

# International Commission for Anglican–Orthodox Theological Dialogue

## Communique 2022



In the name of the Triune God and with the blessing and guidance of our Churches, the International Commission for Anglican–Orthodox Theological Dialogue (ICAOTD) met in Athens from the 7th to the 14th of October 2022, hosted by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, at the Inter-Orthodox Centre in the Monastery of Penteli.

The Commission is grateful for the hospitality and welcome received from His Beatitude Archbishop Hieronymos of Athens and all Greece, and His Eminence Metropolitan John of Thermopylae, Abbot of the Monastery of Penteli.

The Commission discussed at length and finalised an agreed statement on *Dying Well, Living Well: Our Sure and Certain Hope (The Penteli Statement)*. The Commission began discussions on organ donation and intends to continue consideration of this topic at its next meeting.

As in previous meetings, the work of the Commission was undergirded by daily prayer and worship. Members of the Commission attended a celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the Monastery of Penteli, where we remembered with thanksgiving to God the lives and contribution to the Dialogue of former members of the Commission who died this year 2022, the late Metropolitans Kallistos of Diokleia and Ilia of Philomelion.

The Commission visited St Paul's Anglican Church in Athens where they were received with kindness by the Senior Chaplain, The Revd Canon Leonard Doolan, and the British Ambassador to Greece, His Excellency Mr Matthew Lodge. The Commission also visited the headquarters of the Archdiocese of Athens where they were received with grace and warmth by His Beatitude Archbishop Hieronymos of Athens and all Greece.

The Commission was blessed with visits to historic sites, including the Acropolis Museum, The Acropolis and the Areopagus Hill.

The work of the Commission will proceed at its next meeting in October 2023 hosted by the Anglican Diocese in Jerusalem and The Most Revd Dr Hosam Naoum. We will continue our work on organ donation and reflect on the fiftieth anniversary of the first full meeting of the Commission in 1973.

**Members of the Commission present at the meeting**

The Rt Revd Dr Richard Clarke  
The Church of Ireland  
Anglican Co-Chairman

His Eminence Metropolitan Athenagoras of Belgium  
Ecumenical Patriarchate  
Orthodox Co-Chairman

**Representatives of the Orthodox Church**

His Eminence Metropolitan Serafim of Zimbabwe and Angola  
Patriarchate of Alexandria and all Africa

The Revd Fr Jonathan A. Hemmings  
Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East

The Very Revd Professor Dr Protopresbyter George Dion Dragas  
Patriarchate of Jerusalem

Professor Dr Bogdan Lubardic  
Patriarchate of Serbia

His Eminence Metropolitan Nifon of Târgoviște  
Patriarchate of Romania

The Very Revd Professor Dr Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze  
Patriarchate of Georgia

His Eminence Nektarios, Metropolitan of Kition  
Church of Cyprus

Emeritus Professor Dr Miltiadis Konstantinou  
Church of Greece

Dr Nathan Hoppe  
Church of Albania

The Very Revd Dr Protopresbyter Christos B Christakis  
Ecumenical Patriarchate  
Co-Secretary

**Representatives of the Anglican Communion**

The Most Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall  
The Anglican Church of Australia

The Rt Revd Dr Humberto Maiztegui Gonçalves  
The Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil

The Rt Revd Graham Usher  
The Church of England

The Revd Canon Philip Hobson OGS  
The Anglican Church of Canada

The Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce  
The Church of England

The Very Revd Dr Sarah Rowland Jones  
The Church in Wales

The Most Revd Michael Lewis  
The Most Revd Hosam Naoum  
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East

The Revd Marc Billimoria  
The Church of Ceylon

The Revd Gcebile Phumzile Gina  
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

The Revd Neil Vigers  
Co-Secretary  
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