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## TODAY'S KEY EVENTS

7.15am Eucharist  
9.30 - 11.00am Morning Prayer and Bible  
11.30 - 1.00pm Sections  
3.30pm VIGIL led by Jean Vanier  
Address on Holiness and Responses  
Service of Light • Service of Reconciliation  
Liturgy of Foot-washing • Night Watch

## More scenes from London Day

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## Lambeth Daily to join Vigil

Next issue set for Monday

In solidarity with today's all-Conference Vigil, the Lambeth Daily will join the Conference Communications Centre in suspending operations this afternoon. Therefore, there will be no paper on Friday. Publication will resume with Monday's edition.

## Plenary focuses on Christian-Muslim relations Stories reveal interfaith tension and cooperation

by E.T. Malone, Jr

The diversity of Christian-Muslim relations was emphasised by stories of tension and cooperation from Africa, Asia, Britain and the Middle East in Monday's interfaith plenary.

Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali (Rochester, England) opened the plenary with news of the killing of three Roman Catholic nuns in the Yemen, reportedly by Islamic extremists. Later he reminded the Conference that the Prophet himself "had very close relationships with Christians and Jews. Some were among his closest friends and colleagues... What then has gone wrong?"

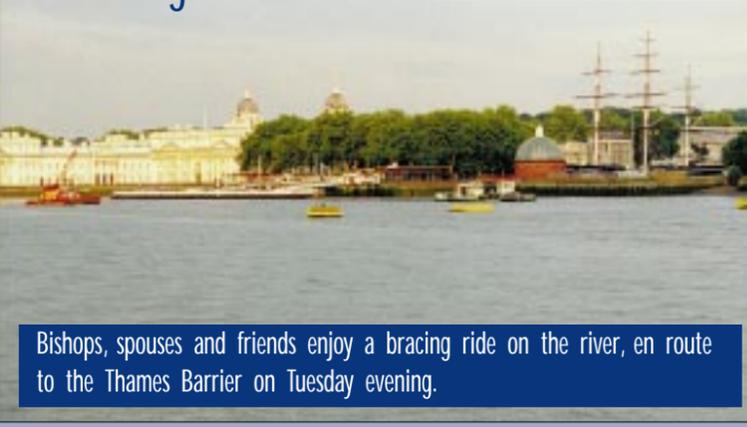
Bishop Tilewa Johnson (the Gambia) described his overwhelmingly Muslim country—95 percent Muslim, three percent Christian—as a country of tolerance and openness, in sharp contrast to the tales Bishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon (Kaduna, Nigeria) told 20 minutes later.

Bishop Johnson described his country as a secular state "with freedom of religion enshrined in the constitution," where "Christians and Muslims attend each other's weddings and funerals."

Intermarriage occurs, and "within



Lambeth goes with flow



Bishops, spouses and friends enjoy a bracing ride on the river, en route to the Thames Barrier on Tuesday evening.

the extended family there can be both religious communities," he said. "All state functions are preceded with prayers by leaders of both religious communities."

Christians and Muslims collaborate on social concerns and in development work, he added. "A social priority of the Christian missions has been the establishment of schools."

"Therefore, many Muslims have passed through Christian schools, taking

part in religion classes and acquiring a knowledge of the Bible and a deep understanding of the Christian tradition."

Christians may not have the same depth of understanding of Islam. Bishop Johnson pointed out that "experience has shown it is essential to have a knowledge of Islam in order to share the Christian faith effectively with Muslims."

He admitted that genuine conver-

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## Silence please as Conference observes vigil

by David Skidmore

The silence of an all-night vigil will descend on the Conference from 3.30pm today as bishops, spouses and staff take a recess from workshops, section meetings and administrative tasks.

Led by Jean Vanier, founder and director of the L'Arche network of communities for people with learning and other disabilities, the vigil will feature three meditations, a Service of Light, and a Service of Reconciliation which includes a liturgy of foot-washing.

The vigil will be held in the main plenary halls, concluding with the 7.15am Eucharist tomorrow.

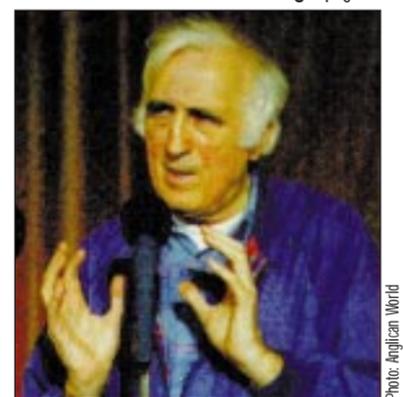
It begins with the Archbishop of Canterbury introducing Mr Vanier who will give a "holiness" reflection and address. Three bishops will then respond: Bishop David Andres Alvarez-Velazquez (Puerto Rico, US), Bishop Barnabas Dwiwen Mondal (Dhaka, Bangladesh) and Bishop Thomas Shaw (Massachusetts, US).

These responses will be followed by a mime performance by L'Arche Community of Canterbury, and the Service of Light. Participants will then break for dinner at their assigned dining halls. The meal will be simple, in keeping with the vigil.

The vigil will resume at 8.30pm with the Service of Reconciliation. Mr Vanier will give the homily and join the chaplaincy team in the foot-washing liturgy.

All those participating in the

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Jean Vanier

Photo: Anglican World

## Euthanasia looms as critical issue for Section One

by Margaret Rodgers

Do you have the impression that Section One is talking only about human sexuality and international debt? They are just two of a wide range of justice and social issues the section participants are addressing. Euthanasia, a critical issue for many parts of the Communion, is another important sub-theme.

The subsection bases its theological-ethical reasoning on the doctrine of the sovereignty of God, its understanding of the

sanctity of human life that is a gift from God, and the divinely mandated stewardship of the created order. It also emphasises the pastoral nature of the issue.

"Everyone wants a good death," Archbishop Peter Hollingworth of Brisbane (Australia) says. "As the Lambeth Conference of Bishops, we must emphasise that God works redemptively through suffering. Those who advocate euthanasia show little awareness of the Christian experience that people may be redeemed and transfigured through their suffering."

"Euthanasia, understood as active medical intervention to end a life, is still of urgent, critical concern for our nation," he added.

"Attempts were made by pro-

euthanasia groups in a number of states in Australia to achieve legislation. Only the Northern Territory government successfully passed legislation to allow doctors to intervene to end or to assist someone to end their life. This legislation, the first of its kind in the world, was overturned by the Australian national Parliament."

All dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia were active in the Euthanasia No! Campaign. In the Northern Territory Bishop Richard Appleby played a leading part in the ecumenical and interfaith action against the law.

"We were united in our opposition," Bishop Appleby said. "Apart from our ethical and moral objec-

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## Spouses seek cures for health crises

by Roland Ashby

Twenty-eight thousand children die each day from largely preventable diseases. Every minute of every day eight babies die following pregnancy, and one woman dies from pregnancy-related complications.

Dr Yuji Kawaguchi, of the World Health Organisation, related these and other startling figures in a major presentation to the Spouses' Programme on July 22.

Speaking on the theme "A Healthy World? Strategies for Hope," Dr Kawaguchi and other experts addressed key health issues facing the world.

In 1997, 5.8 million people were newly infected with HIV, and 2.3 million people died from AIDS, Dr Kawaguchi said.

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## Tomorrow: plenary on Youth

by Lisa Barrowclough

Prayer, praise, celebratory song and champion cheerleaders promise an energetic "Youth" plenary tomorrow morning.

The Ascension Eagles, a team of European champion cheerleaders from inner-city London will start their demonstration at 11:15 a.m. precisely.

"The Connected Generation," a video about youth culture, and "Speak Out," a video on youth ministries in challenging situations, will set the scene for a series of discussions with youth workers. First, however, Dean Borgman, professor of youth ministries at an evangelical seminary in the United States and consultant to Section Two, will share his vision of "incarnational, contextual youth ministry."

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Peter Hollingworth

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St George's school, Jerusalem

the middle part of the country... We've lost over 10,000 lives in the name of religion and more thousands have been displaced...and millions of dollars of property lost."

The 2,000-year presence of Arab Christians in the Holy Land is "nothing less than an awesome achievement," Bishop Riah Abu el-Assal (Jerusalem) told the plenary. But after 150 years of living under "a superimposed Western veneer," Arab Christians number barely 1.5 percent of the population of Palestine and Israel, he noted.

"Our mere physical presence is at stake," he said, a situation that demands the attention of the Anglican Communion, "lest the Holy Land become a museum of holy stones."

During 1,300 years of "daily living dialogue" with Muslims, there have been instances of discrimination and persecution, but despite these difficulties "we became accustomed to live with them, and they learned to appreciate our presence among them."

Muslims in Palestine, he noted, historically were "more tolerant of religious pluralism than their European counterparts," and enabled a more lasting peace during their dominance of the Mediterranean basin than was the case under Christian or Jewish rule.

For the 1,000 Anglican Palestinians, if not all 150,000 Arab Christians, "our experience with Islam has been one of mutual respect, and mutual trust," he said.

For example, in Christ Church School in Nazareth, 65 percent of the 600 students are Muslims. "All take Christian education courses and do better than our own in their exams," noted Bishop Riah. There have been few clashes over religious issues in the school's 30-year history, he added. The biggest concern has been arbitrating disputes among parents over which children get to star in the Christmas

pageant. "We do not impose it. We share it in the spirit of truth and love, and we do not compromise our conviction."

Bishop Alexander John Malik (Lahore, Pakistan) pointed out that religious pluralism is not a welcome concept in most Muslim circles in Pakistan.

While a Muslim man can marry a Christian woman, the reverse is out of the question for a Christian man and a Muslim woman. It is okay for a Christian to convert to Islam, but not for a Muslim to become a Christian. "Apostasy in Islam is a grave sin and an apostate is liable to be killed," Bishop Malik said. "There is no freedom of religion/conversion in Islam."

Under Islamic law in Pakistan, state and the Church are one and the same: "Islam is not only a religious faith, but a

the Christian village of Shantinagar by a mob of 30,000 incensed over the village's reported desecration of the Qur'an.

"The most noticeable expression of Islam in the present-day world is the rejection of Western civilisation and culture," Bishop Malik said. This may be because the West is seen as too Christian and because of the overwhelming secular influence in most Western societies. "On this, the educated Muslim is really torn," he said.

Bishop Malik cautioned against addressing Islam from a fixed or stereotyped posture. Our response as a Communion "has to be open, liberal and flexible," he stressed.

However, "this openness and flexibility does not mean we should accept the ideology of Islam without its critical evaluation, or reject it without reason, or compromise with it at the expense of Christian principles."

**Tales of co-operation**

Anglican leaders from Egypt and England told how Christianity can co-operate with Islam despite the best efforts of extremists.

President Bishop Ghais Malik (Egypt) told "how the Christian minority live among the Muslim majority" in Egypt and the Middle East. He stressed that "through the centuries Christians and Muslims have lived together, during times of joy and times of trouble. They faced wars together, and so fought together, died together, and survived together."

Christians and Muslims, said Bishop Malik, "are part of the one body of Egypt."

Bishop Malik went on to address the issue of persecution and emphasised that "we have to differentiate between 'persecution' and 'difficulties and problems.'"

He drew a distinction between the word persecution "used when the gov-

ernment targets a minority group and wishes to dissolve that group," and the concept of troubles and difficulties which "are started by blinkered individuals or fanatic Islamists with closed minds."

The latter, said Bishop Malik, "I personally do not call persecution." He drew attention to events of the past few years when "churches were burnt down, Christians were killed, Christian shops were raided and burgled," when claims of persecution were made. But "this was not a direct attack against the Christians for their own sake, but an attempt by the terrorists to shake the stability of the country, hoping thereby to bring down the government and rule themselves."

"I see a great need for Christian-Muslim dialogue," said Bishop Malik. "I recommend it and, indeed, it has already been started." He stressed the importance of the work being done, including a 1995 visit to Egypt by the Archbishop of Canterbury and a return visit the following year of the Grand Sheikh to London.

The final speaker of the plenary was Bishop David Smith (Bradford, England). He expressed his hope that the story his diocese would "encourage and offer opportunity for challenge to others."

Bishop Smith told how Muslims in Bradford "look to the bishop as a spiritual leader, since it is his responsibility to ensure people's rights." This focus comes out of the Muslims' sense that they are "in a strange land."

Bishop Smith identified several policies established "to develop and foster good relations." These are "to encourage people to meet, to build up a sense of trust and respect for those who are different, and to fight against 'Islamophobia' where Islam is misrepresented."

Lisa Barrowclough, Nan Cobby and David Skidmore contributed to this report.

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sions "evaporate over time."

But, he said, the tradition of rural Muslim children being sent to urban Christian families for upbringing and formal education can have "a gradual, but profound effect . . . hearts can be turned quietly but surely."

**Opposite situation in Nigeria**

Today, said Bishop Idowu-Fearon, 85 to 90 percent of the population in the north of Nigeria is Muslim while Christians make up only three to five percent.

In the central region of the country where he lives, Christians and Muslims dwell in equal numbers, while in the south Christians outnumber Muslims in about the same proportion as Muslims outnumber Christians in the north.

"Provision is not made for Christian education in the state schools. The public propagation of the gospel by the media is prohibited. There is serious enmity or hatred...between Christians and Muslims in Nigeria, especially in

**"Blasphemy law is like a hanging sword for the minorities."**

political ideology as well. In Islam, religion and politics are intertwined; they go hand in hand," he said.

The pool of Muslims that believes Islam needs to be open to concepts of plurality and religious tolerance is increasingly under fire, he said.

The split between modern Muslims and those espousing an Islamic state run strictly under the law of *Shariah* is deepening, as illustrated in Algeria where the state is virtually under siege by fundamentalists, and in his home country of Pakistan where enforcement of the blasphemy law has jailed or killed a number of Christians.

"Blasphemy law is like a hanging sword for the minorities," he said, citing the case of a local counsellor who was shot for defending a Christian graveyard against desecration, and the burning of

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**On the London Day**

First, overheard among spouses at Lambeth lunch:

"There are so many men in purple. I can't find my husband."

"How about a lucky dip?" (Known to some as the pick from a "grab bag.")

"Nah, he won't be any better."

Second, the Queen is ever so gracious and warm. She actually accommodated nearly everyone at the party with a quip or a concern. May God bless her reign.

(The Rt Rev) **M E Ponniah**  
West Malaysia

**London Day's marvels**

When I was a student in a high school in Sri Lanka (a former British Colony) my English teacher managed to make a trip to London. After that for many years in public gatherings he ended his speech with the memorable words: "So you see the man who saw the king." It was his pleasure and

pride!

On Tuesday I was given the opportunity of speaking to the Queen at Buckingham Palace. For many years my diocese will hear the words "So you see the man who spoke to the Queen."

Tuesday is memorable for many things. We were able to touch and feel the Westminster Bridge from which my favourite poet, William Wordsworth, composed his famous poem "London Bridge is falling down." The nursery rhyme which my dear mother taught me when I was an infant came to my mind when we were cruising under the London Bridge.

We were given four hours to see the splendour of Lambeth Palace—the core of English culture and civilization. The speech of the young Prime Minister in this Palace was no doubt a treat.

So many marvellous things within a day! I thank God for Archbishop George Carey.

(The Rt Rev Dr)  
**Subramaniam Jebanesan**  
Jaffna, Sri Lanka

**For the record**



**Farnarkling touch-down in the third chukka ...**

It always happens when one sends a baseball reporter to cover the bishops' cricket match...

The real result in Saturday's game was

that Bishop Arthur Malcolm's team scored 133 runs for the loss of 8 wickets. In reply, Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali's team could only manage 121 runs from its 25 overs. The result: a win for Bishop Malcolm. We regret the error... apologies all around to Bishop Malcolm and his team!

The name of Bishop Martin B. Nyaboho was misspelled in Tuesday's Lambeth Daily. We regret the error.

**Walsingham: It's Anglican!**

Indeed there is a Roman Catholic Shrine in this glorious Norfolk village, but the principal shrine of Mary is Anglican. More than 100 bishops plus spouses will be the guests of the Shrine Administrator on Saturday. More are welcome. Further information may be obtained by phoning 01328 820266. Walsingham has an international prayer fellowship through the Anglican Communion.

**Daily Question**

"What impressions do you take with you from the London Day?"



**Todd and Patsy McGregor**  
(Missionaries to Madagascar)

"Our anniversary was Monday, so I flew to London to surprise Todd, then we were honoured

to be introduced to the Queen by the Archbishop of Canterbury!"



**Bishop Sunil Cak**  
(Jabalpur, N India)

"It was a marvellous thing that the Queen was close to the people, not reserving herself. The Prime Minister's speech was

good. There was depth to his message."



**Barbara Gulick**  
(Kentucky, USA)

"It was a lot of fun being in places where I didn't think I'd ever be. I enjoyed Tony Blair's speech. It was good to hear that

governments and churches can have common goals."

**Daily Quote**

"What is damaging to the environment is treating the universe as a credit card with no spending limit."

Bishop Peter Selby, Worcester (England)

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## Daily Lives

'Jesus na me padee (Jesus is my friend),' they sing bravely

# Spouses contend with strife and heartbreak

by Carol Barnwell

"Satan falls down, Jesus stands up," sang the group of eight spouses from the Province of West Africa, bending low or reaching high in physical response to the words.

The impromptu prayer and praise filled the foyer of Rutherford College with lively melody following dinner last week.

Even though the Conference provides a respite, the women, who have 37 children between them, say they pray constantly for family and friends at home in their troubled part of the world.

In May last year Eleanor Gbonda woke at 2am when 20 armed soldiers stormed her home in search of her husband. "There was a coup and the rebels knew the Church would never support them so they came looking for us," says Mrs Gbonda, wife of the Bishop of Bo, Sierra Leone.

"They took three vicars away that night," she says, believing that only prayer saved her family. "They went without killing us," she says as she lays her hands softly in her lap, resigned to memories that will never leave her.

"When I heard about the coup I was visiting my daughter in the United States," Alberta Lynch, wife of the Bishop of Freetown, says. "I called home but got no answer. When I finally reached my sister I could hear heavy blasting from the guns."

No one knew the whereabouts of her husband and everyone was afraid to talk on the phone. Several weeks passed before she learned her husband, Bishop Julius Lynch of Free-

town, was indeed safe although the Cathedral was bombed and rebels planted an anti-aircraft gun in the bishop's compound.

Things are relatively quiet in Sierra Leone these days. The legitimate government has been restored while families are left to mourn their dead and heal their wounded. Mrs Lynch returned home several months later and has done much for the children left in the wake of this adult conflict.

A video she brought to Lambeth shows hospital wards lined with old hospital beds, fitted with mismatched sheets. Mosquito netting hangs limply from the ceiling over each. A small child sleeps on the tiled floor, unaware of the visiting group of Cathedral women who have come to hand out toiletries and small gifts.

"Papa God, please watch over these children," the women pray, "our leaders for the future who suffer so much today." The children become animated when the women engage them in song but mostly their eyes are blank. They look sad and tired. They have seen too much.

In one bed a mother and her daughter lie with bandaged stumps where their left hands used to be. They accept a bar of soap quietly as a nurse in a starched uniform checks bandages on the teenager next to them.

Louise Neufville, wife of the Bishop of Liberia, does not want to talk about the war in her country. "I can't think about it," she says as she turns her back on the group of women. Tears well in her eyes as she shakes her



Eleanor Gbonda, wife of the Bishop of Bo (Sierra Leone)

Photo: Carol Barnwell

head. "There were bombs. We hid in the bushes for three days. I just can't speak of it anymore."

Churchwomen's groups feed and house children left on the streets as a result of the years of conflict in West Africa. Others like Dorcas, a women's group in Liberia, assist the handicapped and disabled.

The bishops' wives are amazingly resilient. Conflict comes and goes—and hopefully stays away. They are grounded "In our part of the world the congregation (mistakenly) thinks you have everything" and that you can help in any situation.

Marie Yeboah, wife of the Bishop of Kumasi, recalls a mother who showed up at the bishop's home with her feverish three-year-old. In place of the absent bishop, Mrs Yeboah prayed over some tap-water and gave the child a blessing, to the great relief of its mother. "If the bishop is not there and someone comes for help, you must act!"

## Briefly

**Mail Call:** Conference organisers ask all participants to remember to check regularly for messages and to pick up daily post placed in the student boxes at the entrance of each college. Participants are also asked to note the announcements carried regularly on the video monitors around the campus.

**Church Times reminder:** Friday is publication day for the Church Times whose team of reporters is covering the Conference. Early copies will be available for sale from mid-day today from the University shops at Park Wood Court and in Darwin, Eliot and Rutherford colleges.

**Ceridwyn Coles** (Diocese of Christchurch, New Zealand) invites feminists and other friends to offer theological reflections on Lambeth during an informal gathering today, 11.30am-12.30pm, in Tent 1 of the Spouses' Village. All interested Conference members are welcome.

**Bishops of the Church in Nigeria** invite all Conference participants to a presentation on evangelism in its congregations and dioceses. The gathering is set for 8pm tomorrow in the Franciscan Study Centre in Giles Lane.

**Washington DC Bishops** Ronald Haines and Jane Holmes Dixon invite Conference participants to a presentation titled "Lesbian and Gay Anglican Experience." Members of the organisations Changing Attitudes (UK) and Integrity (US) will offer the presentation today, 1.30-2.45pm, in Colt Lecture Theatre 1.

**The ACC's former chairman**, the Rev Canon Dr Colin Craston, will sign copies of his new book, *Debtor to Grace*, from 2.30 to 3pm on Tuesday, August 4, at the *Anglican World* stand in the Market Place. The book traces Craston's journey of faith and his reflections on 25 years of work in international church life.

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Staff - £12.00

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## Sunday Services in Canterbury

**Canterbury Cathedral**  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
11.00 am Sung Eucharist  
3.15 pm Evensong  
6.30 pm Compline

**St Mildred's, Church Lane, off Stour Street**  
(01227 462395)  
11.00 am Said Eucharist

**St Mary Bredin, Nunnery Fields**  
(01227 453777)

8.00 am Holy Communion  
11.00 am Morning Worship  
6.30 pm Evening Worship

**St Peter's Church, High Street**  
(01227 462395)

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

**St Paul's, Church Street**  
(01227 462686)

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

**St Martin's, North Holmes Road**  
(01227 462686)

9.00 am Holy Communion

**St Cosmo's and St Damian, Tyler Hill Road**  
(01227 763373)

10.00 am Family Service

**St Dunstan's, St Dunstan's Street**  
(close to campus)

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

**St Michael and All Angels, Harbledown**  
(01227 464117)

10.30 Sung Eucharist

You will receive a warm welcome at these churches. Call the number listed for more details or make enquiries at the information centre.

## Daily Events Weekend

### Friday July 31

- 7.15 am Eucharist (Province: The Church of Ceylon) followed by Bible Study video with *Serigo Carranza-Gomez, Bishop of Mexico* 2 Cor 8
- 8.15 - 9.15 am Breakfast
- 9.30 - 11.00 am Morning Prayer and Bible Studies
- 11.00 - 11.15 am Coffee
- 11.30 - 1.00 pm Plenary Presentation: 'Youth' - A steel band will set the scene for presentations which include a video, 'The Connected Generation,' and conversation with *Lindsay Urwin, Bishop of Horsham (England)*, *Pete Ward, youth advisor to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and others.*
- 1.00 pm **Spouses:** Gentle Keep Fit Exercises to Music
- 1.00 - 2.30 pm Lunch/Free Time
- 2.00 pm **Spouses:** Excursions
- 3.00 - 3.15 pm Tea
- 3.00 - 4.00 pm **Spouses:** Workshops  
-Spirituality  
-Creative Workshops
- 3.30 - 5.30 pm Sections
- 5.45 pm Evening Prayer (Group: Youth Presentation Team) followed by Bible Study video with *Michael Nuttal, Bishop of Natal* 2 Cor 9: 6-8
- 6.30 - 8.00 pm Dinner/Free Evening
- 8.30 pm Market Place Events:  
Henry Cooper Memorial Lecture: Bishop Rowan Williams of Monmouth "On Being a Human Body."  
*Colt No1 (Cornwallis Lecture Theatre)*  
Our Lady of Walsingham Shrine: Informal reception.  
Pilgrimage to the historic shrine the following morning.  
Rutherford Junior Common Room  
Christian Aid Workshop: Interactive workshop on world debt. *Eliot Junior Common Room ('Possums')*  
Woomb: Programme of birth control and family planning, particularly in developing countries. *Darwin Lecture Theatre*

### Saturday August 1

- 7.15 am Eucharist (Province de L'Eglise Episcopale au Rwanda)
- 8.15 - 9.15 am Breakfast/Free Time
- 1.00 - 2.30 pm Lunch/Free Time
- 6.30 - 8.00 pm Dinner

### Sunday August 2

- 8.15 - 9.15 am Breakfast

#### Your invitation to visit Canterbury Churches today

As this is the free weekend of Lambeth '98, bishops and spouses in Canterbury on Sunday are encouraged to visit one of the many Anglican Churches, listed left, in this historic city. There will not be a Eucharist on campus today.

- 1.00 - 2.30 pm Lunch/Free Time
- 6.30 - 8.00 pm Dinner/Free Evening

### Monday August 3

- 7.15 am Eucharist (Province: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico) followed by Bible Study video with *Michael Nuttal, Bishop of Natal* 2 Cor 9: 6-8
- 8.25 - 9.15 am Breakfast
- 9.30 - 11.00 am Morning Prayer and Bible Studies
- 11.00 - 11.15 am Coffee
- 11.30 - 12.30 pm **Spouses:** Regional Meetings
- 11.30 - 1.00 pm Section Preparation Time: Period for reading section material (Reports & Statements) and Resolutions (Regional and Sectional)
- 1.00 pm **Spouses:** Gentle Keep Fit Exercises to Music
- 1.00 - 2.30 pm Lunch/Free Time
- 3.00 - 3.15 pm Tea
- 3.00 - 5.00 pm **Spouses:** Presentation 4: 'Go into all the World', *Mission and Evangelism Today and Tomorrow*
- 3.30 - 5.30 pm Sections
- 5.45 pm Evening Prayer (Province: The Church of Ireland) followed by Bible Study video with *Penelope Jamieson, Bishop of Dunedin* 2 Cor 10
- 6.30 - 8.00 pm Dinner/Free Evening
- 8.30 pm Market Place Events:  
Millennium Advisory Group: The official planning agency for the Church of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury will present a programme on its work. The Revd Stephen Lynas will make the presentation. *Darwin Lecture Theatre*  
Christian Aid Reception: The international relief, peace and justice charity will hold an informal reception.  
*Eliot Junior Common Room ('Possums')*
- Beginning tonight and continuing through August 6  
**The Old Stagers** will be presenting Three One act plays by Noel Coward. *Gulbenkian Theatre*

# Weekend in East London

Up to 40 bishops and their spouses will spend the coming weekend exploring the cultural and religious life of East London.

On Saturday, August 1, the group will visit four of the area's boroughs and the Canary Wharf urban redevelopment project, and then share an evening meal with Christians ministering in the area.

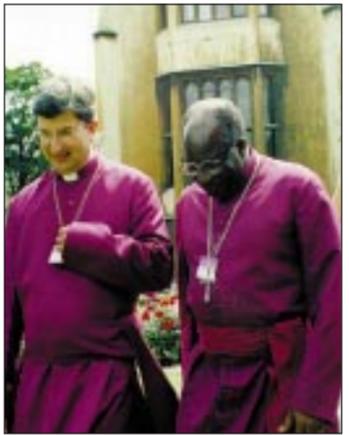
On Sunday morning they will attend local churches. The afternoon

will be spent with leaders of local faith communities, including Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh as well as Christian.

Hillary Armstrong, a member of Tony Blair's government and who chairs the Inner Cities Religious Council, will take part in the dialogue.

For more information, contact Bishop Roger Sainsbury (Chelmsford, England) or call Chris Beales on 0181 519 2524.

# More scenes from London Day



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He warned that if the world's mean temperature increases by only one or two degrees centigrade, as recent scientific studies suggest, mosquitoes may extend their range to new geographical areas, leading to more cases of malaria and other infectious diseases.

He also expressed concern about the susceptibility of infants and children to the increased use of chemicals worldwide.

Sheila Ramalshah, wife of the Bishop of Pakistan, described Pakistan's allocation of only two percent of its income to health care as "abysmal."

She said: "It seems the powers-that-be have decided that it is more important to spend about 70 percent of the nation's income on militarism and the related repayment of international debt. Such a situation means we are woefully ill-equipped...to serve our community through health care."

Diseases related to women are being especially aggravated by Pakistan's social structure. "In my area of the North Western Frontier

Province, women can only be heard and not seen, except behind the high walls of their dwellings.

"Their lives become so domesticated and mechanised they are primarily perceived as child-producing machines. As for sexually related disease among women, we dare not even guess the true reality."

Mrs Ramalshah said the "whole issue of HIV positive and AIDS is still a taboo subject in our society. We are quite convinced there must be a lot of cases of this nature in our diocese, especially as homosexuality is rampant there. But there is neither public awareness nor any public debate on these issues."

She added that she and her husband often feel "frustrated in sharing these needs with the western churches, who often react to them as if the Church is wasting its resources by seemingly duplicating societal programmes." She challenged the Church "to be true and obedient to its call to servanthood by meeting the needs of suffering people."

### Protecting women from AIDS

Mrs Juliana Okine, wife of the Bishop of Ghana, attributed Ghana's growing AIDS problem to "the unlimited matrimonial powers that husbands generally wield over their wives...when it comes to contraception and AIDS protection."

"The fact that only the male condom is widely available in itself gives a promiscuous man power to sentence a woman to death if he will

not use a condom."

Bishop Geryl Wolf (Rhode Island, US) strongly criticised the American health-care system. "I stand here...as a citizen of the most technically advanced country in the world with regard to health care (and yet) if you're unemployed or in part-time work in America, health care is difficult to attain."

Captain Ian Campbell, International Health Programme Consultant for the Salvation Army, advocated a more integrated community development approach to the care of those suffering with AIDS, in which hospitals, clinics and churches offer community counselling, education and support in partnership with people in the home, neighbourhood and local community.

Archbishop David Gitari, of Kenya, said most illness in his diocese was preventable. "Many people catch water-borne diseases such as typhoid, dysentery and cholera. They need only to be told to boil water, even the tap-water, before they drink it."

Simple education programmes have been most effective in tackling these problems, Archbishop Gitari said.

The final speaker, Mr Hugh Bailey, MP for York and Parliamentary Private Secretary to the British Secretary of State for Health, said the government believed the answer to social and health problems lay in people deciding to take responsibility at every level.

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tions to the legislation we knew we had to work for the indigenous Aboriginal people.

"They were strongly opposed for cultural reasons. But many of the tribal people also were refusing to consult doctors or attend clinics because they were fearful of the effects of injections. This lack of understanding was because of inadequate consultation with the indigenous communities."

Archbishop Hollingworth, chair

of the Lambeth euthanasia sub-section, steered a debate that resulted in a resolution passed unanimously by the Australian General Synod in 1995.

The Lambeth sub-section is working to prepare a strong statement for the Conference, and has reached consensus on the definition of the term.

"Euthanasia does not mean termination of treatment by medicos, or a patient's decision not to seek further treatment, or the ending of life support for a patient in a per-

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Opportunities will be offered twice during the plenary to listen in on conversations. First, Lindsay Urwin, Bishop of Horsham (England), will chat with Pete Ward, youth advisor to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and two youth workers about "an incarnational theology of youth ministry and praxis." Later in the session, five bishops will reflect on good experiences of youth ministry in their own dioceses.

A multicultural and ecumenical group of young "Bible dancers" will portray the story of the feeding of the 5,000 from John's Gospel. They will also remember

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the Dunblane tragedy that took the lives of so many of Scotland's schoolchildren.

The session will conclude with a celebratory song, which all will be invited to sing, and a challenge from Bishops Urwin and David Moxon (Waikato, New Zealand). "Our message to the bishops," says Bishop Urwin, "is that they themselves should go out and talk to the young people in their dioceses!"

Tomorrow's evening service at 5:45 p.m., part of the day's focus on youth, will be led by young people from the Diocese of Chichester (England). A youth band will lead the service of praise.

and the desire for humility, he says.

A noted French Roman Catholic lecturer and retreat leader, Mr Vanier founded the first L'Arche community in Trosly-Breuil, France, in 1964. Today, L'Arche network has more than 100 communities in 29 countries.

In addition to serving the physical and psychological needs of its clients, L'Arche also sees to their spiritual development, a characteristic that sets it apart from most institutions for the mentally handicapped.

Mr Vanier is also founder of the Faith and Light community movement, which brings together the mentally handicapped and their parents and friends for mutual celebration and support.

development of palliative-care facilities.

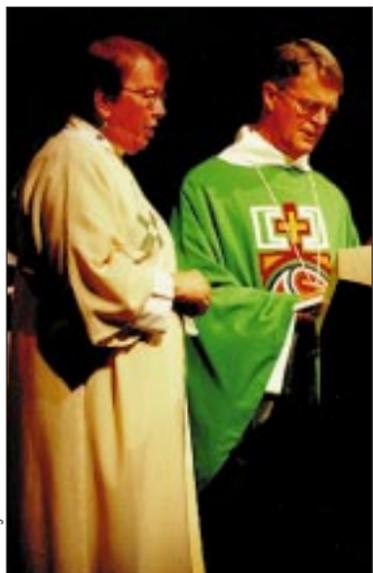
"This was a strong emphasis in our General Synod motion," the Archbishop said. "We bishops must also include this stress in our Conference report."

Bishop Appleby said: "One reason why the Northern Territory government passed their euthanasia law was the lack of palliative-care specialists and facilities in Darwin and the rest of the Territory. There was only a handful of palliative-care beds available."

manent vegetative state," Archbishop Hollingworth said. "It means active intervention by a medical team."

The sub-section includes people with a professional background in the area, including Bishop Chilton Knudsen (Maine) who has extensive palliative-care experience.

Archbishop Hollingworth said that Australian Anglicans, while actively opposed to euthanasia, called urgently for all State governments to provide sufficient financial resources for the further



**Servant Ministry:** In her role as ordained Deacon, Marcia Stackhouse (Colorado, US) joins US Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold in yesterday's Conference Eucharist offered by the Episcopal Church in the United States.

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