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Is Christ among us? **He is.** Je Kristo yu kati yetu? **Yupo.** '0 for a thousand tongues...'

by Nan Cobbe

With gold and blue banners flying, schoolchildren waving and the Canterbury Cathedral's 14 bells tolling, the 13th Lambeth Conference opened yesterday morning as 750 cassock-clad bishops representing 37 provinces processed into the cathedral to celebrate the first Eucharist of their three-week gathering.

The Prince of Wales joined the congregation of 2,000 assembled for the two-hour service, over which the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, presided.

The procession included the 37 primates of the Anglican Communion, who entered the great west doors after Prince Charles and Canterbury Cathedral Dean John Simpson.

Forty minutes elapsed before the double line of magenta-cassocked diocesan and suffragan bishops found their places in the 900-year-old mother church of the Anglican Communion.

For the first time in Conference history 11 women were among the bishops, and the 224 African bishops outnumbered those from any other region.

In an echo of the Church's recent past, two former Archbishops of Canterbury, Lord Coggan and Lord Runcie, joined the procession, along with members of Britain's diplomatic corps, the Anglican Consultative Council, and several dozen ecumenical guests.

Dr Carey greeted the international congregation with the Swahili words "Bwana akae nanyi" (The Lord be with you) and heard

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Secretary General's greeting

From Canon John Peterson

After what seems to have been years of preparation - with the last few months being occupied with detail, with an atmosphere of holy expectation - it is my privilege to welcome everyone to this historic Lambeth Conference.

I do not have enough words to express my gratefulness to the staff of the Anglican Communion Office along with our colleagues at Lambeth Palace, Church House and beyond, for their diligence and hard work. There have been some sleepless nights and much midnight oil burnt in preparation for this great opening for Lambeth 1998. High regard and affection that the Anglican Communion has for those who hold the Episcopal Office is evident by the amount of energy, expertise and enthusiasm

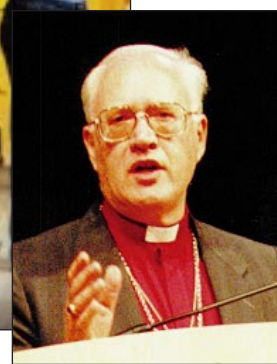


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Conference Musical Director Geoff Weaver leads congregation in prayer sending 'all our hopes...to the cross of Christ.' From left: Mrs Eileen Carey, Mrs Sally Sargent, Mr David Long, Bishop Fred Borsch. Speaking out: Canon John Peterson (at left) and Archbishop of Canterbury (at right).



Lambeth gathers

2 Corinthians seen as companion for coming weeks

by Katie Sherrod

The 1998 Lambeth Conference gathered Saturday night in a multicultural liturgy of welcome and introduction that filled the two plenary meeting areas with prayer, song, and the announcement of organisational details.

The Conference's large attendance required the use of both of the sports halls at the University of Kent, which have been converted into prayerful places with tenting, carpeting, plants, and large wooden crosses and the Compass Rose, symbol of the Anglican Communion.

Thanks to the magic of giant video screens, Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey managed to

be in two places at one time. As he spoke in one hall beneath a giant video image of himself, his image also was being projected onto a large video screen in the other hall. When he moved into the next hall, the situation was reversed, so that all present saw him and the other speakers both in person and on screen.

"Leadership Under Pressure" was the title of both the Bible study featuring Dr Carey on video tape and the short opening meditation by Dr Carey in person. Reflecting on the opening verses of 2 Corinthians, Carey focused on the expectations and hopes, fears and forebodings brought by the some 2,000 people who have come together at Lambeth.

"There are strong grounds for hoping that we shall go home in

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Bishop Simon Chiwanga (Mpwapwa, Tanzania)

Daily Quote

"Change comes by enlightenment, not by force."

Bishop Simon Chiwanga (Mpwapwa, Tanzania)

For the record: The Church in Hong Kong is likely to become the Communion's next member province, rather than the Church in Mozambique, as a Daily report inadvertently implied in Saturday's edition. We regret the error.

Let us hear your voice

The Lambeth Daily desires to give voice to many voices, to be an inviting forum for the exchange of news and ideas around the Anglican Communion and within the Lambeth Conference. In this regard, The Daily welcomes letters from its readers, as well as ideas for news stories or featured commentary. The Daily also carries advice of meetings and movements directly involved in the Conference.

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Daily Voices

Called to be Christ-like

Excerpts from Bishop Simon Chiwanga's homily for Opening Service

For Anglicans, this great Cathedral symbolises both our common roots and our being part of that apostolic succession of costly witness through suffering and martyrdom.

As we view its magnificence and grandeur during our time here, let us be reminded of the majestic transcendence of God which rises far above our divisions both in church and society, and draws us together in Christ as a pilgrim people.

During the great fourth-century period of spiritual renewal, when women and men were called by God to forsake their cultures and retreat to the desert, a great and powerful man of the royal court went to the desert to seek out a holy person.

Soon the pilgrim met an abbot (a

The context of our ministry

The scenario described in today's readings is one that confronts many of the bishops gathered in this Cathedral this morning. The 2nd letter to the Corinthians, which forms the text of our daily Bible Studies at this Conference, speaks about episcopacy in time of crisis and leadership in the midst of struggle and suffering.

The fourth chapter of 2 Corinthians reflects the difficult experiences that are faced by many within the Anglican Communion, who live and serve in places where there is both physical and spiritual deprivation. There are places where state disapproval is the normal context for some, as the recent tragic loss of the Roman Catholic bishop in Pakistan testifies.

The stories of tribal conflicts in Africa, the violence in Northern Ireland, the terrorism that strikes literally every person in the Western world; all this points to a world which is hungry for Christ's love and compassion.

But this is the world that God so loved "that he gave his only Son so that whoever believes in him, should have everlasting life."

God wants His Church and His servants to keep on growing more and more into a Christ-like image in order to accomplish His purposes, as St Paul says, so "that through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Turning the Church inside-out

What this means for the Church is to turn itself inside-out. The Decade of Evangelism was a call to turn the Church insideout, that is to move from being primarily a pastoral community, looking inward, to being primarily a missionary community looking outward. This call to Evangelism must remain our guiding principle as we develop the next step after the Decade.

The Church that is aware of being Christ-like in mission will not spend its time bragging about being the only real missionary or the better evangelist. It will not occupy the seat of Moses judging others. The Christ-like evangelist says with St John the Evangelist: "He (Jesus) must increase but I must lessen" (John 3:30).

A Church that harbours bitterness, anger and disharmony is distorting its image of a living gospel and may be on the road to decay.

It is in mission in the world that we grow into Christ's likeness. For Jesus, those constant moments of his encounter with the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, the sinner and the dead became moments of deeper awareness of his divine identity and mission.

So likewise the identity and mission of the Church is discovered and deepened when we literally "take up our cross", follow Jesus Christ into the midst of the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, the dead, in different cultures and there reveal the love of Christ.

The authority and power given to the Church and its leaders is discovered at Table in Holy Communion, in table fellowship with the poor, the outcast, the broken-hearted and all who are in need of God and of freedom.

Therefore, our Communion's total commitment to the cause of cancelling international debt that adds an unbearable burden to the poor is a powerful witness of our following Jesus into the midst of the disadvantaged.

Day by day our Anglican Communion continues to grow. We give thanks to God for the exciting developments, such as the formation of our new Province in South America.

The incredible work of the

'Interpretive charity means never to unchurch anyone'

"Karen" Christians in Burma and Thailand is a tremendous inspiration to us all. The often hard-pressed situation of our Palestinian-Arab Christian friends, including our own Episcopalians in that country, is also most inspiring.

Called to be Christ-like

Christians who live in the midst of such conflict teach us the one basic principle of being Christ-like in differences and in conflicts.

The passage from St Luke, read for the Gospel, speaks about the need for Christians to treat even those whom they find resentful and who

might have significant differences with them in a way that is Christ-like.

Controversial issues and passionate debates do happen, and the Lambeth Conference cannot be an exception. What is essential for every participant to be aware of is that we have to look for the Christ in each other, and turn the other cheek, particularly when we feel we have been offended.

Being Christ-like in our differences does not mean having no convictions or clear position of your own. It is a call to interpretive charity in our Christian dialogues.

Interpretive charity can be defined as the ability to apply the most loving interpretation to actions and opinions of others. Interpretive charity means listening to one another in love. It demands that we restrain our impulse to start formulating our response before the other has finished what they are saying.

There are several examples we can give of Jesus' interpretive charity. When some men cut through the roof of a house where Jesus was staying so that they could lower their paralysed friend into Jesus' healing presence, he did not call them vandals. He rewarded their faith.

When an angry mob wanted to stone a woman caught in sin, Jesus challenged anyone who was without sin to cast the first stone. And even upon the cross, when he was being insulted, spat at and nailed, Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Interpretive charity calls us to two further things: first, not to disenfranchise or unchurch anyone. Hold unswervingly to that which you believe to be of essential truth, but to God leave the final judgment in all matters.

Change comes by enlightenment, not by force. Forcing your point of view by excluding from your circle those who disagree with you, or by compelling acceptance is to usurp the place of God.

The Prophet Malachi cautions those in authority, "The lips of priests ought to preserve knowledge, and from their mouths people should seek instruction, because they are the messengers of the Lord Almighty" (Malachi 2:7).

During the next few weeks, as we stand aware of God and the world, we have a tremendous opportunity before us. It is a holy moment when we can once more demonstrate, through the power of the Holy Spirit, our ability to speak the truth in love, interpretive charity, and to show how truth can triumph over error in a way that is Christ-like.

"But I tell you who hear me: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you" (Luke 6:27, 28).

'World is hungry for Christ's love and compassion'

holy man) walking with his young monks. He stopped the holy man and asked for a teaching upon which he could build his whole life.

The abbot responded by picking up a tablet and on it he wrote one word, "Awareness!"

Perplexed, the pilgrim asked if the abbot expected him to live his life seeking God just on the basis of only one word. The abbot took back the tablet and wrote, "Awareness, awareness, awareness!"

"Whatever do you mean?" cried the pilgrim. The holy man bowed down again humbly, picked up the tablet and wrote, "Awareness, awareness, awareness, means awareness!"

For myself, if there is one thing that I am in need of in my ministry, it is awareness, Christ-like awareness.

I am aware that the world is desperately in need of a living demonstration of what it means to be a Christ-centred community of believable believers where every person is welcomed, is accepted, loved, restored to wholeness and is encouraged to serve.

Like the pilgrim in the story, there are many people, particularly youth, who are looking for Christ-like leaders in the Church—both lay and ordained—who can demonstrate the awareness of the love of God and the way to a more meaningful life.

Daily Question

What did you love about the opening service?



Bishop Cornelius Wilson,
Primate of the Anglican Church of the Central American Region

"The singing and the sharing - I enjoy all the fellowship and the beauty of the Anglican Communion."



Bishop David Pothirajulu
Church of South India

"The worship with so many bishops - and the Prince of Wales. I appreciated the young woman who assisted with communion. She provided a place for a lay person."



Bishop Victoria Matthews
Edmonton, Canada

"The procession of the Gospel - all the dancers were innovative and truly celebratory.

The variety of music and the call to be one family, united in Christ."

Interviews David Duprey, Photos by Harriet Long

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Lights, camera!

Production seeks spouses for cast

By Carol Barnwell

“We have a score, a script and costumes,” declares Veronica Bennetts. “Now all we need is a committed cast!” In the next several weeks, more than 100 bishops’ spouses will rehearse dances and musical numbers, construct an elaborate backdrop and appear on national television in preparation for their August 6 presentation of Mrs Bennetts’ “Crowning Glory” at the Conference.

Mrs Bennetts is especially thrilled with the production’s ability to foster relationships within the spouse’s group. “The administration has been the challenge but everything is in place and all we need is the cast. This opportunity will bind us together in a very special way.”

Based on Oscar Wilde’s short stories, the adapted piece, “Crowning Glory,” is the tale of a young king-to-be who trades his crown of rubies for a woven coronet of flowers and his golden robes for pauper’s clothes after realising their cost in human toil. His ensuing transformation “humbles dignitaries and gives hope to the poor,” she said.

A pre-conference casting call netted many volunteers but “more are needed,” says Bennetts, to bring the production to its full pageantry.

A liturgical dance group from Canterbury, two children from Canterbury’s Stage Coach Theatre and several professional singers will join the spouses in their offering. The national BBC program *Songs of Praise* will film rehearsals on Tuesday, July 21, for an August airing to its 6.6 million viewers.

More than 30 years ago Mrs Bennetts’ creative talents in music led her to a career in the arts and teaching. Her role as a bishop’s wife together with her passion for composing and theatre brought her to Lambeth as the spouses music coordinator and producer of a pageant that is destined to be a highlight for many.

Mrs Bennetts’ thirst for composing has afforded a fresh vision of Christianity to all those who experience her work. “I’m at home with the simplicity of the Gospel and its expression through creative channels,” she says. Her ability to weave a spiritual thread into the stories she interprets allows the Christian message to reach a broad general audience. “I believe the main thrust of my work is to reach people who have either turned away from Christianity or who have never explored it,” she says. The opportunity to produce something for Lambeth “is a huge honour and



Mrs Veronica Bennetts studies pageant script.

responsibility,” she says.

Mrs Bennetts gave up teaching when her husband, Colin Bennetts, the Bishop of Buckingham, became Bishop of Coventry four months ago. Since their recent move, she has accepted a position with the Stage Coach Theatre as an adviser and composer but finds she misses the daily contact with her students. In fact, one of her former drama students, 14 year-old Florrie Jeffries, will play the part of the young king in the “Crowning Glory” production.

All spouses with interest and talent in music, dance or arts (to help with the stage backdrop) are asked to contact Catherine Harbord at 8058 as soon as possible. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday afternoon in the Spouse’s Home Tent. Participants are asked to be in place at 2.20pm for a 2.30 rehearsal.

Casting call for spouses

Spouses are invited to volunteer in all phases of the staged production of “Crowning Glory” written and produced by Veronica Bennetts, wife of the Bishop of Coventry. Many spouses have already signed up, but more are needed to bring the musical alive for its presentation to the bishops on August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration, in St Columba’s Hall.

First rehearsals tomorrow will be filmed by the BBC television series *Songs of Praise* at 2.30-3pm and 4.30-5.30pm. Spouses are asked to be in the Spouse’s Home Tent and seated by 2.20 for this filming.

Because time is limited, volunteers are asked to contact Catherine Harbord at 8058 as soon as possible.

Spouses to begin with study of roles

“The Role of the Bishop’s Spouse,” first of the four main presentations of the Spouses’ Programme, will be held today from 3 to 5pm in St Columba’s Hall.

Among the speakers are Mrs Elaine Storkey, director of the Institute for Contemporary Christianity; Mrs Elizabeth Appleby, wife of the Bishop of the Northern Territory, Australia; Dr Ian Jamieson, husband of the Bishop of Dunedin, New Zealand; Mrs Eleci Neves, wife of the Bishop of South Western Brazil; Mrs Shamim Malik, wife of the Bishop of Lahore, Pakistan; Mrs Maggie Nkwe, wife of the Bishop of Klerksdorp, South Africa.

Workshops based on aspects of the same theme will be held the following afternoon beginning at 3 pm.

Workshops include:

- “The Challenges of a Working Spouse” with Mrs Chitra Fernando, Colombo, Ceylon.

- “Life Changes,” Mrs Isobel Hardy, Lincoln, England.

- “The Effects of War on the Life of a Christian Family”, Mrs Madeleine Kayumba, Kigeme, Rwanda.

- “Flying Willochra,” an out-back Australian Story, Mrs Marion McCall, Willochra, Australia.

- “Understanding the Impact of Disabilities on Families,” Dr Kitty Morgan-Jones.

- “Relationships and Communication,” Dr Elaine Storkey, Institute for Contemporary Christianity.

- “Spirituality,” Mrs Jan Selby, Worcester, England.

Two Faces to campus Market Place

by Bob Libby

The Market Place covers two distinct operations, both under the direction of the Rev Bob McCloskey and Kay McCloskey from the Diocese of Southeast Florida.

The Market Place Marquee is the white exhibition hall outside the entrance to Templeman library. It is open daily from 10am to 9pm and contains booths for non-profit charities, social concerns groups, specialised ministries, booksellers, church suppliers and vestment-makers.

The Marquee also has a visitors’ gallery where plenary sessions can be viewed on closed-circuit TV.

Market Place Events include more than 26 lectures, presentations, cultural performances and entertainment at various locations on the campus.

These Events will be held on seven evenings, each offering one or activities. The subject, time and location of all Events will be given in The Lambeth Daily.

Events range from presentations on Jubilee 2000, the Scripture Union and Our Lady of Walsingham Society to a choir from Buffalo, New York, one-act Noel Coward plays and a lecture by Bishop Rowan Williams of

Monmouth (Wales) on healing. The final Event - on Tuesday, August 4- will be a musical celebration in St Augustine’s Hall at 8pm. This will feature singers “The Miserable Offenders,” Garth Hewitt, a multicultural choir and Tamilese ensemble.

All Conference participants and visitors with passes are welcome to the Marquee or any Market Place Events, says Mr McCloskey.

The Market Place idea came from the Archbishop of Canterbury who wanted a forum for the great diversity of ministries, social concerns and cultures within the Anglican Communion.

receive good news about church growth throughout the Communion, and at the same time we are well aware of the often frighteningly difficult circumstances in which our churches exist and the circumstances under which they must minister. I hope these days together will prove to be a blessing to all of us. Please be assured that at every level the staff is on hand to be of assistance to every one of you as the Conference unfolds.

Ours is a suffering Communion. Ours is a joyful Communion. Ours is a Communion committed to upholding the bonds of affection and peace, while at the same time we are a Communion that rejoices in being a part of God’s mosaic - God’s rain-

bow people in this modern age - who come together, to be together, to worship together, to learn together, to experience together in this great mother city of Anglicanism.

One of the highlights of these international meetings is always when we pray the Lord’s Prayer. As one lifts one’s voice in prayer and hears people on all sides praying Jesus’ words - each in his or her own language - one cannot help but be lifted to that Pentecost experience, where a diverse world comes together as one, under the banner of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit to the glory of God the Father. “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.”

Welcome!

Prayer cycle ‘live’ from Conference

One of the most powerful instruments of unity we have is prayer. An especially powerful tool for prayer is the Anglican Cycle of Prayer which will be compiled on location during the Conference said Sally Sedgwick, associate director of Forward Movement, publisher.

Originating from work at the Lambeth Conference of 1948, the “cycle” or calendar of intercessions assures that on a specific day, certain areas will be prayed for simultaneously throughout the Anglican Commu-

nion. “We’ve grown so much,” said Ms Sedgwick, “that we now need a two-year cycle to allow prayer for one diocese a day instead of two or even four.”

Bishops will have time during Tuesday morning’s Bible study to make specific requests for prayers for their dioceses. “This will be the most comprehensive effort we’ve ever accomplished,” said Ms Sedgwick, who admits compiling the prayers can be frustrating with the many communications challenges that exist worldwide. —Carol Barnwell

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we have seen in the preparation for this Lambeth Conference. Press interest is at a maximum. Volunteers have arisen from every part of the Communion, and even in the realm of communication we have dozens of professionals from all over the Communion offering their time, talent and service, at their own personal expense to make this Conference known to our constituency around the world.

Obviously, for the Bishops we hope this will be a time of pilgrimage and spiritual renewal, as well as a time of fellowship and greater understanding of the diversity of our global family. Our office continues to

Daily Events Tomorrow

Tuesday July 21

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| 7.15 am | Morning Eucharist followed by Bible Study video with Iraj Mottahedeh, Bishop of Iran 2 Cor. 1:3-22 |
| 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: “The Bible, the World and the Church” The place of scripture in the church is addressed in three parts: video interviews with bishops and spouses on Second Corinthians; a theatrical interpretation of Jacob’s encounter with God; an address by David Ford, Regius Professor of Divinity, Cambridge |
| 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 - The Role of the Bishop’s Spouse (1) - Creative |
| 3.30 - 5.30 pm | Sections |
| 5.45 pm | Evening Prayer followed by Bible Study video with Mark Dyer, Chair of the Editorial Team 2 Cor. 1:23-end |
| 6.30 - 8.00 pm | Dinner |
| 8.15 - 9.00 pm | Sections |

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in reply "Akae nawe pia" (And also with you) from more than 2,000 voices.

The tone set by the Swahili greeting continued throughout an increasingly exuberant celebration of the Communion's burgeoning family gathered from more than 160 nations.

Trumpets, drums, dance, bells and a multiplicity of languages joined in prayer and praise. Flowing pink, orange and blue silk saris, stiff-peaked African cotton headwraps, straw hats frothy with feathers, even one shining emerald cope made for the Archbishop of the Church of the Province of Myanmar by members of his region's Mothers' Union, filled the cathedral with colour.

Panamanian liturgical dancers from the London-based Victor Hugo Dance Troupe swept through the quire and into the nave with a flipping of blue, green and purple ribbons and a swirl of white cotton.

The wealth of expression included the swaying rhythms of South Africa, the poignancy of

"Sizohamba naye..."

"We are on the Lord's road."

African-American spirituals, the crisp melodies of songs and hymns from England, Argentina, Korea and Russian Orthodox traditions. As participants followed the multilingual service booklet, some sang

in Spanish, others in French, many in Swahili. One chorus printed in Zulu delighted those who swayed enthusiastically to its lively rhythm.

"Sizohamba naye..." the congregation sang to a South African melody. "We are on the Lord's road."

Bishop French Chang Him (Seychelles) and Bishop Chilton Knudsen (Maine) led the intercessions in both French and English, and Bishop John Sentamu (Stepney, England), a former Ugandan high court judge, beat a brightly painted four-foot Ugandan wise man's drum as he sang a Kenyan version of the Gloria. Bible readings came in Portuguese and Arabic.

Choir and congregation sang the new "Lambeth Hymn" written by Timothy Dudley Smith, evangelical hymn writer and retired suffragan bishop of Norwich in England. Sung at the Peace, the song implores God to "renew, restore, unite, inspire the Church that bears your Name... O grant us grace to heed your call and in that Name be one."

The liturgy, a poignant Kenyan text that drew participants into a powerful journey, slid from English to Swahili and back, challenging the international congregation to

listen carefully for meaning: "Is Christ among us? - He is. - We are his people. - We are redeemed."

When Bishop Simon Chiwanga (Mpwawa, Tanzania), chairman of the Anglican Consultative Council, climbed into the pulpit he reminded his hearers about the sacred place in which they sat, and how the cathedral symbolises common roots of costly witness.

Though he did not refer to St Thomas Becket whose martyrdom in the cathedral in 1170 turned it into a place of pilgrimage, he declared the gathered flock "a pilgrim people" and told the leaders of the 73-million-member Church how vital they are to a world hungry for meaning.

Bishop Chiwanga also provided his fellow leaders with a little instruction in interpretive charity which he defined as "the ability to apply the most loving interpretation to actions and opinions of others... listening to one another in love." (For excerpts of Bishop Chiwanga's homily, see page 2.)

The final hymn was the Wesleyan favourite "O for a thousand tongues to sing." Then, with a sweep of their arms, worshippers dispatched their "problems, difficulties and hopes" to the cross of Christ.

Section One opens with exhortations to listen, learn

Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane (Cape Town) welcomed participants to Section One - the group in which some 200 bishops will explore the topic "Called to Full Humanity" - and reminded them that they are all "under God so we throw away all anxieties."

He introduced the team working for the section: the Vice-chair, Bishop Kenneth Fernando (Colombo, Ceylon), the chairs of the sub-sections - International Debt, Bishop Peter Selby (Worcester, England); Human Sexuality, Bishop Duncan Buchanan (Johannesburg, Southern Africa); Euthanasia, Archbishop Peter Hollingworth (Brisbane, Australia); Human Rights and Human Dignity, Bishop Sehon Goodridge (Windward Islands, West Indies); Modern Technology, Bishop Frank Allen (Atlanta, USA); and the Environment, Bishop Miguel Paredes Yamoyam (Northern Philippines).

Introducing the work of the sub-section on human sexuality, one of six subsections and which has received most pre-conference publicity, Bishop Buchanan exhorted the participants to listen to each other: "None of us has the whole truth and all of us should respect each other's integrity. One of the ways South Africa has emerged from the nightmare of its past is that it has tried to look beyond our differences and to our common humanity. My prayer for our section is that we will listen as much as we will want to talk and in the listening hear something of what God is saying to us."



Above, procession enters Quire, where Archbishop of Canterbury (right) is seated on St Augustine's Chair. Members of Panamanian dance troupe (centre) enliven Gospel procession.

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three weeks' time greatly strengthened and empowered for God's mission in the world," Dr Carey said, "and yet (there are) fears, on the other hand, that the good ship *Anglicana* may founder on some divisive issue or other; whether on the rocks of intolerance and indiscipline or in the shoals of fundamentalism and liberalism."

But, he added: "We are not the only Christians in history to have been caught in the tension between such expectations and forebodings. We have only to look at Paul in 2 Corinthians to see the enormous pressures on him and it is so right that the great Epistle should be our companion for the next three weeks."

In daily Bible study, the bishops, their spouses and other conference participants will be reading through the entire book of 2 Corinthians.

Musical director helps shape multicultural tone

Dr Geoff Weaver, the conference's musical director, said he was pleased that the bishops and spouses were willing to try their voices

out with unfamiliar tunes and languages, and even to attempt some dance movements with African hymns.

The multilingual programme, which included hymns and readings in English, French, Swahili, Maori, Welsh and Korean, was designed by a seven-member worship and liturgy team under Dr Weaver's direction, and reflected Dr Carey's desire for conference liturgies that more accurately reflect the Communion's diversity. The team, led by Bishop Roger Herft, a Sri Lankan and Conference chaplain (Newcastle, Australia), drew on a wide number of consultants from around the Communion, including Dr Weaver, whose sensitivity to the Communion's cultural diversity and wealth of liturgical expression includes his two decades on the church mission field, and his teaching roles in Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Nigeria.

"We recognised that in the past English has been the [only] language. And we wanted therefore to recognise the language and culture and integrity of all the Communion," Dr Weaver said. "Language is such a fundamental thing of taking a people and a culture seriously."



At far left, Bishop Catherine Waynick (Indianapolis, USA) joins procession as eucharistic minister (near left) smiles after liturgy. Above, two former Archbishops of Canterbury - Lord Coggan (front) and Lord Runcie - are escorted in procession by the Revd Canon Sam Van Cullin, former Secretary General of the Anglican Communion.