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The initiative is great. It must be the work of the Holy Spirit. It must continue. I join others before me to thank those whom the Lord led to launch this initiative. Engaging in dialogue is a form of loving your neighbour. The testimonies and commitments made by the Bishops are a reflection of God fearing Church Fathers. If everyone lives by them the first fruits of dialogue will be evident soon.

Jesus prayed '*that they may be one, as we are*'. Dialogue is the only way to make this prayer of Jesus a reality. From the roll call, it seems most of the Bishops are from Africa. Each capital city in Africa is "Jerusalem" for those of us who come from this continent. African Bishops should start microcosms of dialogues in their own Sees. Bishops, especially in Africa are influential public figures that can stop war, conflicts, rivalry, and ethnic violence through dialogue in their respective countries. In my view, they could enrich the consultation with practical experiences drawn from such forums in their countries of origin.

I note that the consultation bares in mind the different contexts. Let me illustrate how a leaf from the African culture can form a dialogue of reconciliation. In Kikuyu culture, reconciliation is "*kuiguithanania* [ a noun literally meaning " to make one another hear, understand, see one another's point of view]. It is a face to face conversation of parties concern, with a moderator. The goal of *kuiguithanania* is to bring understanding, heal the injured, restore justice [if it was denied], forgive, and restore peace and normality. The parties are not forced into it. They choose to undertake it because it is the best way out of any conflict or misunderstanding. It is also normal to impose fines of wrong done. In our case Jesus has paid it all.

The point I am making is this: for dialogue to be fully engaging to connect with the participants reality it must be expressed through different cultures. Holding the fifth consultation in Coventry was a move in the right direction.

Greetings to all my Lord Bishops.