

## **The text of the Anglican Mainstream petition**

### **Introduction**

The Primates Meeting in October 2003 stated that "recent actions in New Westminster and in the Episcopal Church (USA) do not express the mind of the Communion as a whole, and these decisions jeopardise our sacramental fellowship with each other."

The meeting warned that the consecration of Gene Robinson would put "the future of the Communion in jeopardy" and "tear the fabric of our Communion at its deepest level"

This was a clear plea that the consecration should not go ahead at least until the Archbishop's Commission had been able to work - and a solemn warning of the consequences if it did.

This plea has been ignored and defied with contempt by a minority group in ECUSA.

The Primates set up a Commission to address these dangers and to report in September 2004. In the meantime they unanimously urged Provinces not to act precipitately and therefore agreed to a moratorium on controversial actions in their own jurisdictions. But ECUSA has acted already.

The Primates further called for and guaranteed adequate provision for Episcopal oversight for dissenting minorities in consultation with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Adequate here clearly means "acceptable to the people concerned."

Because of the defiant and pre-emptive action of some in ECUSA, this oversight needs to be in place now. But instead of providing such care as promised by the signature of their Presiding Bishop, some in ECUSA have launched lawsuits and disciplinary procedures which pre-empt the Archbishop's Commission and hold the agreed standstill in contempt.

As the Primates warned, this action could have grave knock-on consequences in relationships around the Communion. The fabric has already been torn by New Hampshire and the whole Anglican family must act to prevent further damage.

### **We therefore**

**Applaud** the action of those Bishops in North America

- Who are forming a Network of Confessing Dioceses and Congregations as suggested by the Archbishop of Canterbury, within ECUSA and in good faith with its Constitution.
- Who have designated Bishop Robert Duncan as Convening Bishop (Moderator)
- Who will no longer be at the Lord's Table with those who have consecrated Gene Robinson (see below)

**Encourage the formation in Canada** of a Network of Confessing Churches in Canada to work in concert and in full communion with the ECUSA Network toward a North American Network.

**Urge** the Archbishop of Canterbury and the other primates individually and severally

- To maintain full Communion with those Anglicans in the USA who comprise the Network
- To recognise Bishop Bob Duncan (Pittsburgh) as the duly elected Convening Bishop (Moderator) of the Network and invite him to all events to which the Presiding Bishop of ECUSA is invited.
- To recognise the Convening Bishop (Moderator) in opening ecumenical conversations with other Christian churches.
- To insist on a moratorium on license suspensions and lawsuits against those who do not accept the election, confirmation or consecration of Gene Robinson or the blessing of same-sex partnerships at least until the Archbishop's Commission completes its work and Primates have considered its outcome.
- To insist that true and acceptable Episcopal oversight (rather than the Presiding Bishop's unacceptable proposal for "Supplemental Episcopal Pastoral Care") be arranged forthwith, and offer immediate oversight themselves until it is in place.
- To accept Letters Dimissory (recognition as licenced ministers) of threatened clergy, including both women clergy and those who will not accept the ordination of women.
- To ensure that no Bishops who attended and signed the consecration papers of Gene Robinson be permitted to serve on any committee or commission of the Communion or, in any way, as official representatives of the Anglican Communion.

**We ask all bishops, including primates;**

No longer to recognise the ministries of any Bishop who joined in the consecration of Gene Robinson. (See enclosed list).

To support their primates in seeking to implement the actions above.

**We ask all parishes**

To record their opposition to the consecration of Gene Robinson and to support this statement in writing

To find ways of supporting the historic values of the Anglican Communion in their prayers, mission and stewardship.

**We call on all Anglicans to pray:**

For the preservation and protection of the Anglican Communion and its historic values  
 For the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Primates  
 For their Bishops and clergy  
 For all who are confused or living in sin  
 For themselves to live holy and Christlike lives  
 For an end to confusion in the church.

# **New Hampshire Consecration**

## **Attending Bishops**

### **Primates**

The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold  
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and Chief Consecrator

The Most Rev. Martin De Jesus Barahona  
Primate of the Province of Central America and Bishop of El Salvador

### **International**

Bishop Krister Stendahl, Lutheran Church of Sweden, Bishop Emeritus of Stockholm and Co-consecrator

The Rt. Rev. Bruce Stavert, Bishop of Quebec (Anglican Church of Canada)

The Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham, Bishop of New Westminster (Anglican Church of Canada)

### **Episcopal Diocesan Bishops**

The Rt. Rev. Joe Burnett, Bishop of Nebraska

The Rt. Rev. John B. Chane, Bishop of Washington

The Rt. Rev. George Councill, Bishop of New Jersey

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, Bishop of Vermont

The Rt. Rev. James J. Jelinek, Bishop of Minnesota

The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, Bishop of Maine and co-consecrator

The Rt. Rev. James A. Kelsey, Bishop of Northern Michigan

The Rt. Rev. Jack M. McKelvey, Bishop of Rochester

The Rt. Rev. M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE, Bishop of Massachusetts

The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith, Bishop of Connecticut

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Theuner, Bishop of New Hampshire

The Rt. Rev. Orris G. Walker, Jr., Bishop of Long Island

### **Suffragan, assisting and retired Episcopal Bishops**

The Rt. Rev. Craig Anderson, Bishop of South Dakota (retired)

The Rt. Rev. G. P. Mellick Belshaw, Bishop of New Jersey (retired)

The Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, retired Presiding Bishop and co-consecrator

The Rt. Rev. Roy F. Cederholm, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts

The Rt. Rev. Otis Charles, Bishop of Utah (retired)

The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, Bishop of Alaska (resigned)

The Rt. Rev. James E. Curry, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut

The Rt. Rev. Jane H. Dixon, Bishop Suffragan of Washington (retired)

The Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr., Bishop of Arkansas (retired) and co-consecrator

The Rt. Rev. A. Theodore Eastman, Bishop of Maryland (retired) and co-consecrator

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts

The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts (retired) and co-consecrator

The Rt. Rev. Donald P. Hart, Assistant Bishop of Southern Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Harold A. Hopkins, Bishop of North Dakota (retired)

The Rt. Rev. George N. Hunt III, Bishop of Rhode Island (retired)

The Rt. Rev. Edward W. Jones, Bishop of Indianapolis (retired)

The Rt. Rev. H. Coleman McGehee, Jr., Bishop of Michigan (retired)

The Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos-Orench, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut

The Rt. Rev. Walter C. Righter, Bishop of Iowa (retired)

The Rt. Rev. Hays H. Rockwell, Bishop of Missouri (retired)

The Rt. Rev. Catherine Roskam, Bishop Suffragan of New York  
The Rt. Rev. Bennett J. Sims, Bishop of Atlanta (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. Philip A. Smith, Bishop of New Hampshire (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. Daniel L. Swenson, Bishop of Vermont (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. Arthur Walmsley, Bishop of Connecticut (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. O'Kelley Whitaker, Bishop of Central New York (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. R. Stewart Wood, Jr., Bishop of Michigan (retired)

#### **Attending but not participating**

The Rt. Rev. Michael Mayes of Limerick and Killaloe (Church of Ireland)

#### **Dissenting Bishops**

##### **The Episcopal Church**

##### **Diocesan Bishops**

The Rt. Rev. Keith Ackerman, Bishop of Quincy  
The Rt. Rev. James Adams, Bishop of Western Kansas  
The Rt. Rev. Peter Beckwith, Bishop of Springfield  
The Rt. Rev. Robert Duncan, Bishop of Pittsburgh  
The Rt. Rev. Bertram N. Herlong, Bishop of Tennessee  
The Rt. Rev. Daniel Herzog, Bishop of Albany  
The Rt. Rev. John W. Howe, Bishop of Central Florida  
The Rt. Rev. Gethin Hughes, Bishop of San Diego  
The Rt. Rev. Jack Iker, Bishop of Fort Worth  
The Rt. Rev. Russell E. Jacobus, Bishop of Fond du Lac  
The Rt. Rev. Stephen Jecko, Bishop of Florida  
The Rt. Rev. Terrence Kelshaw, Bishop of Rio Grande  
The Rt. Rev. John Lipscomb, Bishop of Southwest Florida  
The Rt. Rev. Edward Salmon, Bishop of South Carolina  
The Rt. Rev. John-David Schofield, Bishop of San Joaquin  
The Rt. Rev. James Stanton, Bishop of Dallas

##### **Suffragan, assisting and/or retired**

The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, Bishop of South Carolina (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. David Bena, Bishop Suffragan of Albany  
The Rt. Rev. Clarence Pope, Bishop of Fort Worth (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. C. William Frey, Bishop of Colorado (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. Philip Elder, Bishop Suffragan of Guyana (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. Hugo Pina-Lopez, Assisting Bishop of Central Florida  
The Rt. Rev. Edward MacBurney, Bishop of Quincy (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. Earl McArthur, Bishop Suffragan of West Texas (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. Donald Parsons, Bishop of Quincy (retired)  
The Rt. Rev. Henry Scriven, Assistant Bishop of Pittsburgh  
The Rt. Rev. William Wantland, Bishop of Eau Claire (retired)