

## Anglican Bishops in Dialogue



*“As bishops, we recognize it is in our calling to be bridge-builders, reconcilers and symbols of unity, representing the local to the universal and the universal to the local.”*

(Lambeth Report 2008)

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## ONE WAY FORWARD

- We are all children of God, baptized as disciples of Jesus for the sake of the world
- Be prepared to leave behind preconceived notions and learn about local context
- Build agendas together upon the work of the previous gathering
- Welcome newcomers and their stories
- Testify to God's guidance in what is being experienced and changed
- Begin with what you have in common
- Include worship and theological reflection

*“Here I learnt that the unity we derive from our tradition does not necessarily mean uniformity. This encourages me that as an Anglican I should not shy away from dialogue and self-examination, especially on subjects that make me uncomfortable. While the controversies are there [in the Anglican Communion], one is still called to mission, with the Holy Spirit being our guide.”*

(an African bishop)

## NEXT STEPS

- Find out more.  
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- Invite a small group with some diversity for an initial conversation
- Listen to what the Spirit is saying in the collective story

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### **I Peter 3: 8-9**

*Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.*