

Anglican-Lutheran International Coordinating Committee

Adelaide, Australia

25–31 May 2016

Communiqué

The Anglican-Lutheran International Coordinating Committee (ALICC) held its fourth meeting in Adelaide, Australia, 25 to 31 May 2016, under the leadership of Bishop Michael Pryse of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishop Tim Harris of the Anglican Church of Australia, co-chairs.

The meeting was hosted by the Anglican Communion and the Diocese of Adelaide. The Committee warmly appreciated the practical, technical and friendly support from St Barnabas College and the Diocese of Adelaide.

During this meeting the Committee substantially completed a daily devotional resource called *Grace upon Grace: Voices around the World*. This book will be available late in 2016, in both hardcopy and online as a PDF-file. It is intended to assist Lutherans and Anglicans to commemorate together the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. This material illustrates the constant need for all churches be open to reform and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This is a six-week daily devotional resource, with contributions by Anglicans and Lutherans; men and women; lay and ordained from around the world. The themes are:

- God's mission in the world (Mission Dei)
- Liberated by God's Grace
- Salvation – not for sale
- Human beings – not for sale
- Creation – not for sale
- Freed to serve (Diakonia)

Each day has its own theme, a Scripture passage and a reflection. In addition, there is a Eucharistic liturgy, inviting Anglicans and Lutherans to worship together. It is the Committee's hope that this resource will be used by Anglicans and Lutherans in joint groups as well as by individuals. Above all, it is an encouragement for us to pray for and with one another.

As part of its task to be a catalyst, the Committee was delighted to note the forthcoming theological conferences on Grace in Hong Kong in September 2017, organized by Ming Hua Theological College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

This year, the Committee also continued its work of mapping Anglican and Lutheran relationships around the world and noted with delight progress at various levels, in different parts of the world. In order to fulfill its role to be a catalyst for such relationships, the committee will during 2016 complete a resource entitled *Deepening of Relationships: Opportunities for Communion – A Guide Map*. This material illustrates stages in relationships between Anglicans and Lutherans, provides different scenarios, as well as lists the various agreements already existing between our two churches.

During this meeting the Committee explored options for a forthcoming website. This will host Anglican – Lutheran resources, including the devotional material.

The Committee appreciated a fruitful meeting at Bishop's Court, hosted at the kind and generous invitation by Archbishop Dr Jeffrey and Mrs Lindy Driver. The meeting was attended by members of the Australian Lutheran College, representatives of national and state Lutheran Church leaders, local Anglican Bishops, the chair of the General Synod Ecumenical Relations Commission, Archbishop Dr Phillip Aspinall, and the Secretary of the South Australian Council of Churches, Ms Geraldine Hawkes. This meeting offered an opportunity for the committee to learn about the Australian dialogue between Anglicans and Lutherans and to encourage deepening relationships. Preceding the meeting, we gathered in the chapel of the Australian Lutheran College for joint Evening Prayer.

In addition, the members of ALICC visited the Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of The Murray at which they were warmly received. On Sunday, the members of the Committee visited St Matthew's Church, Kensington, a local Anglican Parishes, where we were enriched by attending the celebration of the Eucharist and joining the members of the congregation for fellowship and friendly conversations afterwards.

This meeting was the last meeting for the Anglican Lutheran International Coordinating Committee (2013-2016).

#### **Members of ALICC:**

##### **Anglicans:**

The Rt Revd Dr Tim Harris, Australia, (Co-Chair)

The Revd Dalcy Dlamini, Swaziland, Southern Africa

The Revd Augusta Leung, Hong Kong (Unable to attend)

The Revd Canon John Lindsay, Scotland

The Revd Canon Dr John Gibaut, Anglican Communion Office (Co-Secretary)

The Revd Neil Vigers, (Anglican Communion Office staff)

##### **Lutherans:**

The Rev. Bishop Dr Michael Pryse, Canada (Co-Chair)

The Rev. Joyceline Fred Njama, Tanzania

The Ven. Helene T. Steed, Sweden and Ireland

The Rev. Sonia Skupch, Argentina

The Rev. Prof. Dr Nicholas Tai, Hong Kong China

The Rev. Anne Burghardt, The Lutheran World Federation (Co-Secretary)