



The Anglican Consultative Council

Chairs' Update

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From the Standing Committee Chair and Vice Chair
Canon Maggie Swinson and Archbishop Hosam Naoum

To the Primates and Bishops of the Anglican Communion, members of the Anglican Consultative Council, and all Anglicans,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the second of our new regular messages to update you about the work of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC).

General updates

Since our first Chairs' Update, there have been a number of developments worthy of note:

- The Archbishop of Canterbury, in consultation with the regionally elected primates, has confirmed that the next Primates' Meeting will be held in Rome from Monday 29 April to Thursday 2 May 2024. The Primates' Standing Committee will consult with primates in their regions to shape the agenda of the meeting.

- The IASCUFO (Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order) working group, set up after ACC-18, has begun its exploration of structure and decision-making in the Anglican Communion. It will present an update to the Standing Committee at its meeting in November this year.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee met online in May, and amongst the business:

- we received an encouraging update from Martha Jarvis, the Anglican Communion's new Permanent Representative to the United Nations, on her plans for building a bridge between the Communion and the UN. She aims to ensure that the voice of Anglicans across the world is heard, and our expertise and life experience contributes to the UN's response to complex global issues, like conflict, climate change and migration;

- we heard the priorities of the new Episcopal Ministry in the Anglican Communion (EMAC) team: to sustain small-group connections among bishops, to support the emerging Bishops' Spouses Network, to publish and resource the revised Lambeth Calls, and to support Bishops' induction and professional development. The first of these events will focus on the last of these priorities. The Bishop for Episcopal Ministry in the Anglican Communion, Dr Jo Bailey Wells, and the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Bishop Anthony Poggo, will take part in an orientation programme in Mozambique for African and Lusophone bishops from seven provinces. The programme, from 22 July to 3 August, is being led by the Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA) and will be the first of what is hoped to be a number of peer-learning initiatives for bishops;

- We considered and agreed a new complaints policy, covering ACO staff, commissions and networks;

- We approved a new travel policy for meetings of the Instruments of Communion; and

- We considered questions of risk, including a fire risk assessment for Saint Andrew's House, the London home of the ACO.

Anglican Communion Office (ACO)

Last month, the leadership team at the ACO spent a day out of the office to pray together and to work through departmental responses to ACC

resolutions, the Lambeth Calls and other areas of work. It was a fruitful time of collaboration, encouragement and challenge. There is much work still to be done before the team present a revised strategic framework to the Standing Committee later this year.

Social Media

Our Communications Department is increasing our presence on social media, particularly Facebook and Twitter, and in doing so they are moving the focus towards our member Churches.

The team would be delighted to receive photos and updates from you and your colleagues so that they can highlight good news happening throughout the Communion.

They are also doing daily posts for the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. From August, they hope to include the name of the bishop of the diocese being prayed for each day. The team will contact bishops whose diocese are due to be prayed to ask for photos.

If you have other items that they can consider for social media, please contact them via WhatsApp: +442073133905 – you can scan this QR code to connect.



ACC Skills Audit

We end with a reminder from our first newsletter: we are undertaking a skills audit of ACC members to help us understand our membership better. If you are a member of the ACC and have not yet completed the short survey, can we please ask you to do so now by [clicking this link](#).

We pray that God's bounty will continue to bless you, your families and your communities.

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