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Welcome to the August 2026 edition of the CTEAC Resources Bulletin. In this edition, we look back at CTEAC's work at the recent Anglican Consultative Council meeting in Belfast and look ahead to the renewal of the Commission and plans for 2027. We also explore changing approaches to theological education across the Communion and share details of the forthcoming Anglican Learning Festival in Singapore.

Looking back, looking forward

Stephen Spencer

CTEAC at the Anglican Consultative Council

The recent meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC-19) in Belfast gave CTEAC an opportunity to report on its work over the past three years and seek support for its work over the next three. CTEAC's Chair, Bishop Victor Attafio, recorded a video message for ACC members, while [Dr Paulo Ueti presented a verbal report on behalf of the steering group illustrating CTEAC's recent work](#).



One highlight was the report on the 2025 Brasilia consultation, a unique gathering of representatives from across the Americas. ACC members welcomed the strong partnerships CTEAC has developed with organisations including Episcopal Divinity School, St Augustine's Foundation and USPG.

From Slavery to Freedom: new translations shared at ACC-19



Another highlight was the distribution of copies of CTEAC's book *From Slavery to Freedom* to every ACC member. We are grateful to Forward Movement, particularly Canon Scott Gunn, for providing the copies. Thanks are also due to the Revd Dr Mansita Sangi for producing translations in French and Portuguese. A Spanish translation was also produced, and all three translated editions were printed and distributed at the meeting. They will soon be available on the Anglican Communion website.

ACC-19 affirms CTEAC's vision

At the end of the meeting, ACC members passed the following resolution:
The Anglican Consultative Council:

1. affirms the vision of the Commission for Theological Education in Anglican Communion (CTEAC) in which everyone, lay and ordained, are lifelong learners in discipleship and the mission of God; and
2. supports CTEAC in enhancing postcolonial approaches to theological education, in which everyone becomes both a learner and a teacher in different ways, through online networking and bulletins, resource development, Vision36, and in-person whenever possible.

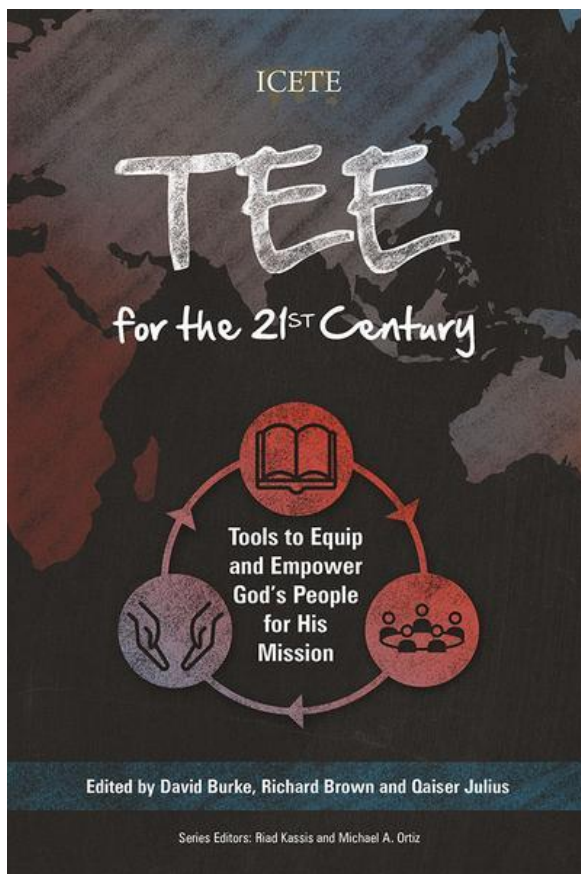
Renewing CTEAC for the next five years

CTEAC has now completed five years of work, and its membership is due for renewal. The Chair will shortly write to the Primates to request new nominations for the Commission. This will not apply to members who were appointed more recently. Further updates on the renewed membership will follow. We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who has served CTEAC faithfully over the past five years.

Looking ahead to 2027

CTEAC usually meets in person every two years, with its next meeting planned for 2027. Funding has been generously pledged for a consultation bringing together representatives from African provinces. Archbishop Albert Chama and the Zambia Anglican Council have offered to host the meeting in Lusaka in April 2027, after Easter. Each province will be invited to send a lead theological educator, such as a college principal, and its lead bishop for theological education. The provisional theme is theological education for discipleship in postcolonial contexts, with a particular focus on conflict resolution. Further details will follow.

Theological education in transition



Meanwhile, theological education continues to evolve and adapt in response to changes in the Church and the world. In some regions, including sub-Saharan Africa, full-time residential formation remains the norm. This model is sustainable where accommodation costs remain low and students are able to live away from their homes and families for extended periods. In many other parts of the world, however, mixed-mode provision combines online distance learning with short, intensive residential periods. This model can be more affordable and can help ensure that learning remains attentive to its context.

Another increasingly influential approach is Theological Education by Extension (TEE). Drawing on a flipped-classroom model, TEE enables students to engage in context-based, transformative learning, particularly with Indigenous and marginalised communities.

Explore: [TEE for the 21st Century](#)

Anglican Learning Festival

The Revd Dr Joshua Sudharman of St Peter's Hall in Singapore has shared details of the inaugural Anglican Learning Festival, a diocese-wide conference taking place from 17 to 19 September 2026. The festival will feature plenary sessions and workshops. Each plenary will bring together a panel of three speakers, sometimes including both clergy and lay people, to explore one of the event's sub-themes.



[Click for more information on the event website.](#)

The plenary sessions will also be available online, enabling the wider Anglican family to participate. Workshops will be held onsite only. Churches and theological colleges may wish to organise 'watch parties', bringing groups together to view the plenaries on a large screen. International participants may also be able to submit questions to the panels during interactive sessions through a digital platform accessed by QR code.

Thank you for reading this edition of the CTEAC Resources Bulletin.

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