

Communiqué from the Anglican–Oriental Orthodox International Commission (AOOIC)

The Anglican–Oriental Orthodox International Commission (AOOIC) met online on Tuesday 27 October 2020, in place of its usual annual residential meeting, due to global disruption caused by the covid-19 pandemic.

AOOIC members discussed current work on the subject of Authority in the Church, and how to take this study forward before the Commission is next able to meet face to face.

We received with great concern reports from the Armenian Apostolic Church on the increasing violence in the South Caucasus. We express our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Armenia and pray for all who suffer as a result of war. We call on everyone involved in this conflict and those with influence in the region to work with the OSCE Minsk Group to find a lasting and just peace for Artsakh / Nagorno Karabakh.

The members of the Commission prayed for the unity of all Christians, for the leaders of the Churches, and for their clergy and people, as it did for the peace and wellbeing of people of all faiths and none. In particular, prayers were said for the people of the Middle East, for the citizens of Beirut and Lebanon, and for the South Caucasus. In this season when we remember so many who have died in times of war, we pray for peace in all places where there is violence and the need for reconciliation.