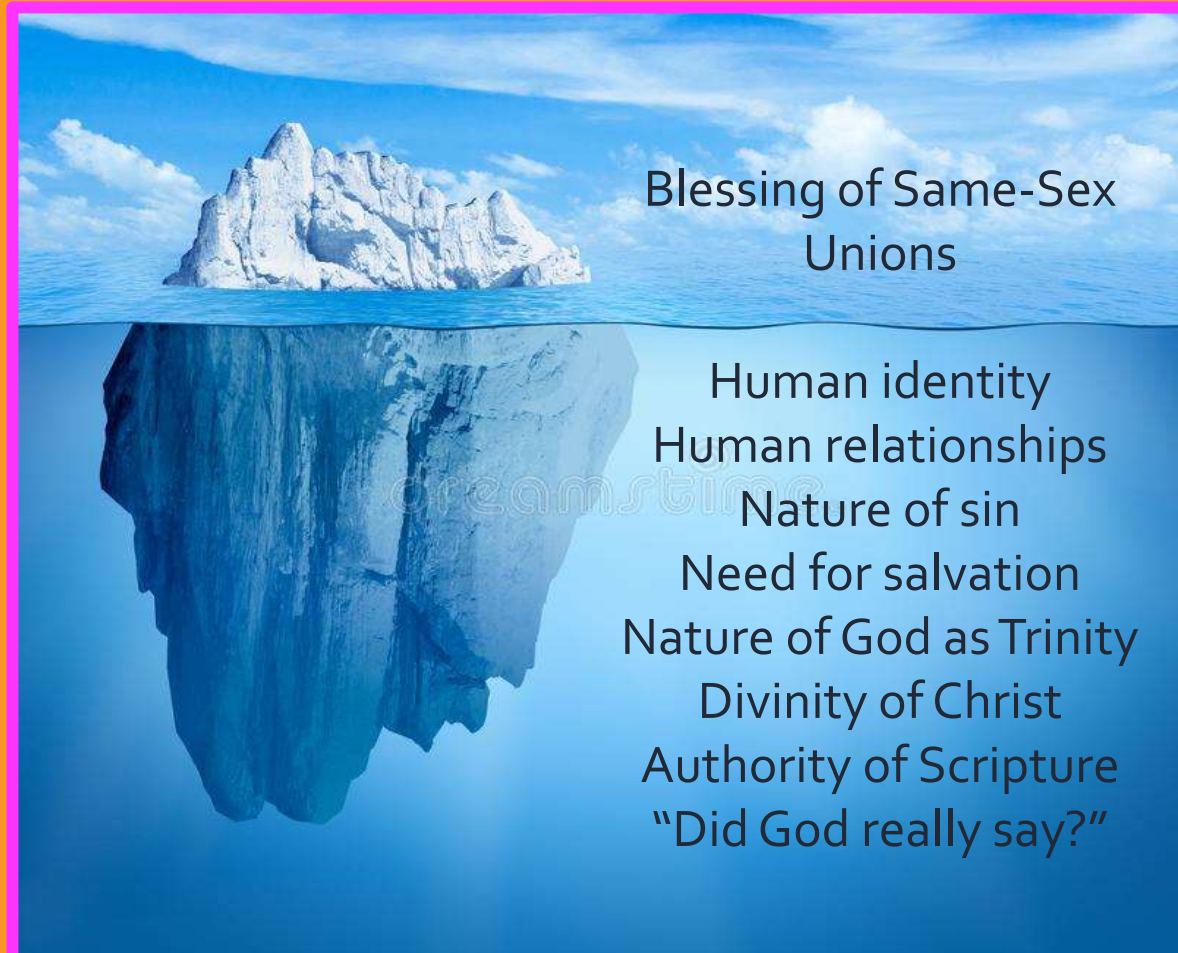


Global response

“... cause the GSFA to question his fitness to lead what is still a largely orthodox world-wide Communion.....Orthodox Provinces in GSFA are not leaving the Anglican Communion, but with great sadness must recognise that the Church of England has now joined those Provinces with which communion is impaired.”

“The Archbishop of Canterbury has abrogated his fiduciary responsibility and violated his consecration vows to “banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God’s Word” with his advocating this change in the Church of England. He is shredding the last remaining fragile fabric of the Anglican Communion.”

What's at stake?



Martin Luther

“Also it does not help that one of you would say: “I will gladly confess Christ and His Word on every detail, except that I may keep silent about one or two things which my tyrants may not tolerate, such as the form of the Sacraments and the like.” For whoever denies Christ in one detail or word has denied the same Christ in that one detail who was denied in all the details, since there is only one Christ in all His words, taken together or individually.”

Martin Luther

“If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the Word of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Him.”

Book of Common Prayer

For the state of Christ's church militant here in earth...

“beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word and live in unity and godly love.”

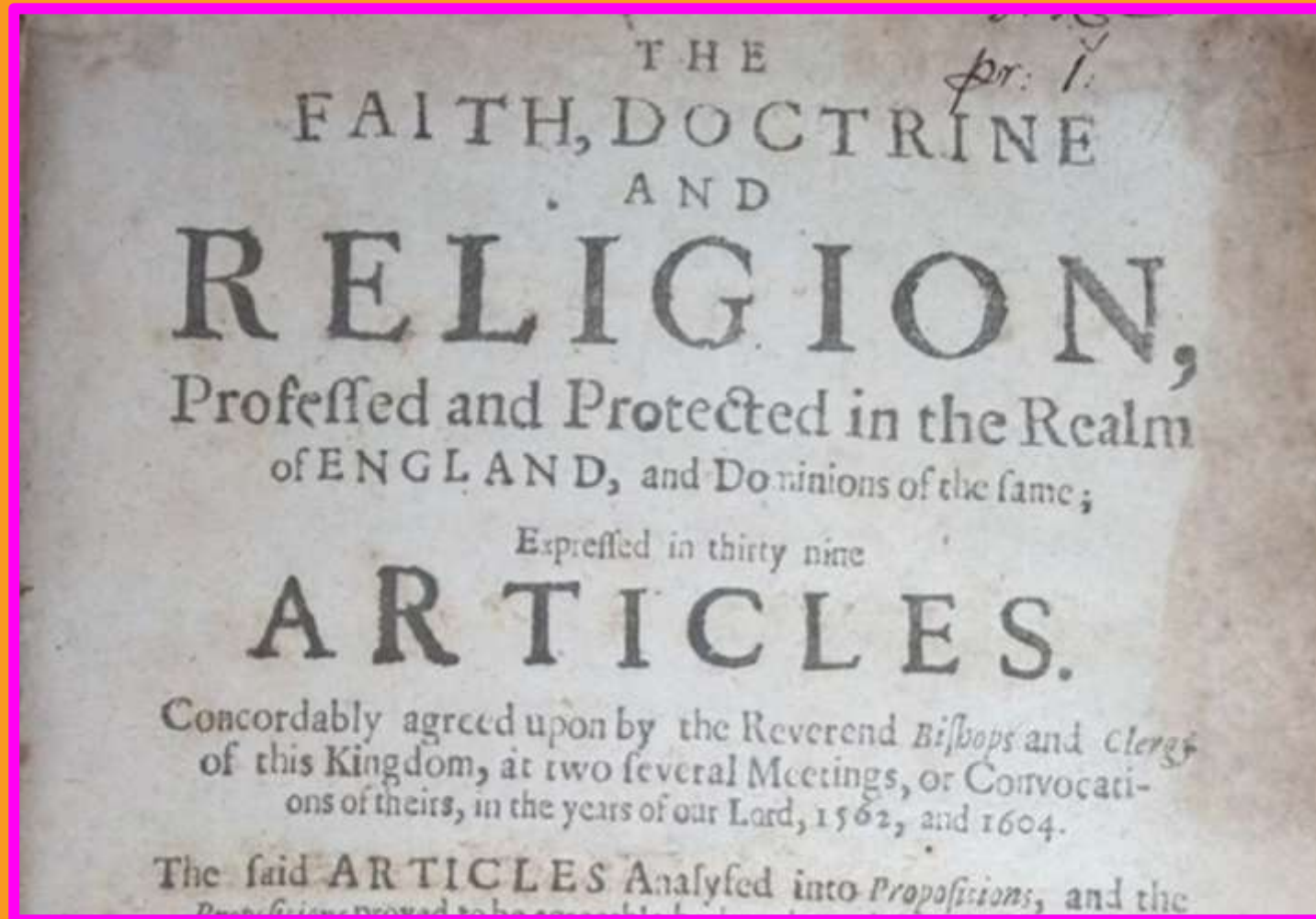


Building blocks - Anglican

The 39 Articles

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An imperfect church

“Although in the Visible Church the evil be ever mingled with the good, and sometimes the evil have chief authority in the Ministration of the Word and Sacraments...” (Article XXVI)

And when they [General Councils] be gathered together, (forasmuch as they be an assembly of men, wherof all be not governed with the Spirit and the Word of God) they may err, and sometimes have erred, even in things pertaining unto God.” (Article XXI)

An ordered church

Neither the effect of Christ's ordinances nor the grace of God's gifts are diminished by wicked ministers...

“Nevertheless, it appertaineth to the discipline of the Church, that inquiry be made of evil Ministers, and that they be accused by those that have knowledge of their offences; and finally being found guilty, by just judgement be deposed.”

(Article XXVI)

A diverse church – within boundaries

“It is not necessary that Traditions and Ceremonies be in all places one, or utterly like; for at all times they have been divers; and may be changed according to the diversities of countries, times, and men’s manners, so that nothing be ordained against God’s Word.

“Whosoever through his private judgement, willingly and purposely, doth openly break the traditions and ceremonies of the Church, which be not repugnant to the word of God and be ordained and approved by a common authority ought to be rebuked openly (that others may fear to do the like).” (Article XXXIV)



Building Blocks - Global

To the ends of the earth...

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The impact of political independence

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United States of America

South Africa

Rwanda

Mozambique and Angola



THE
Episcopal
CHURCH

1789



1870



1962
1992
2007
2019



2021



"Removing the word 'Province' is a significant change. We are not subjects. Some want us to accept that it is essential to being Anglican that you are recognised by Canterbury, but we find our identity first and foremost through our Biblical and Anglican doctrinal inheritance in Christ. The Jerusalem Statement and Declaration of 2008 concluded 'We can only come to the devastating conclusion that 'we are a global Communion with a colonial structure''. We seek only to be a colony of heaven!"

The first Lambeth Conference -1867

(Some of the...) Bishops of the Reformed Church in visible communion with the United Church of England and Ireland

- Gathered because of 'unease' over liberal ideas and over-zealous bishops
- Gathered to consider the "Conditions of Union with the Church at home"
- Gathered to consider the "reunion of Christendom"

The Instruments of Communion

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ANGLICAN
COMMUNION

IN OVER 165 COUNTRIES



Developing Instruments of Communion

- The Archbishop of Canterbury
- The Lambeth Conference (1867)
- The Anglican Consultative Council (1968)
- The Primates' Meeting (1978)

Increasing Role of the Global South

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- South to South Encounters
 - 1995 – 2005
- Global South Conference
 - 2012 – 2021
- Global South Fellowship of Anglicans
 - From 2021...
 - Cairo Covenant





Why was Gafcon needed in 2008?

Western Arrogance

	Episcopal Church (USA) Anglican Church of Canada	Instruments of Communion	Church of England
1967	Symposium on homosexuality		
1976	General Convention/ House of Bishops		
1977	Ellen Barrett ordained (gay - not sexually active)		
1978		Lambeth Conference 10 / 1 st Primates	
1979	General Convention/ House of Bishops		Gloucester Report for HoB
1982	General Convention/ House of Bishops		
1987			Higton Motion at General Synod
1988		Lambeth Conference	
1989	Robert Williams ordained by Bishop Spong (resigned)		Osborne Report for HoB (not published)
1990	Bishop Righter ordains Rev Stopfel (does not resign)		
1991	General Convention – “discontinuity”	Primates Meeting – Newcastle NI	Issues in Human Sexuality
1993	Retired bishop – divorces wife & comes out		
1994	General Convention – “non-discrimination”		
1995	ACoC – “encourage dialogue – discuss liturgy”	Primates Meeting – Windsor	
1996	Righter Judgement		
1997		Virginia Report South to South Encounter – Kuala Lumpur	

Western Arrogance

	Episcopal Church (USA) Anglican Church of Canada	Instruments of Communion	Church of England/Scottish Episcopal Church/ Church in Wales
1998		Lambeth Conference I.10	
1999		ACC – Edinburgh - Archbishop Moses Gay (SE Asia) refuses to attend because of lack of discipline	
2000	General Convention – other relationships 'acknowledged' fidelity, monogomy, respect etc		
2001		Primates Meeting - Kanuga	
2002	Diocese of New Westminster (ACoC) bless same-sex unions	Primates Meeting – Canterbury ACC -	
2003	General Convention “explore /experience liturgies” ACoC Gen Synod – “affirm integrity and sanctity” Consecration of Gene Robinson	Primates Meeting – Gramado Primates Meeting - Lambeth	Jeffrey John appointed Bishop of Reading Some Issues in Human Sexuality
2004	Churches seeking Alternative Episcopal Oversight	Windsor Report published	
2005		Primates Meeting - Dromantine	Pastoral Statement on Civil Partnerships
2006	General Convention – weak apologies+ more resolutions		
2007		Primates Meeting – Dar es Salaam Deadline 30 th September Invites sent out for Lambeth	

Seven key dates

- 1996 - The 'Righter Judgement'
- 1997 - South-to South Encounter
- 1998 - Lambeth I.10 - the last 'Resolution'
- 2002 - New Westminster, ACoC - blessing of same-sex unions
- 2003 - Jeffrey John/Gene Robinson/Emergency Primates Meeting
- 2003-7 - 'Windsor' Process
- 2007 - Invitations to Lambeth Conference

1. ECUSA - Righter Judgement - 1996

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“... there is no Core Doctrine prohibiting the ordination of a non-celibate, homosexual person living in a faithful and committed sexual relationship with a person of the same sex.”

2. South to South Encounter 1997

6. Scripture, the Family and Human Sexuality

Reflection on our Encounter theme has helped further deepen our resolve to uphold the authority of Scripture in every aspect of life, including the family and human sexuality.

Therefore:

6.1 We call on the Anglican Communion as a Church claiming to be rooted in the Apostolic and Reformed Tradition to remain true to Scripture as the final authority in all matters of faith and conduct;

6.2 We affirm that Scripture upholds marriage as a sacred relationship between a man and a woman, instituted in the creation ordinance;

6.3 We reaffirm that the only sexual expression, as taught by Scripture, which honours God and upholds human dignity is that between a man and a woman within the sacred ordinance of marriage;

6.4 We further believe that Scripture maintains that any other form of sexual expression is at once sinful, selfish, dishonouring to God and an abuse of human dignity;

6.5 We are aware of the scourge of sexual promiscuity, including homosexuality, rape and child abuse in our time. These are pastoral problems, and we call on the Churches to seek to find a pastoral and scriptural way to bring healing and restoration to those who are affected by any of these harrowing tragedies.

3. Lambeth Conference 1998

- 3 ways of life or 2?
- Lambeth I.10 - Orthodox statement on sexuality
 - 526 in favor and 70 against, with 45 abstentions
 - 100+ bishops avoided the vote
 - 185 bishops signed a letter before the end of the conference

“We pledge that we will continue to reflect, pray, and work for your full inclusion in the life of the Church. It is obvious that Communion-wide we are in great disagreement over what full inclusion would mean.”

4. Tale of Two Bishops...



Jeffrey John

In same-sex relationship since 1976, “ceased to be sexual in the 1990s”,

Appointed Bishop of Reading May 20th 2003

(Primates Meeting in Brazil 19th-26th May)

Reported to withdraw his acceptance 6th July 2003



Gene Robinson

Married and divorced in 1986, when he entered into a same-sex, relationship

Elected Bishop by New Hampshire Diocese June 7th 2003 -

Consent given by General Convention in August 2003

Emergency Primates Meeting

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The Primates met in:

- 2000 - Porto, Portugal
- 2001 - Kanuga, USA
- 2002 - Canterbury, UK
- 2003 - Gramado, Brazil

- 2003 - Lambeth, UK

Emergency Primates meeting at Lambeth

*“If his consecration proceeds, we recognise that we have reached
a crucial and critical point
in the life of the Anglican Communion and we have had to conclude
that the future of the Communion itself will be put in jeopardy.”*

*“This will **tear the fabric of our communion** at its deepest level, and may lead
to further division on this and further issues as provinces have to decide in
consequence whether they can remain in communion with provinces that
choose not to break communion with the Episcopal Church (USA).”*

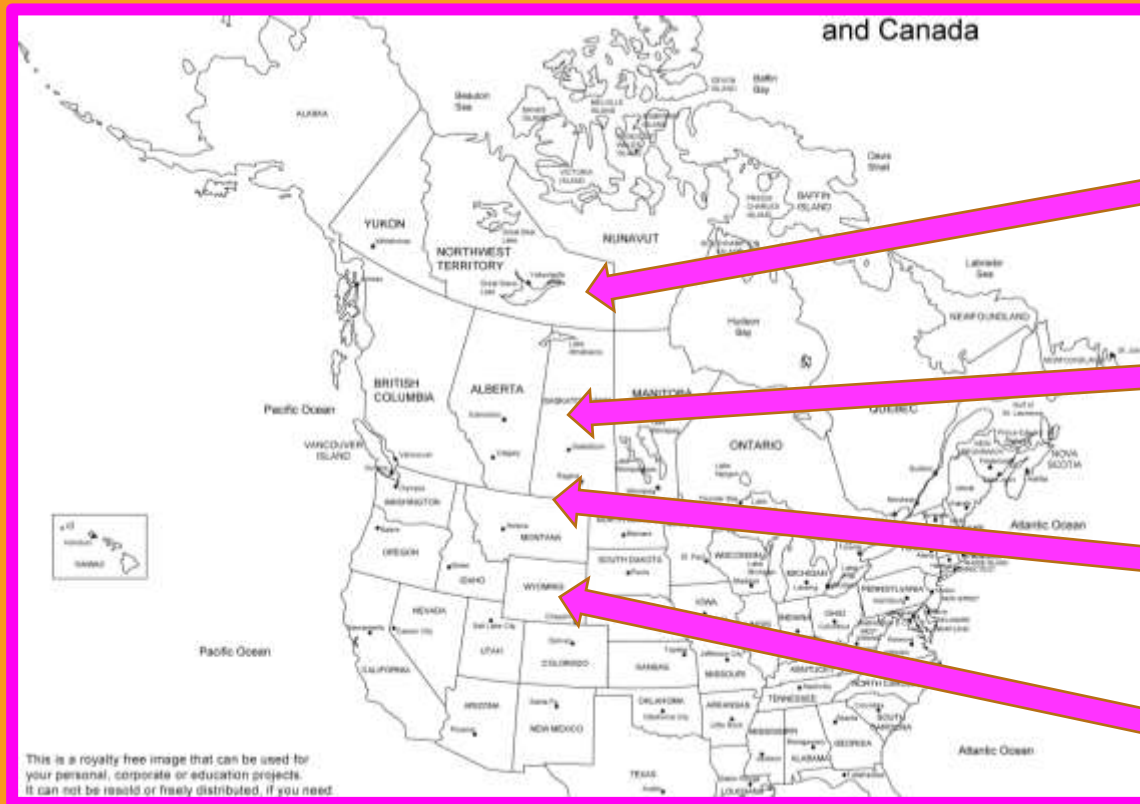
The Consecration - Nov 2nd 2003



Response: Cross-border “interventions”

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Nigeria (CANA)

Rwanda
(PEARUSA)

Uganda

Southern Cone

5. Managing the Crisis - The Windsor Process

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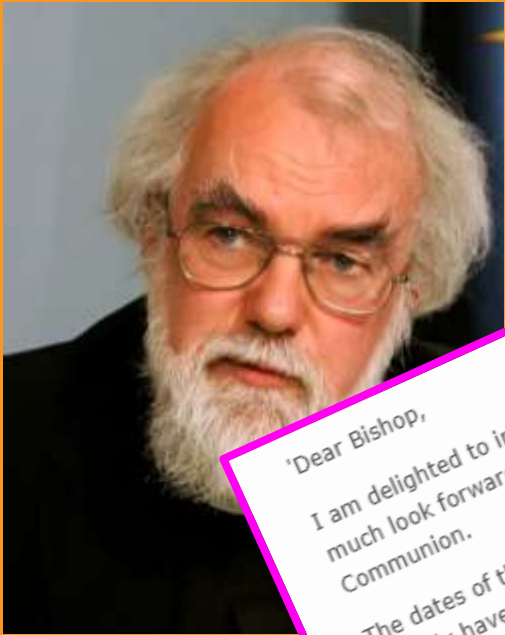
- 2004 - London (Standing Com. - Windsor Report)
- 2005 - Dromantine, N. Ireland
- 2007 - Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

ECUSA Deadline - 30th September

Lambeth 2008 - Invitations - May 2007

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'Dear Bishop,

I am delighted to invite you to the Lambeth Conference of 2008 and I very much look forward to our gathering together as bishops of the Anglican Communion.

The dates of the Conference are 16 July-4 August 2008 and I trust you will already have heard something of the vision for the Conference as it has been unfolding. It will focus on our equipping as bishops for leadership in mission and teaching, and it will also be an opportunity for all of us to strengthen our commitment to God's mission and to our common life as a Communion. In connection with this latter point, we shall be devoting some time to thinking about the proposals for an Anglican Covenant, and about other ways in which we can deepen our sense of a common calling for us as interdependent members of the body of Christ.

Most Revd Rowan Williams sends out invitations to all bishops in the Anglican Communion, except,

Rt Rev Gene Robinson

Rt Rev Martyn Minns

(Consecrated by Church of Nigeria to serve in USA)

Instruments of Communion?

- Archbishop of Canterbury ... by his action
- Lambeth Conference (undermined)
- Primates Council (ignored – SEVEN times)
- Anglican Consultative Council (ignored)



What would YOU do?

Gather to talk

- December 2007 – Meeting in Nairobi
 - ++ Peter Akinola (Nigeria)
 - ++ Henry Orombi (Uganda)
 - ++ Benjamin Nzimbi(Kenya)
 - ++ Donald Mtemela (Tanzania)
 - + Donald Harvey (Canada – retired)
 - + Martyn Minns (USA – Nigeria)
 - Canon Vinay Samuel
 - ++ Nicholas Okoh (Nigeria)
 - ++ Emmanuel Kolini(Rwanda)
 - ++ Greg Venables(Southern Cone)
 - ++ Peter Jensen (Sydney)
 - +Robert Duncan (USA)
 - +Bill Atwood (USA)
 - Canon Chris Sugden
- Suggestion of a Conference to discuss the Global Anglican Future
- GAFCON - June 2008 - Jerusalem
(despite concerns raised by ++Mouneer Anis, ++John Chew and +Suheil Dawani)

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Jerusalem Statement – Response to 3 facts

1. *“The acceptance and promotion within the provinces of the Anglican Communion of a different ‘gospel’ (cf. Galatians 1:6-8) which is contrary to the apostolic gospel.”*
2. *“The declaration by provincial bodies in the Global South that they are out of communion with bishops and churches that promote this false gospel.”*
3. *“The manifest failure of the Communion Instruments to exercise discipline in the face of overt heterodoxy.”*

Jerusalem Statement - Outcomes

“GAFCON is not just a moment in time, but a movement in the Spirit, and we hereby:

- launch the GAFCON movement as a fellowship of confessing Anglicans*
- publish the **Jerusalem Declaration** as the basis of the fellowship*
- encourage GAFCON Primates to form a Council.”*

“Our fellowship is not breaking away from the Anglican Communion.”

“The time is now ripe for the formation of a province in North America.”



What has Gafcon achieved?

A Continuing Movement



Nairobi – 2013

- The East African Revival – the nature of true repentance
- Building partnership – evangelism, discipleship, transformation
- Mike Ovey – The Grace of God or the World of the West
- Anglican Mission in England recognised for mission

Nairobi Communique and Commitments

A Continuing Movement

Jerusalem 2018

- *“We will proclaim Christ faithfully to the nations”*
- *“We are merely doing what the Communion leadership should have done to uphold its own resolution in 1998.”*
- *“Rather than declaring war, we need to build the structures and relational networks that can move Gospel ministry forward to do evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and business as mission.”*
- Launch of nine networks

Letter to the Churches



A Continuing Movement

Dubai 2019

- *“We heard of the sense of betrayal they experience when the very gospel for which they are suffering is being undermined and denied in other parts of the Anglican Communion”*
- *We grieve that the fellowship in the Anglican Communion has been torn at the deepest level by those who preach another gospel and those who urge us to continue to ‘walk together’ with them. We are grateful, therefore, that Gafcon offers us the opportunity to partner with one another in true gospel fellowship.*



Streams in the Desert: A Letter from Churches in Restricted Situations

New Provinces and Dioceses



ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA



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Church of
Confessing
Anglicans
Aotearoa NZ



ANGLICAN
NETWORK
IN CANADA

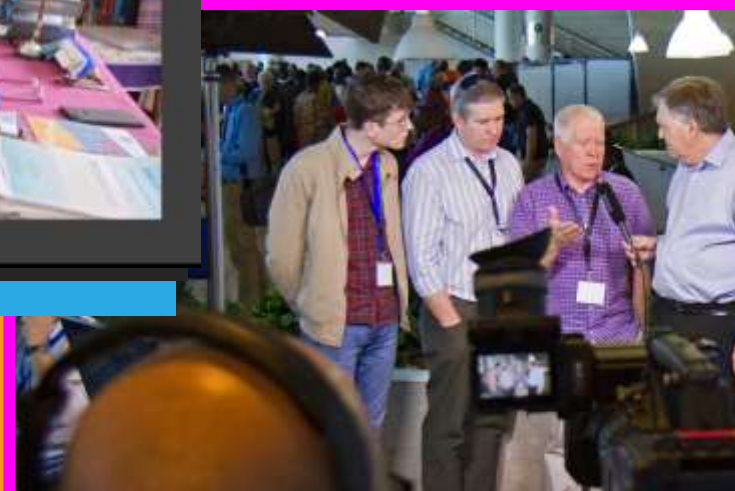
We are part of a global family of
faithful Anglicans...



A Network of Relationships

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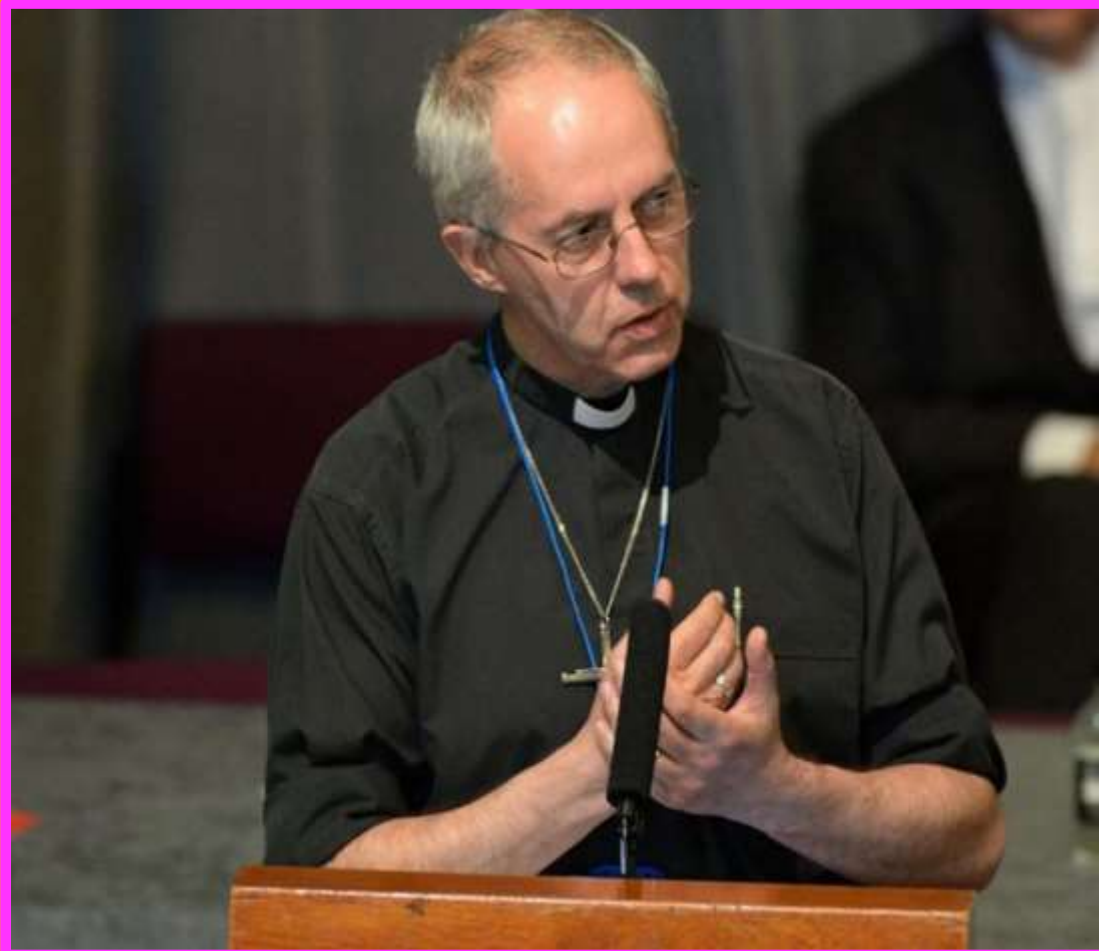


Why is Gafcon needed in 2023?

An Archbishop in Search of a Prize

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“There is a prize, the quest for which it is worth almost anything to achieve.

That prize is visible unity in Christ, despite functional diversity...

...if we even get near it we can speak with authority to a world where over the last year we have seen more than ever an incapacity to deal with difference..”

Presidential Address at General Synod November 2014
Report of Proceedings of General Synod November 2014 p15

David Porter – 2014



David Porter

*“It is my job to reconcile.
I hope that 80% of the Church
of England can find a place of
compromise.
Fracture will happen.”*

Launch of the Shared Conversations (2014)

Primates Gathering - 2016



 PRIMATES
2016

**Walking Together in the
Service of God in the World**

Primates Gathering - 2016

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1. We gathered as Anglican Primates to pray and consider how we may preserve our unity in Christ given the ongoing deep differences that exist among us concerning our understanding of marriage.
2. Recent developments in The Episcopal Church with respect to a change in their Canon on marriage represent a fundamental departure from the faith and teaching held by the majority of our Provinces on the doctrine of marriage. Possible developments in other Provinces could further exacerbate this situation.
3. All of us acknowledge that these developments have caused further deep pain throughout our Communion.
4. The traditional doctrine of the church in view of the teaching of Scripture, upholds marriage as between a man and a woman in faithful, lifelong union. The majority of those gathered reaffirm this teaching.
5. In keeping with the consistent position of previous Primates' meetings such unilateral actions on a matter of doctrine without Catholic unity is considered by many of us as a departure from the mutual accountability and interdependence implied through being in relationship with each other in the Anglican Communion.
6. Such actions further impair our communion and create a deeper mistrust between us. This results in significant distance between us and places huge strains on the functioning of the Instruments of Communion and the ways in which we express our historic and ongoing relationships.
7. It is our unanimous desire to walk together. However given the seriousness of these matters we formally acknowledge this distance by requiring that for a period of three years The Episcopal Church no longer represent us on ecumenical and interfaith bodies, should not be appointed or elected to an internal standing committee and that while participating in the internal bodies of the Anglican Communion, they will not take part in decision making on any issues pertaining to doctrine or polity.
8. We have asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to appoint a Task Group to maintain conversation among ourselves with the intention of restoration of relationship, the rebuilding of mutual trust, healing the legacy of hurt, recognising the extent of our commonality and exploring our deep differences, ensuring they are held between us in the love and grace of Christ.

Appendix A



Primates Gathering - 2016

Primates: “It is our unanimous desire to walk together. However, given the seriousness of these matters we formally acknowledge this distance by requiring

- For a period of three years
 - TEC no longer represent us on ecumenical and interfaith bodies
 - TEC should not be appointed or elected to an internal standing committee
 - TEC should not take part in decision making on any issues pertaining to doctrine or polity
- The Archbishop of Canterbury to appoint a Task Force.. With the intention of a restoration of relationship, rebuilding of trust.....

Primates Gathering -2016

- Why 3 years?
 - Desire to see repentance
 - TEC's General Convention would not meet again until 2019
- Why those conditions?
 - Echoed the Windsor Report
 - Repeated the requests made at Dromantine and Dar es Salaam

“... Walk Together”



Primates Gathering 2016

Primates: “It is our unanimous **desire** to walk together. However, given the seriousness of these matters we formally acknowledge this distance by requiring”

'Primates' Communique

(Not agreed by the Primates)

“the unanimous **decision** of the Primates was to walk together, however painful this is, and despite our differences, as a deep expression of our unity in the body of Christ.”

Archbishop of Canterbury

(At Press Conference)

“It was our unanimous **decision** to walk together and to take responsibility for making that work.”

Primates Gathering 2016



Here we go again...

Since Primates Meeting 2016

May 2016:	TEC boast of full participation at ACC-16 in Lusaka
July 2016:	ACoC pass first vote to allow same-sex marriage (many dioceses allow blessings)
Jan 2017:	New bishop in Toronto consecrated – in a same-sex relationship
June 2017:	Scottish Episcopal Church votes to allow same-sex marriage
Oct 2017:	Primates Meeting – 1/3 missing – change of focus
May 2018:	ACANZP vote to allow blessing of same-sex unions
June 2018:	Brazil's Episcopal Church votes to allow same-sex marriage
Dec 2018:	CofE bishops publish guidance for use of baptism liturgy to mark gender transition
Dec 2018:	Bishop in Toronto marries same-sex partner at the Cathedral
Feb 2019:	Archbishop of Canterbury invites bishops in same-sex relationships to Lambeth
June 2019:	Bishop of Maine consecrated (TEC) - in a same-sex marriage
July 2019:	ACoC fail to gain 2/3 majority in House of Bishops for 2 nd vote on same-sex marriage – so permit decision at diocesan level – 19/30 dioceses vote in favour
Jan 2020:	Bishop of Monmouth (CinW) consecrated – in civil partnership
Sept 2021:	Church in Wales votes to formally bless same-sex unions
July 2022:	Lambeth Conference - two views of marriage

Lambeth 2020...22

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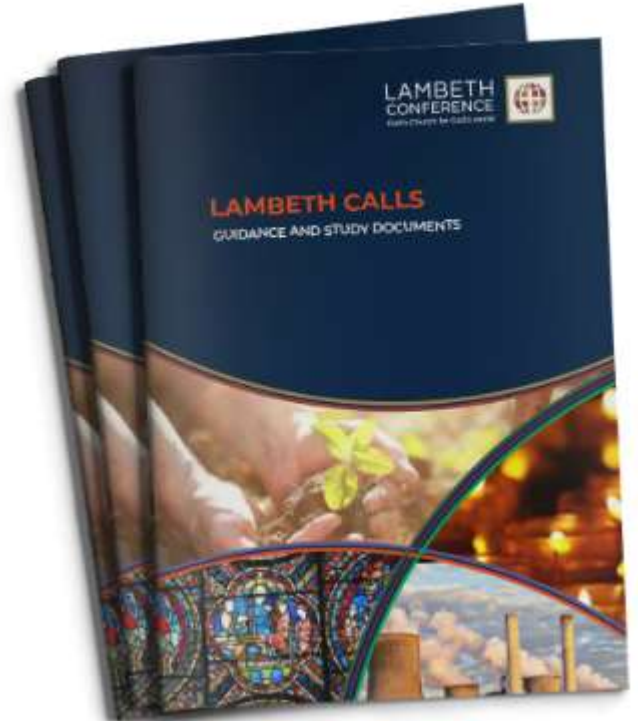
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Walking, listening
and witnessing together...



UPDATE

Dates for the 15th Lambeth Conference:
27th July - 8th August 2022



Same Analysis – Different Approach

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We can't
"Walk
Together"
So don't go!

We can't
"Walk Together"
But we can
"gather together"
and contend

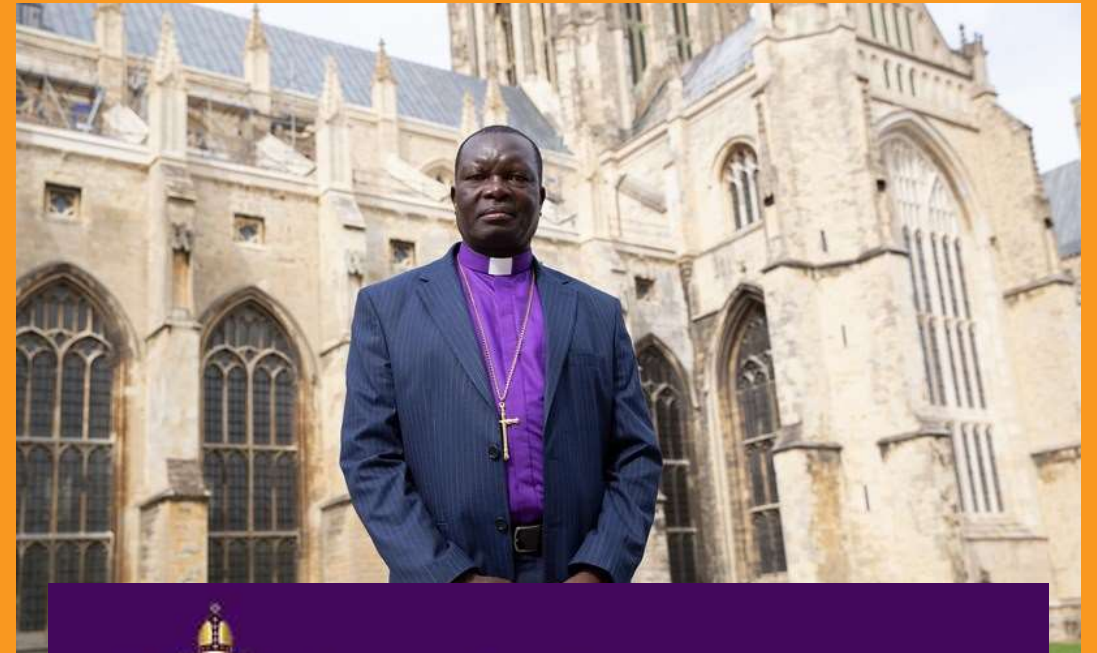
Lambeth Conference 2022

Archbishop of Canterbury

“We are called by Christ himself both to truth and unity.”

“.. there is no attempt to change people’s minds in this Call.”

“ Truth and unity must be held together, but Church history also says that this sometimes takes a very long time to reach a point where different teaching is rejected or received. I neither have, nor do I seek, the authority to discipline or exclude a church of the Anglican Communion. I will not do so.”



GSFA

**Global South Fellowship
of Anglican Churches**

Lambeth Conference 2022

Archbishop of Canterbury

“As Bishops we remain committed to listening and walking together to the maximum possible degree, despite our deep disagreement on these issues.”

Archbishop Justin Badi

“Today in Canterbury, we may be ‘gathered together’, but we most certainly cannot ‘walk together’ until provinces which have gone against Scripture – and the will of the consensus of the bishops – repent and return to orthodoxy,”

Lambeth Conference 2022

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“A communion is where you have one belief, one doctrine and here there is an issue where there are two different doctrines. How can you walk together?”

The Spin...

Lambeth Conference: Welby unites bishops with compromise on sexuality

🕒 7 August 2022



NEIL TURNER FOR THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE

The Truth, Your Grace...

“Your Grace - do you accept that the GSFA have said that they are not walking together with those who do not abide by Lambeth Resolution 1.10 (1998)?”

“I have to confess to not reading with remorseless interest every press release that is put out by every group connected to the Anglican Communion, because that would be quite a lengthy undertaking, I'd probably never get anything else done.

But I did look at that one and um, err, it's what it says.”

Thirty Years On...

Archbishop of Canterbury, writes:

“I write therefore to affirm that the validity of the resolution passed at the Lambeth Conference 1998, 1:10 is not in doubt and that whole resolution is still in existence.”

“In that way, the Call states the reality of life in the Communion today. There is no mention of sanctions, or exclusion, in 1.10 1998. There is much mention of pastoral care. We have a plurality of views.”

The Outcome

“We have a plurality of views...”

- No debate - just discussion
- No vote - just ‘determined’

“The Ultimate Adiaphora”

Understanding Plural Truth

The screenshot displays the AF website's blog section. At the top left is the AF logo. A navigation bar contains links for Home, About Us, Events, AF Blog, Resources, Services, and More. Three blog posts are featured, each with a distinct image and a title. The first post, 'Plural Truth: How Might It Play Out?', features a crowd of diverse people. The second, 'Plural Truth: The Prize of Infinite Value?', shows a glowing orb on a web. The third, 'Plural Truth: Playing The Cards Right', depicts hands holding playing cards. Each post includes a date (Aug 5, 2022), a duration (5 min or 3 min), a brief description, and engagement metrics (views, comments, and likes).

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Opened the door for....

News from the Church of England

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Bishops propose prayers of thanksgiving, dedication and for God's blessing for same-sex couples

Wednesday 18 January



For the first time, under historic plans outlined today, same-sex couples will be able to come to church to give thanks for their civil marriage or civil partnership and receive God's blessing.

Bishops' response to LLF - GS 2289

*WE “want to continue **walking together**, bearing with one another in love. By being honest about our own disagreements and through **a gracious interpretation of doctrine**, we will honour the reality of our differences within the Church of England, across the Anglican Communion, and among ecumenical partners.*

*We hope to model this **by providing prayers that bear a nuanced variety of understandings**.*

This is not about enforcing unity but pursuing it, by the grace of God. What we must do is create a generous space for the Holy Spirit to fill as we stay faithful to Jesus Christ, rooted and grounded in the love of God.

*Our conversations, learning and prayer continue. **We have reached one milestone, but there is further to go** as we seek God’s coming kingdom together..”*

College of Bishops

... At Thursday's meeting, in London, bishops began reviewing those comments and considered how to approach the task of refining the Prayers of Love and Faith and preparing the new pastoral guidance.

They agreed to setting up three working groups and a steering group to oversee and coordinate their work,

The working groups will focus on:

- Pastoral Guidance – with responsibility for drafting new Pastoral Guidance.*
- Prayers of Love and Faith – to further refine the texts in the light of feedback from General Synod*
- Pastoral Reassurance – to examine what will be required to ensure freedom of conscience for clergy.*

GSFA and GAFCON respond

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... cause the GSFA to question his fitness to lead what is still a largely orthodox world-wide Communion.....Orthodox Provinces in GSFA are not leaving the Anglican Communion, but with great sadness must recognise that the Church of England has now joined those Provinces with which communion is impaired.

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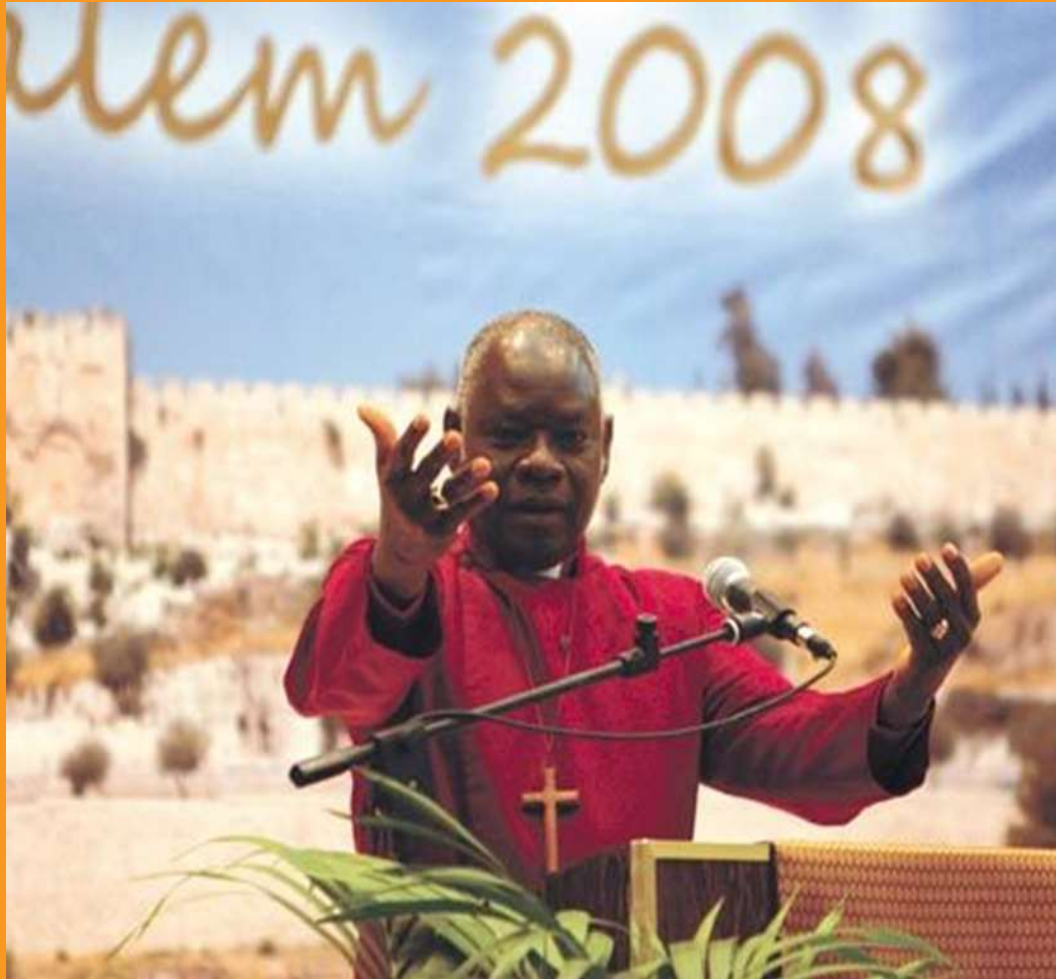
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“In April the Gafcon Primates will be hosting over 1,100 participants in GAFCON IV in Kigali, Rwanda. In collaboration with the Global South Fellowship of Anglicans (GSFA), we shall have more to say and do about these matters.”

A Rescue Mission

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Our beloved Anglican Communion must be rescued from the manipulation of those who have denied the gospel and its power to transform and to save; those who have departed from the scripture and the faith 'once and for all delivered to the saints' from those who are proclaiming a new gospel, which really is no gospel at all, {Gal 1.} In the wisdom and strength God supplies we must rescue what is left of the Church from error of the apostates.

Who knows how it will all play out....



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Whatever happens...

Canterbury Communion

Institutional Unity

Power

Moralising

Structures

New Anglican Communion

Biblical Unity

Purpose

Mission

Submission

'Realignment' is never simple

- Reach SA and Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- Communion Partners and ACNA
- Anglican Community of St Mark's and CCAANZ

"The principle is clear - how we respond is cloudy"

What can we pray for?

- One holy catholic church - “semper reformata”
 - Bounds of orthodoxy
- Wisdom - councils can err
 - Honesty and transparency
 - Humility
- Love, patience, kindness etc.

Who can we pray for - Global leaders?



Most Rev Foley Beach
ACNA
Gafcon/GSFA



Most Rev Laurent Mbanda
Anglican Church of
Rwanda
Gafcon



Most Rev Jackson Ole
Sapit
Anglican Church of Kenya
Gafcon



Most Rev Miguel Uchoa
Anglican Church in Brazil
Gafcon



Most Rev Stephen Than
Anglican Church of the
Province of Myanmar
Gafcon/GSFA



Most Rev Justin Badi
Arama
Episcopal Church Of
South Sudan
Gafcon/GSFA



Most Rev Hector 'Tito'
Zavala Anglican Church
of Chile
Gafcon/GSFA



Most Rev Henry Ndkuba
Anglican Church of
Nigeria
Gafcon



Most Rev Stephen
Kaziimba
Church of Uganda
Gafcon



Most Rev James Wong
Anglican Province of the
Indian Ocean
Gafcon Advisor



Most Rev Samuel Mankhim
Church of Bangladesh
GSFA



Most Rev Masimango Katanda
Province d'Eglise
Anglicane du Congo
GSFA



Abp Mouneer Anis
ACNA
GSFA Advisor

Who can we pray for - local leaders?



Rt Rev Andy Lines
Anglican Network in Europe
Gafcon Regional Secretary



Rt Rev Keith Sinclair
Church of England
CEEC/ EFAC



Rt Rev Lee McMunn
Anglican Mission in England



Rt Rev Ian Ferguson
Anglican Convocation in
Europe



Rev Tim Anderson
Church of Ireland
Gafcon Ireland



Rt Rev Rob Munro
Church of England



Rt Rev David McClay
Church of Ireland



Rt Rev Stuart Bell
Anglican Convocation in
Europe



Rt Rev Tim Davies
Anglican Mission in England



Mr Martin Mills
Church of England
GafconGBE

Rev Dr Ashley Null

*“In conclusion, “mission,” I say, “mission.”
Mission in our hearts, in our heads, in our hands, in our hopes, in our failures, in our dreams, in all our lives and at our death, mission.
For mission has always been the essential DNA of authentic Anglicanism, since mission is the very nature of God’s active presence in our midst as the church militant.
Thanks be to God, our Lord will not rest until we and all that are his are revealed as the church triumphant for all eternity.”*

Some ideas for further reading/ watching

- Reflections on the Jerusalem Declaration
 - <https://gafconbe.org/jerusalem-declaration-summary-authentic-anglicanism>
 - Essay 7 in The Global Anglican Communion: Contending for Anglicanism - Stephen Noll (Anglican House)
 - Being Faithful - the shape of historic Anglicanism today - Theological Resource Group - Gafcon (Latimer Trust)
- The Gafcon website (under events) has many resources including
 - Mike Ovey - talk at Nairobi - [Grace of God or the World of the West](#)
 - 30 minute documentary <https://vimeo.com/344333328>
- Anglican Futures blog (!)
 - <https://www.anglicanfutures.org/blog>

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