

Standing Committee Resolution

The Anglican Consultative Council:

1. receives IASCUFO's Nairobi-Cairo Proposals and Supplement as resources for the continuing discernment of the Anglican Communion concerning its life together and the development of the Instruments of Communion;
2. welcomes the vitality of discussion and respectful debate during ACC-19;
3. recalls ACC-18 Resolution 3(a), which requested IASCUFO to bring any proposals with constitutional implications to ACC-19 for full discussion, and recognises that this discussion forms part of a wider process of reporting to, and discernment by, the Instruments of Communion;
4. notes that the discussion at ACC-19, and our experience on pilgrimage to Derry/Londonderry, indicated that our walking together requires prayer, study of Scripture, dialogue and structures that encourage relationships and trust to grow, and affirms the Archbishop of Canterbury's words that 'lasting unity is built by trust... We cannot simply vote trust into existence nor can we create hope through anxiety, fear or urgency';
5. rejoices that all God's people are 'called to one hope' because there is 'one body, one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all' (Ephesians 4:4-6) and acknowledges that our present divisions in the Anglican Communion are partly caused by disagreements about the 'one faith';
6. affirms that our present reality is a Communion of autonomous churches, identified by full communion with the See of Canterbury, that now experiences the pain of some describing themselves as being in full communion with Canterbury whilst others do not, and seeks together to receive again God's gift of full communion as one family; and
7. requests the following next steps aimed at strengthening our relationships, structures, shared faith and spiritual life together:
 - a. welcomes the Archbishop of Canterbury's intention, following consultation with the Primates' Standing Committee (Regional Primates), to call a Primates' Meeting to consider developing collaborative ways of

working and sharing of responsibility for representing and caring for the Member Churches* of the Communion;

- b. welcomes a period of further dialogue, based on IASCUFO's work and responses to it, including from ACC19, that will help rearticulate and develop our Anglican identity, including the relationship between the four Instruments of Communion. This dialogue should include the Instruments of Communion and engagement within Member Churches with report back and decision-making at ACC20; and
- c. to undertake a deep consideration of 'Primacy and Synodality' in the Anglican Communion that asks what we can learn from previous Anglican Communion theological commissions and from our existing ecumenical agreements, and from work done in this area by other churches, such as the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church, and to report to the next meeting of the Council; and
- d. notes widespread agreement that communion with the See of Canterbury remains vital to any rearticulation of Anglican identity; and
- e. requests that IASCUFO consider how the Instruments contribute to the 5 Marks of Mission.

*Those churches listed in the schedule to the ACC Constitution.