



Communiqué

International Commission for Anglican–Orthodox Theological Dialogue

Alexandria, Egypt. 19-24 September 2026



The International Commission for Anglican–Orthodox Theological Dialogue (ICAOTD) met in Alexandria from the 19th-24th of September 2026 at the invitation of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa.

The Commission is grateful for the warm welcome and generous hospitality offered by His Beatitude Theodoros II, The Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa. His Beatitude introduced the life and work of the Patriarchate. The Commission was also graciously received at St Mark's Pro-Cathedral by His Grace The Most Reverend Samy Shehata, Anglican Archbishop of the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria, who gave a presentation on the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Egypt.



As in previous meetings, the work of the Commission was undergirded by daily prayer and worship. The Commission attended the Divine Liturgy in the historic monastery of St Savva the Sanctified with His Beatitude Patriarch Theodoros II.

In Alexandria, the Commission furthered work on the paper, ‘Witnessing to Christ in the Contemporary World’, addressing mission, witness, repentance, formation and discipleship.

Building on this foundation, the Commission considered how our two traditions understand Christian formation, and, in particular, how the Church forms believers to live as Christians, grow in Christ, participate sacramentally in the life of the Church, discern morally, and be equipped for ministry and mission, taking as a governing theme St Paul’s vision in Ephesians 4:12–13:

to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Two papers were considered: ‘Daily Living and Spiritual Practices’, from an Orthodox perspective; and ‘Principles and Practices of Anglican Spirituality’, drawing on Anglican sources.

The 50th anniversary of the Anglican–Orthodox Theological Commission occurred in 2023. It was celebrated during the plenary in Boston in 2024 at which it was agreed to mark the anniversary by preparing a special publication outlining the Commission’s history and achievements. This year’s meeting in Alexandria finalised for publication an overview of the Commission’s development, introductions to each of the seven Agreed Statements issued by the Commission since 1973, and other significant archival material.

The Anglican Communion will host the next meeting of the Commission in Lisbon from 17th–24th September 2027 where members will be the guests of the Lusitanian Church of Portugal and Bishop José Jorge de Pina Cabral, and will continue its work on mission and formation.



Members of the Commission present at the meeting

The Rt Revd Michael Lewis, The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East,
Anglican Co-Chairman

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

Representatives of the Orthodox Church

His Eminence Metropolitan Serafim Kykkotis of Zimbabwe and Angola, Greek Orthodox
Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa

The Very Revd Professor Dr Archimandrite Calinic Berger, Patriarchate of Antioch and all the
East

The Revd Professor Dr Protopresbyter Chrysostomos Nassis, Patriarchate of Jerusalem

Professor Dr Bogdan Lubardić, Patriarchate of Serbia

His Eminence Metropolitan Nifon of Târgoviște, Patriarchate of Romania

The Revd Dr Dobromir Dimitrov, Patriarchate of Bulgaria

The Revd Dr Protopresbyter Nicholas Papantoniou, Church of Cyprus

Professor Emeritus Dr Miltiadis Konstantinou, Church of Greece

Dr Nathan Hoppe, Church of Albania

The Very Revd Deacon Eulogios Tsatsas, Codecographer of the Holy and Sacred Synod
Ecumenical Patriarchate, Co-Secretary

Representatives of the Anglican Communion

The Most Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall, The Anglican Church of Australia

The Revd Dr Christopher Beeley, The Episcopal Church

The Revd Marc Billimoria, The Church of Ceylon

The Revd Dr Matthias Grebe, Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative

The Revd Canon Philip Hobson OGS, The Anglican Church of Canada

The Revd Canon Dr Lin Khee Vun, The Church of the Province of South East Asia

The Very Revd Dr Sarah Rowland Jones, The Church in Wales

Canon Dr Christopher Wells, Anglican Communion Office, Director of Unity, Faith and Order &
Co-Secretary

The Revd Neil Vigers, Anglican Communion Office, Programme Executive