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**International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue**  
September 2014 Communiqué  
Jerusalem



In the name of the Triune God, and with the blessing and guidance of our Churches, the International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue (ICAOTD) met at St George's Anglican Cathedral, Jerusalem, from 17 to 24 September 2014. The Commission is grateful for the generous hospitality extended by Bishop Suheil Dawani and the Diocese of Jerusalem.

His Beatitude Theophilos III, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, and Bishop Suheil welcomed the Commission and affirmed their prayerful support for the dialogue.

The Commission was presented with resources both Anglican and Orthodox on issues concerning the beginning and end of life, and it was agreed that these matters will be discussed in the next phase of its work.

The Commission discussed at length the draft of an agreed statement on the theological presuppositions of the Christian understanding of the human person, created in the image and likeness of God. At its next meeting it intends to consider the practical implications and the ethical questions, of pressing concern in today's world, that follow from these presuppositions.

As in previous meetings, daily prayer and worship strengthened and grounded the work of the Commission, both in the Anglican Cathedral of St George, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

An ecumenical reception hosted by Bishop Suheil provided an opportunity for fellowship with local Christian leaders. The Commission visited the Church of the

Nativity in Bethlehem and met members of the Christian community, with whom it prayed for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land and in the whole world.

The work of the Commission will continue at its next meeting in September 2015 hosted by the Orthodox Church.

**Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia**

Orthodox Co-Chairman

**The Most Revd Roger Herft**

Anglican Co-Chairman

## **Representatives of the Orthodox Church**

Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, Co-Chairman  
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*Co-Secretary*

## **Representatives of the Anglican Communion**

The Most Revd Roger Herft of Perth  
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The Revd Canon Philip Hobson OGS  
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*The Episcopal Church in the Philippines*

The Revd Dr Duncan Reid  
*The Anglican Church of Australia*

The Revd Canon Professor John Riches  
*Scottish Episcopal Church*

The Rt Revd John Stroyan of Warwick  
*The Church of England*

The Revd Canon Dr Alyson Barnett-Cowan  
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Mr Neil Vigers  
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**Members unable to attend:**

The Revd Dr Timothy Bradshaw  
*The Church of England*

The Revd Deacon Dr Christine Hall  
*The Church of England*

Ms Natasha Klukach  
*The Anglican Church of Canada*

The Revd Dr Joseph Wandera  
*The Anglican Church of Kenya*

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