



**The International Anglican Liturgical Consultation (IALC)
A Network of the Anglican Communion**

2019 Meeting in Hong Kong – Communiqué

The International Anglican Liturgical Consultation met in Hong Kong, from the 21st to 25th January 2019. The Consultation was warmly welcomed by the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and appreciated the facilities placed at its disposal by the Cathedral of St John the Divine, Hong Kong, and the Dean, the Very Revd Matthias Tze Wo Der. The meeting was also grateful for the support and assistance given by students of Ming Hua Theological College.



Members were present from 21 Churches of the Communion.

This was the first full meeting of the IALC since the decision at Montreal 2015 no longer to link directly with gatherings of the international ecumenical society, Societas Liturgica. It was therefore a delight to recognise that more than half the Churches of the Anglican Communion were represented in those attending the meeting. It was also of note that half of those attending were joining the Consultation for the first time.

IALC was able to support the attendance of some members through the bursary fund. Significant bursary donations will be needed to secure such attendance at future meetings.

During the week the daily office was led by teams from the various regions of the Communion. The Consultation was honoured to be invited by the Primate, Archbishop Paul Kwong, to a celebration of the Eucharist at which he presided. The service remembered the Revd Florence Li Tim-Oi, on the eve of the anniversary of her ordination on 25 January 1944; the first woman to be ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Communion.

The meeting was also pleased to join the congregation of St John's Cathedral and the wider Christian community of Hong Kong at a liturgy for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



Reports from the Churches and Provinces

The provincial reports indicated a significant move in a number of provinces towards the revision of prayer books, hymnals and liturgical texts, which emphasised the importance of IALC for the sharing of knowledge, resources and process. A number of provinces were, in the context of calendrical revision, considering ways to incorporate local and indigenous saints and martyrs.



A number of Churches reported on work they were undertaking with questions of gendered references for God, particularly in translations within Romance languages. From these reports of very different contexts, it was recognised that questions raised by inclusive language and gendered languages required careful and contextually appropriate responses on which further work will be needed.

The Consultation also received a report from the Anglican Liturgical Network of East Asia which had been agreed to in 2017 in Korea and met for its first conference in 2018 in Japan.

Work on Prayers for Unity within the Communion

At the request of the Primates' Task Group, the meeting undertook a major piece of work to prepare resources and liturgical material for the unity of the Anglican Communion. This work was undertaken during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity but recognised that as Anglicans, our own 'bonds of affection' have been tested in recent decades. Our unity, however, cannot mean uniformity as our many cultures, languages, and ways of embodying and enlarging the Anglican traditions we have inherited, grow more and more diverse.

The Primates' Task Group asked the IALC for material that could be included both in eucharistic worship and services of the word. The meeting has not provided full services of either type. Past IALC statements, especially those from Prague and Dublin, offer guidelines for liturgical structure and for typical elements that may be included in eucharistic and other liturgies. Instead, the meeting has developed a range of prayer texts in different genres, and some suggested Bible readings and sentences of scripture for use in liturgies where unity, and the unity of the Communion in particular, is the theme.

Liturgical Formation and Theological Education

At the Consultation in Montreal in 2015 reports from the provinces expressed concern about inadequate training and liturgical formation of clergy and lay leaders and that liturgical education was no longer seen as a priority in many seminaries and ministerial training schemes. Taking up these concerns, a significant piece of work was undertaken in Hong Kong to consider the core elements and context of liturgical formation for ministry.

The Consultation began its work in listening to the different contexts within which liturgical formation is taking place. From these different contexts the meeting identified core theological

and practical competencies which are essential across all the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

Part of this work is being reported to Theological Education for the Anglican Communion (TEAC) as they give further consideration to their Ministry Grids for various forms of ministry and Christian discipleship in the Churches of the Anglican Communion.

Taking the Work Forward

The work of the meeting has now been passed to the Steering Committee who will be bringing forward full statements for presentation to the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) at its meeting in Hong Kong later this year.

Business Meeting

The meeting accepted a resolution of the Steering Committee to clarify the Network Guidelines and confirm that the Steering Committee may co-opt individuals to assist with particular items or work or in the co-ordination and planning of a Consultation meeting.

The meeting also accepted a further resolution that the outgoing Chair of IALC should continue, ex-officio, as a member of the Steering Committee for a short time to ensure that work undertaken at one meeting was finished and reported.

The meeting also drafted a resolution for the ACC concerning the sharing of liturgical material between the Churches of the Communion.

The meeting elected four new members to the Steering Committee. The full members of the Steering Committee appointed to serve IALC from this meeting are:

Christine Benoit (<i>new</i>)	The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
Luiz Coelho (<i>new</i>)	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
Dane Courtney	The Anglican Church of Australia
Keith Griffiths	The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
Simon Jones (<i>new</i>)	The Church of England
Chun Wai Lam (<i>new</i>)	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
Lizette Larson-Millar	The Anglican Church of Canada (ex-officio)
Cynthia Botha	The Anglican Church of Southern Africa (Secretary)
Richard Clarke	The Church of Ireland (ACC-elected member)
Neil Vigers	Anglican Communion Office Liaison

Present at the Consultation

Fereimi Cama	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Chris Chataway	The Anglican Church of Australia
Doug Morrison-Cleary	The Anglican Church of Australia
Elizabeth Smith	The Anglican Church of Australia
Dane Courtney	The Anglican Church of Australia
Luiz Coelho	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Douglas Fenton
Lizette Larson-Miller
Brighton Malasa
Lakshman Daniel
Harvey Howlett
Simon Jones
Lam Chun Wai
Christine Benoit
Gilbert Rateloso
Gerald Field
Alan Rufli
Nak-Hyon Joseph Joo
Stephen Ofo-Ob
Shintaro Ichihara
Ryo Nagatani
Saya Ojiri
John Davies
Moses Chin
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Daniel Musa
Bruce Jenneker
Jason Lucas
Ruth Meyers
Catherine Haynes
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The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
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