



Minutes of a Standing Committee meeting held at The Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Lusaka, Zambia, 6-7 April 2016

Present:

President

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby

Chair

The Rt Revd Dr James Tengatenga

Vice Chair

Canon Elizabeth Paver

Elected by the Primates' Meeting

The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke

The Most Revd Dr Philip Freier

The Most Revd and The Hon Dr John Holder

The Church of Ireland

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Elected by the ACC

Mrs Helen Biggin

The Rt Revd Eraste Bigirimana

Professor Joanildo Burity

The Rt Revd Dr Ian Douglas

The Rt Revd Dr Sarah Macneil

Ms Louisa Mojela

The Church in Wales

The Anglican Church of Burundi

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brazil

The Episcopal Church

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Secretary General

The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon

ACO staff in attendance

Mr Adrian Butcher, Communications

Mrs Christine Codner, Executive Officer

Mrs Stephanie Taylor, minutes

Not present at this meeting:

The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Anis

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Apologies:

The Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

1. Opening Prayers

Bishop James Tengatenga, Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC), opened in prayer.

2. Welcome and Introductions to the Agenda

[SC/2016/01/01]

Bishop Tengatenga welcomed the following new members elected at the Primates' Meeting in January: Archbishop Richard Clarke, Archbishop Philip Freier, and Archbishop John Holder.

Bishop Tengatenga took the opportunity of his last meeting as Chair of the ACC and Standing Committee to share how he had cherished the support of Standing Committee members. The Lord will be with us through the challenges that lie ahead, and by His grace we will get through it all, he said.

3. Review of the Agenda

The agenda was agreed.

4. To note the minutes of the last meeting held 3-6 September 2015

[SC/2015/01/2]

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Brief orientation to remind Trustees of their responsibilities as recommended by the auditors

- i. Roles and responsibilities of Charity Directors and Trustees [SC/2016/04/1]
- ii. Chairman's Notes [SC/2016/04/2]
- iii. Guidelines for Meetings [SC/2016/04/3]

Canon John Rees, who acts as legal adviser would normally introduce the orientation to trustees but was unable to be present due to ill health. A member of his office, Mr Darren Oliver would attend ACC to oversee election proceedings and offer legal advice.

The new members to Standing Committee were informed of the need to register as trustees, and sign the register and necessary papers including the Conflict Register (agenda item 7).

7. Conflict Register

[SC/2016/04/4]

The Conflict Register was introduced and noted, particularly with reference to new members.

8. To note the Code of Conduct Policy

[SC/2016/04/5]

A copy of the Code of Conduct concerning discriminatory behaviour, harassment and sexual harassment was included in members' packs for the meeting.

The Code of Conduct Policy was noted.

9. Attendance at Meetings

The subject of attendance at meetings was raised. All members were requested to, at the time of a new meeting being set, confirm their attendance or note the alternate to attend in their absence. It was noted that late apologies can prevent an alternate being able to attend, and thus result in an area of the Communion being unrepresented.

Bishop Ian Douglas reminded members that the Constitution of the ACC states:

"8.7 A Trustee-Member's term of office automatically terminates if he or she:

8.7.5 is absent without the permission of the Trustee-Members from two successive ordinary meetings and a majority of the Trustee-Members resolve that his or her office be vacated."

It was noted that as trustees, members have legal obligations and fiduciary responsibilities under UK law.

The Secretary General questioned what guidelines this meeting could give to the Primates' Meeting regarding non-attendance of members at ACC and Standing Committee. Bishop Tengtenga responded that it was for the Primates themselves to discuss their responsibility to Primates' Standing Committee. The Constitution as reminded by Bishop Douglas provided the necessary guidance with regards non-attendance.

10. Secretary General's Report

The Secretary General presented his report of his first ten months in post. During this time he had the very real privilege of being invited by Primates and Bishops to various Provinces. His first invitation came from Archbishop Barry Morgan of Wales who said that as the oldest serving Primate he wanted to be the first to invite the new Secretary General to visit. The Secretary General said that he was excited to be in the Province and observe the process by which they arrived at decisions. Another highlight included being invited as the keynote speaker at a mission conference by the Diocese of Connecticut, The Episcopal Church, observing that some parishes in that part of the Communion were really growing.

The Secretary General reported on his visit to Peru. Following consultation with the Chair and Archbishop of Canterbury, a visit was made to assess the state of readiness of Peru to become a viable and functioning independent Province. Numerical strength was small but there was huge potential and hunger for spiritual food. Many of the Bishops did not speak English and there was a feeling of being 'cut off' from the Communion. There were serious communication problems with South America which called for the attention of ACC, he concluded.

The Secretary General reflected on the Primates' Meeting in January, and in particular the sense of the prayers of the wider Communion. God was there, he concluded.

The Secretary General also reflected on the change to the marriage canon in The Episcopal Church. He informed the Standing Committee that since Presiding Bishop Curry's enthronement a new committee had been formed to look at how to support those Bishops who did not support same sex marriage. The theological and pastoral principle was respected without compulsion to conform, he said. In at least three dioceses where Bishops did not offer same sex marriage, Bishops from other dioceses were invited to come and minister. This arrangement was reciprocated in dioceses where the reverse was the case. The Secretary General said he felt it was his responsibility to let the Communion know that good things were happening.

The Secretary General addressed the subject of the Anglican Covenant. He reflected that in these Internet days we disagree faster and more furiously, and the public see this. The Covenant, he said, was intended as a means of setting out clearly the boundaries of the Instruments of Communion and providing 'house rules'. He argued it was time for Anglicans to form agreement on how to process this. Currently 11 of 38 Provinces had responded; these were often smaller Provinces for whom the Communion was most important. The Secretary General asked Standing Committee to consider that the majority were not opposed to sections 1-3 of the Covenant but had difficulty with section 4. Would it be possible to find out how many agreed with sections 1-3, he asked, further proposing that a small committee be established to look at section 4. The Secretary General requested that Standing Committee take this proposal forward with a view to making a report at the next Standing Committee meeting.

In his concluding remarks the Secretary General shared that from Wales to the Caribbean he had seen for himself that we are stronger when we walk together. He reflected on the observations of Bishop Stephen Bayne who in 1961 argued that the national principle had its dangers of isolation, provincialism, division and narrowness, weakening our unity and mission. While our world shrinks we are forced to interdependence and are deeply bound together, he said, concluding that while we rightly cleave to independence we are also deeply aware of our need to think and choose to act together. That, the Secretary General concluded was where he believed the Lord had led the Primates' Meeting in deciding to walk together. Our Communion is precisely what the world needs, he said. Whilst we struggle with doctrine, there is no Church that is not wrestling with the issue of homosexuality, he said. We are in a world full of needs, let's recognise our own pains for what they are and focus on the world we are here to serve.

Bishop Tenganega invited responses to the Secretary General's report. Mrs Helen Biggin thanked the Secretary General for his report and welcomed the clear message of the need to work together.

Bishop Tenganega introduced a discussion on the Secretary General's proposal on the Anglican Covenant. Archbishop Clarke questioned whether we wanted to conceive the Anglican Communion in juridical or relational terms. Canon Elizabeth Paver commented that the Covenant, when drafted, was an incomplete document but it was a response and it was the best response that could be given at the time. Professor Joanildo Burity shared that his own Province had found the first three sections of the Covenant uncontroversial but that they could not accept the fourth section. Professor Burity questioned to what extent the document could be called a Covenant when such a large number of members could not find themselves

represented within it. He said that the journey of learning interdependence was a journey for our times, adding that if as Christians with theological notions like *koinonia*, we could not figure out how to live interdependently but rather fell back into the national principle this would create deeper divisions. Bishop Sarah Macneil argued that the fourth section of the Covenant set up the potential for 'second class' memberships of the Anglican Communion and raised the concern about who would make the decisions as to which members were 'relegated'. The history of Anglicanism, she said, was one of devolution, and questioned whether a strong centralising impulse was appropriate at this stage in the life of the Communion worldwide. It was noted that a reasonably new Archbishop of Canterbury and a new Secretary General could ask questions in a way that those who had been involved longer could not. Archbishop Justin Welby commented that it would not be appropriate to bring a document back without a proper process of looking at it afresh, and concluded that he supported the Secretary General's proposal. He added that the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral was still foundational in what it means to be Anglican, and suggested that a way forward was to consider why this was so successful.

Resolution 1: Anglican Covenant

The Standing Committee:

- has recognised the slowness of reception for the Anglican Covenant and asks that a Committee or Group be appointed to bring back to Standing Committee recommendations on how to move forward in a relational manner;

- agrees to give the Archbishop of Canterbury time to further consider the proposal and in particular the relationship between the proposed Committee and the Task Group formed at the request of the Primates' Gathering and Meeting 2016. It was agreed that it may be appropriate for the Task Group to take on this work, or for a separate Committee to be formed.

Moved by Archbishop Welby and seconded by Bishop Tenganena. All in favour.

11. Review of Networks

[SC/2016/18/1]

The Secretary General provided a review of the networks having been requested at the previous Standing Committee meeting, to examine the networks and how they function. This was still a work in progress.

The Anglican Communion Environmental Network had successfully attracted internal and external funding for gathering a number of Bishops whose dioceses are impacted by climate change. A statement calling for action on climate justice was to be brought to ACC-16. The network's sharing of news and resources had significantly increased.

The Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC) network was funded by member subscription fees. The network had held a conference in 2014, titled '*Education as Hope: Working Towards Transformation in Our Common World*'. A good number of Anglican universities were helping to fund this network through membership fees.

The International Anglican Family Network (IAFN) celebrates the God-given potential of the family. This network had been involved in the promotion of birth registration and championing Anglican involvement against domestic abuse.

The Anglican Communion Safe Church Network (ACSCN) was bringing two proposals to ACC-16: a draft protocol for disclosure of ministry suitability information between the Churches of the Anglican Communion; and a proposal for an inter-Anglican commission to promote safety within the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

A new linguistic network, the Lusophone Network, had been formally recognised with the intention of connecting Anglicans in Portugal, Brazil, Angola, and Mozambique.

The International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN) was a vital relational mechanism for the Communion and its call to pay attention to gender justice brought a significant message. The Anglican participation in annual sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW) continued to be effective but there were sometimes problems with Provincial representation. A Bishop's wife had a wider constituency once the programme was complete hence the question of whether representation was best left with the Primates or the Bishops.

The Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN) connected indigenous peoples in the United States, Canada, Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Hawaii and is convened by Bishop Kitoi Pikaahu following the sad loss of Bishop John Gray. The question was raised as to whom the network was accounting. It was important that the network was accountable to someone, for example, financially.

The Anglican Peace and Justice Network (APJN) was to be supported by Canon Phil Groves, Director for Continuing Indaba following the resignation of Bishop Sue Moxley. Canon Groves would be working to ensure that the network was more connected with reconciliation in the Communion. There was a balance of funds available.

The International Anglican Liturgical Consultation (IALC) had in recent years focused on marriage, rites of reconciliation, and how Provinces engaged in public acts of reconciliation e.g. truth and reconciliation commissions.

The Anglican Health Network (AHN) had developed as a model that was dependent on funding for initiatives such as the transfer of hospital equipment. A conference on the relationship between faith, health and healing was held in 2013. Correspondence received in February stated that the present network activities were insufficient to continue as a network. It was hoped a more sustainable health network would re-emerge in due course.

The Anglican Inter Faith Network was formerly known as NIFCON. It was intended that the new network was to be Communion-wide with each region represented. Each representative was to seek the support of their primate in order to attend a meeting when called. This had been a problem for the network in the past. With the current level of religious extremism it was important for the network to be encouraged. The original British group of members was to continue as a think tank within a bigger network. The group had published articles and papers and that should be continued.

Bishop Douglas suggested it would be productive to do some work around what a network was. The Secretary General agreed that the review had described a whole host of different bodies which could be differently likened to networks, commissions, committees, or standing bodies. The Anglican Communion had a history of commissions and committees but networks were historically self-organised and self-funding, which as long as they were doing work effectively, was to be celebrated. Networks had a lifespan though and sometimes there had been a desire to 'baptise' a network as a committee when it was coming to the end of its lifespan. The AHN had begun as a response to the AIDS crisis but had not successfully evolved. The desire to 'rescue from the top' where networks were concerned was not natural and resulted in rescuing bodies that needed to be funded.

Professor Burity asked how a network could be sustained by drawing on a wide base from across the Communion which depended on creativity and the question of language. He said that there may be those who would wish to join, and activities taking place that were not being communicated because those people can't communicate in English. How can the networks reach these people and engage in common work, he asked. It was important to find ways to facilitate conversation with non-English speakers.

Ms Louisa Mojela said that where the UN CSW was concerned 'let's not fix what isn't broken'. She added that some representatives were sponsored and that it was very costly to spend two weeks in New York. There were 'internal politics' that affected who was sent to CSW and there were occasions when the representative did not 'fit the bill' but was filling the chair. Ms Mojela asked if this could be raised at the primates' meeting and requested a discussion on what was meant when the primate appointed people to these commissions and bodies. Representatives were sometimes 'out of their depth', she observed.

Canon Paver said that the review had provided an excellent opportunity to look at the whole structure of the networks. Some work undertaken by the networks was only valuable for those participating, she observed, and questioned what the outcome was in each Province and in each church. Canon Paver questioned how this could be monitored and by whom. It was noted that The Revd Terrie Robinson was still undertaking too much work where the networks were concerned. The Secretary General had asked a few Directors at the Anglican Communion Office to take charge where the work related to their department. Bishop Tenganega suggested that those people could look into the issues discussed and provide the Secretary General with advice to bring back to Standing Committee.

The Secretary General requested specific guidance with regards networks which were no longer functioning but for which funds remained in accounts. Bishop Douglas said he would be in support of a proposal to collapse these funds into one discretionary account if this was consistent with the original donation. Archbishop Welby suggested that legal advisors would likely advise writing to the donors concerned. Legal advice was to be sought from Canon Rees in this respect.

12. Primates' Meeting/Gathering in Canterbury January 2016

The Archbishop of Canterbury gave a report on the Primates' Gathering and Meeting of January 2016. He said that he was clear at the meeting that the Primates' Meeting did not have the authority to bind any Province or Instrument of Communion but rather the Primates as

senior Bishops of their own Provinces had an enhanced responsibility to give guidance, and that a moral rather than juridical authority expected that the Primates should be listened to carefully.

The meeting began with silent prayer in the Cathedral. The building and people there played a significant role in the gathering. It was clear that deciding the agenda together was crucial to the Primates, and Archbishop Welby gave his assurance in this respect. Archbishop Foley Beach of the Anglican Church of North America was invited to be present as a non-voting observer. A number of agenda items were discussed at the meeting including the actions of The Episcopal Church with respect of the change to the marriage canon; witness and evangelism; the environment; migration and conflict. Archbishop Welby said there were moments at the meeting when he saw the beauty of the Anglican Communion under God; it was deeply and profoundly moving. The final communiqué of the meeting was agreed by all. The meeting closed with Communion in the Cathedral Crypt at which was placed the crozier of St Gregory generously loaned by St Mark's, Rome, and the gospels generously loaned by Corpus Christi, Cambridge. Jean Vanier of the L'Arche Community preached, and then the Primates washed one another's feet. There was a huge sense of prayer, and we knew that literally millions were praying around the world. Huge ecumenical gestures were made. The Communities of Chemin Neuf, and St Anselm were constantly praying.

Standing Committee members responded to Archbishop Welby's report. Canon Paver said that this was the Standing Committee's opportunity to say what they felt as a Standing Committee in a way that may be helpful in the session to the ACC. She called for the session to be one of moving forward and giving hope for the future.

Mrs Biggin thanked Archbishop Welby for his profound and moving report. She asked where this left Standing Committee if it was to use what has happened to move forward with those relationships. She argued of the need to confront the way the meeting was portrayed from the outside. We have a responsibility to cut through the headlines at this Council meeting, she said. It would be sad if this meeting was overshadowed by this issue as there were other issues that were far more important to Provinces and people, Mrs Biggin concluded.

Canon Paver said she would wish to convey the message of inclusivity to everyone who had made the journey to be present in Lusaka, to thank them, and to encourage them to go out and share the truth. We also need to acknowledge that there are empty chairs, and we are not complete, she concluded.

Archbishop Holder argued that we should embrace the risen Lord with the marks of Good Friday. We need to go with conviction to this meeting with the message that we are neither the perfect organisation nor the perfect Church, but we are able to live and embrace His marks, he concluded.

Bishop Tengtenga commented on God's perfect timing. The Primates made a clear statement of choosing to walk together, the act of meeting together now gives life and expression to that statement, he said.

Bishop Ian Douglas expressed regret that one of the effects of the consequences decided with regards The Episcopal Church (TEC) was that as a number of women represented TEC there

was potential for the role of women to be limited. Mrs Biggin shared this concern and also recognised the effect of the Communiqué on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender brothers and sisters. It was important to acknowledge that people felt demoralised, she said.

The Standing Committee noted Archbishop Welby's report and resolved to form a drafting group comprising the Secretary General, Archbishop Philip Freier, Bishop Sarah Macneil, and Mrs Biggin to write a statement from Standing Committee to the ACC.

Discussion returned to this agenda item subsequently in the meeting and is concluded under item 21.

13. The review of Agenda and planning for ACC-16

- i. List of Membership [SC/2016/09/1]
- ii. Draft Programme [SC/2016/09/2]

Mr Stephen Lyon joined the meeting to report on the agenda and planning for ACC-16. Mr Lyon noted that the Standing Committee had responsibility for the programme of ACC but as the Committee met annually it was necessary for Mr Lyon to take responsibility for much of the decision-making and seek the Committee's feedback. Mr Lyon's aim had been to put together a programme that gave space to listen to the priorities and challenges of the people representing their Provinces at ACC. Fortuitously the Provincial Secretaries meeting had taken place in August and September of 2016 and this had provided the opportunity of allowing the Provinces to mould the programme.

The programme had been divided into a number of short phases with aim of rooting a rhythm within the proceedings. At any given ACC 50-60% of the members are new, therefore there was a need to establish the ACC as a community at the first phase. There would then be an opportunity to engage around the issues of the wider Communion. A free day had been retained to ensure that there was space for re-energising mid-programme. Another important phase would provide the opportunity to engage with the local community. A youth conference and the presence of young people both as stewards and members at ACC would facilitate the contribution of young people and help to ensure their voices were heard. The final phase would be one of dispersing the community of the ACC.

Members would follow daily Bible studies on the Book of Ruth which had been compiled by an international group of scholars. One of these scholars, The Revd Dr Femi Adeleye would be present at ACC as an ecumenical participant, and therefore had been invited to introduce the first study.

Mr Lyon introduced the subject of elections and resolutions. It was necessary at this ACC gathering to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair as well as all non-primatial members with the exception of Bishop Eraste Bigirimana, and Ms Louisa Mojela who would continue to serve on Standing Committee. Mr Darren Oliver would attend as legal advisor in place of Canon John Rees who was unable to attend due to ill-health. A resolutions committee had been formed comprising Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Bishop Ian Douglas, and Canon John Gibaut. Archbishop Makgoba was to Chair the committee, and Canon Gibaut to serve as a member of staff. A further two or three members were needed and the Standing Committee were invited

to nominate members. Mrs Biggin, and Professor Burity were duly nominated. The Secretary General requested further nominations from among the members, and it was duly requested that The Revd Rose Hudson Wilkin, and Ms Suzanne Lawson be approached. Appointments for the Inter-Anglican Finance and Administration Committee were also due.

Discussion returned to this agenda item subsequently in the meeting and is concluded under item 21.

14. To note arrangements during ACC-16 for communications and media

Mr Adrian Butcher, and Archdeacon Paul Feheley, joined the meeting. Mr Butcher was welcomed as the ACO's new Director for Communications. Archdeacon Feheley had been part of the communications team at the last ACC and would be working alongside Mr Butcher on the communications for ACC-16. As well as his role as Principal Secretary to the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archdeacon Feheley was also the National Director of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, and assured the Committee that this meeting was very much surrounded by prayer.

Mr Butcher outlined the communications plan for the meeting. Daily news stories would be published on the Anglican Communion News Service along with a good many images. Video was to be a key method of communication, and a series of these would be produced to highlight aspects of the Communion and tell the broader story of what the worldwide family was doing around issues including refugees and migration, gender justice, and intentional discipleship. The Bible studies would be posted online daily in Spanish, French, Portuguese, and English in order that as ACC members study the Word in Lusaka others could join from around the world. All delegates would have their picture taken with Archbishop Welby in their Provincial groupings, and would receive a copy of the photograph after ACC. There would be two press conferences during ACC, the first of which would take place after the session on the Primates' Meeting. The intention here was to deal with the issue quickly, honestly and directly. This session would be filmed to facilitate that intention. There had been around six applications for media accreditation. The local media presence for the arrival of Archbishop Welby had been magnificent and brought great joy. Thanks were noted for Mr Bellah Zulu who was part of the communications team and had successfully engaged local media interest.

The accredited media would be present at the side of the meeting in a designated area within the Cathedral. The meeting area would be arranged 'cabaret style' with members sitting in table groups. The media would not be permitted to cross into this area.

Mr Butcher concluded by requesting that all Standing Committee members refrain from giving interviews unless cleared with the communications team or the Secretary General.

The Committee noted and agreed to the arrangements.

15. Provincial Matters

- i. Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan: Application for the Internal Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan to become an independent and autonomous Province [SC/2016/04/6]

- ii. The Anglican Church of South America: The Diocese of Chile becoming a Province [SC/2016/04/7]
- iii. The Anglican Church of South America: The Diocese of Peru becoming a Province
- iv. The Church of Ceylon

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The Secretary General had received a letter [SC/2016/04/6] from the Primate of The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan making a formal application on behalf of the Internal Province of The Episcopal Church of Sudan to become an autonomous Province. The provincial Archbishop issued a formal invitation for the Secretary General to visit but the visa came late and the visit was rescheduled for July 2016. The Secretary General noted that northern Sudan was a different country and an Islamic country, and that in the case of the Church where the south 'looked after' the north this was a big problem and made it very difficult to get things done. He concluded that giving north Sudan its own autonomy would make things much easier than was currently the case.

Archbishop Welby, who had visited South Sudan twice, was invited to speak. Archbishop Welby said he agreed with the Secretary General's summary of the situation and provided further information. Sudan and South Sudan were at war for 50 years ending only 5-6 years ago, he said. There had been interference since including involvement in support for Machar, who was linked with the White Army, an armed militia with a history of appalling atrocity. Archbishop Welby had seen firsthand the affect of the White Army moving through towns and had consecrated a mass grave for all the clergy of the cathedral. Relationships between Sudan and South Sudan were bad. There was persecution of the Church in Sudan. Archbishop Welby said that it was his strong recommendation that the creation of a new Province was probably the only way of protecting Christians in the Sudan. Whilst it wouldn't help that much it would relieve them a little from the 'contamination effect' of being seen to be 'run by the enemy'. Bishop Tenga said that initially the intention had been for the Church in South Sudan and Sudan to stay together to strengthen the north. Archbishop Welby said it was clear that this was not going to work and that the Church in South Sudan and Sudan was less viable together than apart.

The Secretary General stated that a visit needed to be made and a process followed as an application had been made. The Secretary General and the Standing Committee were to choose a group to accompany the Secretary General on the visit.

Professor Burity requested more clarity concerning the Guidelines for the Creation of New Provinces and Dioceses in terms of information and documents in support of the application as so far this had all been done orally. Professor Burity highlighted the following issues: the number of coherent dioceses required to form a new Province; Provincial constitution; theological education; and viable financial projections for the next 3 years. Professor Burity concluded that this information should be with Standing Committee before a decision was made. Bishop Tenga responded that this was the purpose of the visit to meet the

dioceses concerned, examine the physical papers, and from this make recommendations and present guidance to the Standing Committee.

Due to the delicacy of the situation and as the next Standing Committee meeting was not planned until 2017, it was requested that Standing Committee consider coming to an 'in principal' decision to be confirmed by email should the report satisfy the criteria. Archbishop Welby stated that Standing Committee could confirm by electronic means providing the confirmation was unanimous. Ms Mojela stated that Standing Committee was noting that it agreed in principal to the process going forward. Bishop Douglas added that all criteria in the guidelines were to be documented and reported back to Standing Committee; the stipulation being that the guidelines were met before going to an electronic vote.

Resolution 2: Application for the Internal Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan to become an independent and autonomous Province

The Standing Committee:

- affirms in principle the desire for the Internal Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan to become an independent and autonomous Province in the Anglican Communion;

- requests the Secretary General to work with Standing Committee to put together a visitors group which will communicate back to Standing Committee assurance that the Guidelines for the Creation of New Provinces and Dioceses have been met;

- requests once accomplished that the Standing Committee vote electronically or via email once all of the above has been accomplished.

Moved by Bishop Douglas and seconded by Ms Mojela. All in favour.

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A letter had been received from the Primate of the Anglican Church of South America requesting that the Diocese of Chile become an independent and autonomous Province of the Anglican Communion.

Archbishop Welby reported that indigenous people formed the largest proportion of Anglicans in Chile. There had been an extended reach to Spanish speaking peoples in the early 1980s and there had been significant growth since. The diocese has a clear vision for growth and a clear sense of mission, Archbishop Welby said. The Province had given permission for the diocese to begin the process of becoming a Province by communicating to the Secretary General and Standing Committee. The request is therefore for the approval to commence the process of the diocese of Chile to become an independent and autonomous Province of the Anglican Communion, with a view to coming to the next Standing Committee meeting with an update and any available documentation to further the process.

Professor Burity expressed a note of caution at the pace at which there was the potential for leading to the creation of new Provinces. Bishop Tengtenga agreed and said there was a need to see that new dioceses had been formed, and were viable. Archbishop Clarke noted that the

Standing Committee had not been informed of the necessity for the new Province. Archbishop Welby stated that he felt Standing Committee were not being asked to approve a new Province at this stage but rather to welcome the ambition for this. Standing Committee was therefore in approving the diocese to start the process, welcoming its growth to the point at which it was viable as an independent and autonomous Province. The Secretary General added that it was important to note the geographical size of the existing Province and the challenges presented by this.

The Secretary General requested that guidelines for missionary dioceses be developed. Bishop Tengtenga argued that this was beyond the jurisdiction of Standing Committee. Canon Paver suggested that the Guidelines for the Creation of New Provinces and Dioceses could be developed to include clear guidance regarding missionary dioceses. Bishop Douglas agreed commenting that this would be a good study document for the Communion.

The Standing Committee welcomed the initiative of the Diocese of Chile and its proposal and commended the Secretary General to welcome the initiative and commend next steps. The Standing Committee encouraged the Secretary General to work with the Diocese of Chile to ensure all Guidelines for the Creation of New Provinces and Dioceses were met going forward.

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The Secretary General had been invited to visit the Diocese of Peru where three new missionary dioceses had been created and three Peruvian Bishops had been consecrated to oversee those dioceses. The Secretary General sought the advice of the Primate who had written a letter to The Rt Revd William Godfrey, Bishop of the Diocese of Peru, stating that the matter constitutionally needed to be dealt with at Provincial level, and further expressing concern that the diocese was not ready to become an independent and autonomous Province. The request was that as Bishop Godfrey was leaving the diocese, a new diocesan Bishop was to be elected, with the newly consecrated Bishops working as missionary Bishops for a further period of two years with a view to seeking provisional approval from ACC to begin the process of becoming an independent and autonomous Province. The Secretary General again noted the geographical size of the Province, and further commented on the potential for development in the diocese which manages a large guesthouse, reformatory for children, and schools. Education was a big part of the diocese, he said. The Secretary General concluded that there was potential for viability but that the diocese needed time to further develop.

Professor Burity welcomed the drive for mission and growth but warned against geographical size being an element on which a decision was strongly made; there were he said other Provinces with a larger geographical spread including his own. He suggested that becoming an internal Province would be a more appropriate development.

The Standing Committee welcomed the response of the Primate of the Anglican Church of South America and encouraged the Diocese of Peru to keep working and in due time when ready to proceed with the process as the Guidelines for the Creation of New Provinces and Dioceses state. The Standing Committee further encouraged the Diocese of Peru to consider becoming an internal Province of the Anglican Church of South America.

Recent correspondence had been received from The Church of Ceylon to the Secretary General.

Archbishop Philip Freier reported on the background to the letter. The Church of Ceylon had felt marooned, he said. It ceased to exist in 1970 and then reverted to an Extra-Provincial to the See of Canterbury. The Church had its own Constitution. A resurgence of Buddhist nationalist xenophobia has left Christians, and the Church of Ceylon feeling anxious. The colonial history and optics of the relation to the See of Canterbury are not helpful in the current climate. The name 'The Church of Lanka' has been reserved for some time in the hope that the Church might become an independent autonomous Province and United Church within the Anglican Communion. There was a desire to have their situation on the ACC agenda and for Bishop Dhiloraj Canagasabay, Bishop of Colombo, and co-opted member of ACC to speak.

Archbishop Welby said that the current situation was very difficult, and that he did not feel the Archbishop of Canterbury should have metropolitan responsibility; it was a 'hangover' of empire that should be ended as soon as possible, he concluded. Archbishop Welby argued that the Standing Committee should take some responsibility for supporting The Church of Ceylon. The people were emerging from 30 years of bloody wars, they had been left fragile, and facing division and persecution. We need to draw alongside them, he concluded, and suggested that Archbishop Freier might be mandated by Standing Committee to work with the Church of Ceylon, support them, and draw in others as he saw fit. Archbishop Freier said that he would wish to encourage The Church of Ceylon to form a 'roadmap' for a way forward.

Resolution 3: The Church of Ceylon

The Standing Committee:

- mandates Archbishop Philip Freier to work with The Church of Ceylon to support and draw together a group of people. Archbishop Freier is to encourage The Church of Ceylon to form a roadmap;

- welcomes the aspiration of The Church of Ceylon not to come under the metropolitan authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Standing Committee requests Archbishop Freier help the Anglican Church of Ceylon to form a safe distance from the See of Canterbury and walk alongside them so that a roadmap may be looked at.

Moved by Ms Mojela and seconded by Canon Paver.

16. Anglican Alliance

The Anglican Alliance has been established as a company under UK law, located in the Anglican Communion Office, and working closely with the ACO staff. Standing Committee members are members of the Company. The last Company Meeting will take place at this time.

- i. To note:
 - a. The budget for 2016 [SC/2016/22/1]

- b. The draft expenditure for 2015 [SC/2016/22/2]
 - c. The income for 2015 & 2016 [SC/2016/22/3]
- ii. To approve the new trustees [SC/2016/22/4]

The Revd Rachel Carnegie, Co-director of the Anglican Alliance joined the meeting. Mrs Carnegie informed the Committee that as members of the Company they played a key role in agreeing the trustees to whom responsibility was delegated for oversight of the Anglican Alliance.

Mrs Carnegie presented the financial papers noting that the Anglican Alliance comprised four staff in London and seven regional facilitators, the most recently appointed being Mr Clifton Nedd from the West Indies. Standing Committee noted the accounts.

Trustees served a 3-year term and were permitted to serve for two terms. Mrs Carnegie informed the Committee that almost all trustees and the Chair, Archbishop Albert Chama had agreed to serve a second term. The names of two new trustees had been presented to Archbishop Welby. The new trustees: Dr Abraham Hauriasi, and The Rt Revd Alastair Redfern, were approved by Standing Committee.

17. Finance & Administration

- i. Finance & Administration Trustees' Report [SC/2016/5/1]
- ii. Budget 2015 & 2016 [SC/2016/05/2]
- iii. Budget 2017 & 2018 [SC/2016/05/3]
- iv. ACC Contributions [SC/2016/05/4]
- v. List of ACO Staff included in 2016 Budget [SC/2016/05/5]

Mr Tim Trimble, Director for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance and Administration Trustees' Report, budget, and proposed budget. Standing Committee were requested to accept the budget, and to accept an increase in Provincial Contributions based on UK inflation rates of 1-1.5%. Mr Trimble drew attention to the point that some Provinces had not paid their contribution and were encouraged to do so.

Canon Paver asked if funds had been set aside for the Primates' Meeting and Lambeth Conference. Mr Trimble replied that whatever could be afforded in any given year had been set aside for this purpose.

The Standing Committee discussed how the Instruments of the Primates' Meeting and ACC could work better together to ensure that the necessary funds were set aside for these, and any commissions arising. There was a need for the Primates' Meeting to consider costs when setting meetings and forming commissions. There was a need to consider some electronic meetings as appropriate.

Mr Michael Hart, Vice Chair of the Inter-Anglican Finance and Administration Committee (IAFAC) said that when the new Standing Committee met in September 2017 there was a need for strategic planning examining all of the exciting things that currently the Communion could not do because it could not fund them. It was for this body to decide what those exciting things were that should be funded, he said. The Compass Rose Society had increased the funds it

donated, it was vital that strategic planning ensured those funds were used wisely and that the other demands placed on this body without funding were dealt with.

Mr Trimble noted that the Anglican Alliance was no longer funded by the Lambeth Partners and was now working hard to secure funding from different sources. As the increase in funding to the ACO from the Compass Rose Society was unrestricted and seen as a gift to the office rather than the ACC it had been possible to make some of those funds available to the Anglican Alliance. However it was of concern that the funding bodies approached by the Anglican Alliance were often the same as those approached by the ACO, and this was a problem that should be noted and given serious consideration.

It had been suggested that the Primates' fund their own airfares through their Provinces when attending the Primates' Meeting. The Secretary General sought the Standing Committee's guidance in this respect. Canon Paver suggested a sliding scale of support but that every Province represented at the Primates' Meeting should make a contribution. The Standing Committee requested that the Director of Finance work with the Secretary General to draft guidelines for Provincial Contributions that the Standing Committee could endorse at its next meeting. Standing Committee made clear that any guidelines needed to ensure satisfactory processes for taking account of the genuine financial hardships faced by some Provinces. At the same time the Committee considered the non-payment of Provincial Contribution from some Provinces to be a 'political' decision.

Bishop Douglas argued that work still needed to be done in respect of the formula for Provincial Contributions and the dated research on which the calculations were based. Canon Paver assured the Committee that the issue had not been set on one side and that the Secretary General had sought figures and information from the World Council of Churches (WCC) in respect of the issue. Bishop Douglas requested that the formula used in calculating Provincial Contributions be made public, and suggested that there might be a minimum payment plus a pledge to the common work.

Mr Trimble drew attention to the expiration of the lease for St Andrew's House in 2022 though a reassuring letter had been received from the trustees. The Secretary General noted that the ACC did not own any property. Mr Hart said that the ACC was currently relying on the goodwill of the trustees. Canon Paver requested that the IAFAC further examine this issue under Mr Trimble's lead in order that a proposal for a sustainable way forward be brought to the Standing Committee.

Resolution 4 : Finance and Administration

The Standing Committee:

- accepts the Finance and Administration Trustees' Report, the Budget for 2015 and 2016;

- approves the Budget for 2017 and 2018 ;

- notes and endorses the proposed increase to Provincial Contributions.

Moved by Ms Mojela and seconded by Bishop Douglas.

It was requested that the newly formed Standing Committee take forward the issue of how to deal with non-paying Provinces.

The Standing Committee thanked Mr Trimble and Mr Hart for their work.

18. Lambeth Conference

[SC/2016/10/1]

Mr Trimble presented the accounts for the Lambeth Conference which were noted by the Standing Committee. The Lambeth Conference Company had been formed after the last Lambeth Conference to ensure that a repeat of the previous financial difficulties did not occur. The trustees of the Company were Bishop Nigel Stock, Professor Michael Wright, Mr William Nye, and the Secretary General.

The first action to be made in respect of the next Lambeth Conference was for a quarter deposit to be made to the venue, the University of Kent. A preliminary exercise was being undertaken in this respect.

19. A Report on the Anglican Communion Office Archives

[SC/2016/23/1]; [SC/2016/23/1A]; [SC/2016/23/1B]

Mrs Stephanie Taylor, Information and Knowledge Manager, presented a report on the ACO archives which mainly date from the inception of the ACC at the 1968 Lambeth Conference but also included records of the preceding post of Anglican Executive Office which date back to 1960. Mrs Taylor paid tribute to the past work of skilled volunteers but noted that there had been an approximate 20 plus year gap without any kind of dedicated resource. Mrs Taylor made the case for the need for and potential to develop the archive as an asset in stewardship on behalf of the Communion. She outlined the benefits of an archive, and provided statements by Dr Tim Powell, Senior Adviser for Religious Archives at The National Archives, and The Revd Jesse Zink, Director of the Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide, attesting to the significance and value of the collection. Mrs Taylor presented the following archives statement outlining objectives:

The Anglican Communion Office (ACO) Archives has four major objectives:

1. To identify, preserve and make available records of the past so that they may be used to enlighten and enrich the future life and mission of the worldwide Anglican Communion.
2. To document, in so far as possible, the important events and decisions affecting the Anglican Communion through the Anglican Consultative Council, Lambeth Conferences, Primates' Meetings, Archbishop of Canterbury, and other bodies associated with the ACO.
3. To preserve those archival documents of the ACO and associated bodies which are of enduring value.
4. To assist in the use of the archives for informing decision-making, historical and theological research, educational programmes, commemorative events and other activities.

The statement had the support of the Secretary General and Management Team of the ACO, and was presented for consideration by the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee thanked Mrs Taylor for her report and work, and resolved to adopt objectives for the management of the ACO archive.

Resolution 5: The Anglican Communion Office Archive

The Standing Committee:

- thanks Mrs Stephanie Taylor, Information and Knowledge Manager, for her report on the ACO archive, and her work;

- resolves to adopt the archives statement outlining objectives for the management of the ACO archive.

Moved by Bishop Douglas and seconded by Professor Burity. All agreed.

20. Briefing of Standing Committee members to act as table facilitators at ACC-16

Mr Lyon briefed Standing Committee members who would be acting as 'hosts' and table facilitators. The role of the table facilitators was to ensure good conversation and to be aware of and assist in the event of any challenges to this which may be presented by cultural differences, and language difficulties. Copies of the Bible studies were circulated and would also be available in French and Spanish.

21. Return to agenda items 12 and 13

The Standing Committee returned to their discussions on agenda items 12 and 13 regarding the Primates' Meeting, and the review of the ACC-16 agenda respectively.

A small group of the Committee members had been tasked with drafting a statement from the Standing Committee meeting to ACC members. Bishop Douglas presented the draft and revisions were made. The statement as agreed by all Committee members was titled '*Report from the Meeting of the Standing Committee of 6-7 April, 2016 to the 16th Meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council*' and is available as an appendix to the minutes.

It was agreed that following Archbishop Welby's report on the Primates' Meeting, the floor would be open for comment and questions for clarification, followed by a briefing from the Chair on the role of the ACC, and a table discussion around the following question: "*What are our role and responsibilities as members of the Anglican Consultative Council in fostering positive relationships across the Anglican Communion?*" Standing Committee members as table facilitators would act as rapporteurs for the exercise, and it was requested that the feedback be summarised and brought back to the meeting.

22. To note that for 5 members of Standing Committee this is their last ACC meeting, and so their last meeting of Standing Committee

It was noted that this meeting of Standing Committee and ACC was the last for the following members who had completed their terms: Mrs Helen Biggin, Professor Joanildo Burity, The Rt Revd Dr Ian Douglas, and The Rt Revd Dr Sarah Macneil. Mr Samuel Mukunya, who was due to serve for another ACC had resigned for personal reasons.

Bishop Tengtenga as outgoing Chair thanked all Standing Committee members for all of their work during their tenure. He paid tribute to members commitment, responsibility, and time given, and shared that he had 'seen the face of Christ' in them. Bishop Tengtenga also paid tribute to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Secretary General, and staff at the Anglican Communion Office. Canon Paver, outgoing Vice-Chair, gave thanks for and paid tribute to Bishop Tengtenga's chairmanship, noting his consummate grace during a difficult period for the Communion.

23. Any Other Business

The Secretary General noted that representations had been made from the regions that were to be taken seriously by the incoming Standing Committee members. In particular there was a need to think strategically.

24. Dates of Next Meeting

The newly elected Standing Committee would be drawn together for a short meeting near the end of ACC-16.



Minutes of a Standing Committee meeting held at The Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Lusaka, Zambia, 18 April 2016

Present:

President

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby

Chair

The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong

Vice Chair

Canon Margaret Swinson

Elected by the Primates' Meeting

The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke

The Most Revd Dr Philip Freier

The Most Revd and The Hon Dr John Holder

The Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba

The Church of Ireland

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Elected by the ACC

The Rt Revd Jane Alexander

The Rt Revd Eraste Bigirimana

Mr Alistair Dinnie

Mr Jeroham Melendez

The Revd Nigel Pope

The Rt Revd Joel Waweru Mwangi

The Anglican Church of Canada

The Anglican Church of Burundi

The Scottish Episcopal Church

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

The Church of North India (United)

The Anglican Church of Kenya

Secretary General

The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon

ACO staff in attendance

Mr Adrian Butcher, Communications

Mrs Christine Codner, Executive Officer

Mrs Stephanie Taylor, minutes

Not present at this meeting:

The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Anis

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Apologies:

Ms Louisa Mojela

Anglican Church of Southern Africa

1. Opening prayer

Archbishop Paul Kwong opened in prayer.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Standing Committee members introduced themselves.

3. Elections to note

The election of the following members of ACC to the Standing Committee was noted:

i. Chair

The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong

ii. Vice Chair

Canon Margaret Swinson

iii. Standing Committee

The Rt Revd Jane Alexander

Mr Alistair Dinnie

Mr Jeroham Melendez

The Revd Nigel Pope

The Rt Revd Joel Waweru Mwangi

The Anglican Church of Canada

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4. Trustees

The requirements placed on Standing Committee members as Trustees of the Anglican Consultative Council were noted. Legal adviser, Mr Darren Oliver, congratulated the newly elected Committee. The body represented by Standing Committee is a charitable company subjected to English law. The Constitution governs how business is conducted and in taking up the new role, members were advised to familiarise themselves with the Constitution. In taking up the role, Standing Committee members were also trustees and directors registered in England and Mr Oliver provided forms for the new members to sign to that effect.

Archbishop Justin Welby drew attention for the need for apologies to be given when unable to attend a meeting; in the event of a member missing two meetings without giving apologies follow-up would be necessary to ensure that the member was still eligible as a trustee. In the event of criminal or improper decisions made by the Committee contrary to the advice of its legal advisors, all members are responsible whether present or absent. Archbishop Welby suggested that if a member elected to Standing Committee by the Primates' did not attend without giving apologies on two occasions, they receive a letter in the lightest terms

acknowledging that the member may have reasons for not attending the Standing Committee meeting and request that these be provided as well as noting that Standing Committee will need to review the absent member's position. Archbishop Philip Freier offered to work with Mr Oliver on this suggestion.

In response to a query raised by Archbishop Richard Clarke, Mr Oliver confirmed that alternates were not trustees and could not vote at Standing Committee.

Mr Oliver suggested a review of the *Guidelines for Meetings of the Anglican Consultative Council*. Canon Margaret Swinson requested that a copy be sent to the Standing Committee members.

5. Finance and Administration Committee

Nominations were requested for the Inter Anglican Finance and Administration Committee. The members of the Standing Committee elected by ACC were asked to elect one of their own members, and the members elected by the Primates' Meeting were asked to elect two of their members to serve on this committee.

The members elected by ACC elected Mr Alastair Dinnie, and the members elected by the Primates' Meeting elected The Most Revd Dr Philip Freier and The Most Revd and Hon Dr John Holder.

Mr Oliver informed the members that in previous meetings the Vice Chair of the ACC had acted as Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, and a financial consultant also served on the committee. The Standing Committee members agreed to continue with this arrangement and Canon Margaret Swinson was duly elected as Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee.

6. Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund

Ms Fiona Millican, Anglican Communion Liaison Officer for the Archbishop of Canterbury and Secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund requested that the newly constituted Standing Committee give consideration to nominating trustees for the Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund. Trustees were required to attend meetings and consider grant applications. The Standing Committee members were requested to nominate two primates as trustees one of whom was a Standing Committee member, and two ACC members. The Standing Committee nominated The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, and The Most Revd Dr Barry Morgan from among the primates, and The Revd Nigel Pope, and Mrs Harriet Nathan from among the ACC. The Chair of the Inter Anglican Finance and Administration Committee was noted as an ex-officio trustee.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Electronic meetings and ongoing work

Archbishop Welby asked if it was possible to amend the Constitution to allow for electronic meetings. Mr Oliver confirmed that this was possible. Canon Swinson suggested that those located near to London could be present in person with other members present via electronic means. Mr Oliver was to draft the amendment for ACC.

Archbishop Clarke suggested a review of ACC-16. Canon Swinson suggested that more could be done via electronic means including presentations from ACO staff. She also suggested Standing Committee members be linked with streams of work undertaken by ACO staff in order that there may be more ongoing engagement with the work.

7.2 Resolutions Committee

The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon suggested a resolutions committee formed from the members of Standing Committee to follow up and assist the Secretary General with decision making and implementation. Archbishop Idowu-Fearon suggested three or four members to meet electronically. The members agreed that the resolutions committee would comprise the following: Canon Margaret Swinson, The Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba, The Most Revd and The Hon Dr John Holder, and Mr Jeroham Melendez.

7.3 Future schedule of meetings

Archbishop Freier requested information on when meetings fall moving ahead. Archbishop Welby agreed and requested that ACO and Lambeth Palace staff coordinate to produce a general outlook through to 2020 that could be sent to Standing Committee members.

7.4 Clarification of length of membership term

Archbishop Freier sought clarification on the length of Standing Committee membership term for the primate members, suggesting that it would be appropriate to expire at the Lambeth Conference. Archbishop Welby requested this information be checked and provided.

7.5 Trustee forms

The necessary trustee forms were signed by the new members.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next physical meeting of the Standing Committee was agreed for September 2017 assuming that the constitution was changed to allow for electronic meetings.