



THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

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Dear Friends,

The Global Anglican Relief and Development Alliance Consultation

During the 2008 Lambeth Conference, the Bishops expressed their continuing concern on issues of poverty and injustice in the world, and recommended that a mechanism be put in place that could help strengthen and co-ordinate the work of provinces, dioceses and specialised agencies in delivering effective relief and development, and joint advocacy in the Anglican Communion.

To take this recommendation forward, a small group of development practitioners from around the Communion was invited to a 48-hour meeting at Lambeth Palace in January 2009, for a consultation. This steering committee recommended the formation of an Anglican alliance of those involved in relief and development work, and also identified key objectives of such an alliance. This vision was affirmed later by the Primates at their meeting in Alexandria and then by the meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC 14) in Jamaica.

After considerable work, the steering committee has produced a **Consultation Document**, which I warmly welcome as it provides an opportunity for a wide-ranging consultation throughout the Communion.

If the vision of the Bishops at the Lambeth Conference for this global Anglican relief and development alliance is to become a reality and really serve those in greatest need throughout the world, then it is essential that we hear the voices from all around the Communion. I commend this **Consultation Document** to you and ask you to share it with those with whom you work, and to consider it prayerfully and respond to the questions.

I am aware that talking with others and responding takes time, so the consultation period will be open until 28th February 2010 for you to give your feedback to the document. Please return your response before or by this date to the contact details provided below.

We thank God for the work so far on this exciting and important initiative and ask for your prayers for the ongoing process.

Yours sincerely,

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