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The report, Testimony of Our Journey toward Reconciliation, which was issued by the fifth Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue in the City of Coventry, UK, from the 22nd to the 25 of May 2014 is worth commenting on. Christianity is all about reconciliation. Jesus Christ came to reconcile the world to His Father. His great commandment “love one another” is nothing if not a call to reconciliation. In this regard, Christians are called to reconcile to each other and to the Father. We Anglicans cannot excuse ourselves from this great task. If ‘charity always begins at home’ then the task of reconciling the failing world can only be done if ‘the charity has taken place at home’.

It is important to note however that we are living in a world of differences. It is through these differences that the Anglican Communion came into being and survived to this day. The differences are the challenges which led Communion to develop several instruments, statements of faith, as well as articles of commitment. Here again the bishops have come with a convent to commitment. While I believe that this is a very good start toward reconciliation, there is a need for a clear explanation as to how this new commitment to walk together is different from other ways the Church has formulated.