



## ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the 2008 Lambeth Conference the Bishops expressed deep concern for the continuing scandal of poverty and injustice in our world. It was a privilege to walk together in London as an act of witness in solidarity with the poor and marginalised and to affirm our commitment to a Gospel vision where the Body of Christ cares for each of its members. In our discussions we talked about the various relief and development activities of our individual dioceses, provinces and development organisations and became increasingly aware of the need for a concerted and co-ordinated Anglican response to the needs of the world's poorest communities.

Following the recommendation from the Bishops at the Lambeth Conference, my office has worked with the staff at the Anglican Communion Office to develop the concept of an Anglican alliance for advocacy, relief and development. A steering committee, representative of development practitioners from around the Communion, has developed a consultation document for this proposed alliance. I now commend this document to you and encourage you to respond and help to shape the vision. Your feedback and participation will be crucial in developing the concept of the Alliance so that it may support the mission of our provinces and relief and development agencies to transform the lives of the most vulnerable in our world.

We pray that God will continue to guide us as we seek to participate in His mission.

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