

Report of the Theological Studies Desk to ACC-15

This report covers the three years, 2009-2012, since the last Anglican Consultative Council Meeting in Jamaica. It was at that meeting that the mandate for TEAC 2 was given and in the following few months TEAC2 was constituted.

One of the major changes in the work of Theological Studies was the departure of Clare Amos in August 2011 to take up a post with the World Council of Churches in Geneva. Clare's vision, experience and passion for theological education contributed hugely to the development of TEAC's programme. We will all miss her bible studies!

There are three main areas for the work of the Theological Studies Desk. They are:

- Carrying out the priorities and programmes of work as agreed by TEAC2.
- Acting as an advocate and focus for theological education within the work of the Anglican Communion Office and more widely.
- Fundraising in order to make possible the work of the Theological Studies Desk

This report is supplementary to the material in Stephen Pickard's report *An Anglican Communion Approach to Theological Education*

TEAC2 Working Group

Archbishop Colin Johnson from Toronto (Church of Canada) accepted the Archbishop of Canterbury's invitation to chair TEAC 2. Other members of the group were:

Bishop Stephen Pickard	Anglican Church of Australia
Bishop Chad Gandiya	Province of Central Africa
The Revd Dr Sathianathan Clarke	Church of South India/The Episcopal Church
The Revd Professor Cynthia Kittredge	The Episcopal Church
The Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley	Church of England
The Revd Patrick Tanhuanco	Philippine Episcopal Church
The Revd Dr Joseph Wandera	Anglican Church of Kenya
The Revd Sally Sue Hernandez Garcia	La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
Canon Dr Edward Condry	Church of England
Bishop Kumara Illangasinghe	Church of Ceylon
Canon Kenneth Kearon	Secretary General
Canon Joanna Udal	Archbishop of Canterbury's staff
Clare Amos until August 2011 Sue Parks from September 2011	ACO Staff member

The group met three times during this period: England (2009), Zimbabwe (2011), Sri Lanka (2012). Not all members were able to attend each meeting.

The work of these meetings is documented by Stephen Pickard in his report. [See pp 14-17 for an account of TEAC agenda and work 2009-2102.] Suffice to reinforce here that the experience of the meetings in Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka, with their involvement with local theological educators and theological education institutions, as well as local congregations, has provided a very useful model for interaction between the local and the global contexts of theological education and formation.

As well as the meetings of the TEAC2 Steering Group there were three specialist meetings during the period: one for theological college principals, one for women theological educators and the GATA (Global Anglican Theological Academy) for emerging women theologians from the global south and from indigenous communities. GATA is an initiative which was one of the outcomes of the earlier meeting of women theological educators. Its express purpose is to identify, mentor and prepare the next generation of Anglican women who might then be available for work at the international level. A publication from this group is anticipated in 2013.

TE Focus and Advocacy Work

During her time as Director of Theological Studies Clare Amos acted as a consultant to the Church of Ireland, working over a couple of years with relevant authorities to revise and develop their ministerial training programme. She also spent time at the Provincial Theological College of Papua New Guinea, reflecting with the Principal on issues such as curriculum and style and method of teaching. She worked collaboratively with personnel from the Province of South-East Asia to organise a regional consultation for Anglican theological educators in East Asia. She worked with WCC staff on a number of global projects related to theological education, and was involved in the development of the Global Theological Library, as well as writing the chapter on Anglican theological education in the 2010 WCC *Guide to Theological Education*.

A significant amount of work has been undertaken to specify an 'opt in' database through which theologians and theological educators will be able to identify themselves and their particular interests. In the future it is hoped to build this into an online community, a community of scholars.

Fundraising

The Trinity Grants Programme has provided the funding for the current triennium's TEAC2 programme, including salary and programme costs. From this grant it was possible to pay the salary and costs of the Directory of Theological Studies (four days per week), cover associated costs and provided support for annual meetings of the TEAC2 Steering Group.

In order to undertake other work, e.g. Principals' Meeting, Women Theologians meeting it was necessary for the Director to find additional funding. We are very thankful to the following who have made grants, often annually to support particular parts of the programme: St Augustine's Trust, Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Communion Fund, St Andrew's Trust, St Boniface Trust, Compass Rose Society.

Without the support of all of these groups it would not have been possible to undertake the programmes of TEAC2 and Theological Studies at the ACO.