

Anglican Communion - Baptist World Alliance Conversations Final Communiqué

The final meeting of the Anglican Communion - Baptist World Alliance Conversations took place in Regent's Park College, Oxford, 26 to 27 March 2004, by the kind invitation of the Principal, the Reverend Prof. Paul Fiddes.

The purpose of the meeting was to draw together the threads of the previous six meetings of the conversations, which had been held in different places across the globe, in order to facilitate conversations on a regional level between active Anglicans and Baptists in the locality.

As a result of these conversations, a draft report has now been produced which offers a summary and some analysis of the process of conversations which have proceeded over the last five years.

It is hoped that the report of the conversations will be published towards the end of 2004, after it has been considered by the next meeting of the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance. The finished report will also be tabled at the next meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Nottingham, United Kingdom, in June 2005.

The report has been prepared by the members of the Continuation Committee and represents a careful digest of the main topics of conversation, on a wide range of theological concerns for both communions. The report will also offer some reflection on the way that Anglicans and Baptists around the globe can confess their shared faith more effectively together and can engage in a greater sharing of mission.

The members of the Continuation Committee are grateful to all those faithful members of their churches who have assisted in this process, and look forward to presenting the report to their respective communions in the hope that it will encourage and support further co-operation between Anglicans and Baptists in their continued service to Christ.

The members of the Continuation Committee are:

Anglicans

The Revd Prof. Bruce Matthews, Co-Chair
The Revd Canon Gregory Cameron, Co-Secretary
The Revd Prebendary Dr Paul Avis
Chancellor Rubie Nottage

Administrative Support: The Revd Terrie Robinson

Baptists

The Revd Prof. Paul Fiddes, Co-Chair
The Revd Tony Cupit, Co-Secretary
The Revd Dr Ken Manley (unable to be present)
The Revd Dr Malcolm Yarnell