



Archbishop Justin Welby and the Design Group members at the latest planning meeting

The Lambeth Conference Company have announced 1000 registrations

Over a thousand bishops and their spouses have so far registered to take part in The Lambeth Conference 2020.

The Archbishop of Canterbury who convenes this significant event around every ten years, invites participants across 40 Anglican Communion provinces and five Extra Provincial areas.

The registrations include 566 bishops and 435 spouses and continue to grow.

Under theme of 'God's Church for God's World', the event will run from 23 July to 2nd August 2020 in Canterbury.

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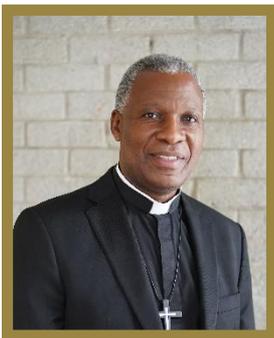
The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby has shared his desire that next year's Lambeth Conference will "draw together as many participant bishops as possible from all around the communion, not hiding or avoiding our differences, but bringing these differences together under God in prayer and in humility."

In his letter, Archbishop Justin expressed his disappointment that some bishops had declined his invitation to the Lambeth Conference, and also expressed his concern that "incorrect and misleading information about the Lambeth Conference and the nature of Anglicanism is once again circulating."

A news item by The Anglican Communion News Service reported that Archbishop Justin made his comments in a letter to his fellow Anglican Communion primates as it was announced that the number of registrations for next year's event has now topped 1,000.

[Read the full story](#) on the official news site for The Anglican Communion – ACNS.

Archbishop Thabo Makgoba of Cape Town and Chair of the conference Design Group has spoken of his desires for The Lambeth Conference



In the UK's Church Times newspaper: Archbishop Thabo Makgoba of Cape Town, urged bishops to dialogue and get together 'around the table. "Let's all come and sit around the table, acknowledge our pain, try to remedy our brokenness, try to remove the tensions. But we can't just say, 'Let's vote: are you in or are you out?' That's not how the Church works."

On The Lambeth Conference blog: Archbishop Thabo Makgoba has also spoken of his excitement for the theme "God's church for God's world", and the need to look beyond the stained glass windows in to the needs of the world. He said: 'It's a theme that reminds us that the church does not exist for itself, the church does not exist alone. It exists by mission. God is busy reconciling the world to

himself. We are invited in to that space... 'We as Anglicans want to say to the world, we are there as bridge builders, there for peace, to address social needs, and in our brokenness to look at growth and rebuild trust in the world.'

[Read the full](#) story on The Lambeth Conference web site.

The Lambeth we Want – Bishops issue a joint statement setting out their vision for Lambeth 2020



10 bishops, including two archbishops, from Africa, the Americas, and England have issued a joint statement setting out their vision for "the Lambeth we want". Signatories include the Primate of the Anglican Church of West Africa, Archbishop Daniel Sarfo, and the Primate of the Anglican Church of Burundi, Archbishop Martin Nyaboho, and the former primate of Jerusalem and the Middle East, Bishop Mouneer Anis of Egypt. Other signatories include three members of the Lambeth Conference Design Group: Bishop Joel Waweru of Nairobi, in the Anglican Church of Kenya; Bishop Emma Ineson of Penrith, in the Church of England; and Bishop George Sumner of Dallas (pictured left), in the US-based Episcopal Church.

In it they say: 'We hold in prayer those among us who face persecution and danger. We need to be stewards of creation. We hope for a conference which encourages us all to stand on the side of the poor and those who are maltreated, to call sinners to repentance and to offer forgiveness in the Lord's name, to walk His way of love, and to seek reconciliation among ourselves and with our neighbours.'

[Read the full story](#) on the EDOD blog.



Planning for the Lambeth Conference continues with pace

Planning for the 15th Lambeth Conference is gathering pace, as global representatives from The Anglican Communion met during June for the latest Design Group Meeting of this significant event.

Chaired by The Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba, the Design Group shapes the programme of the Lambeth Conference, in consultation with The Archbishop of Canterbury.



Comprised of archbishops, bishops, theologians and other lay members, the Design Group (pictured left) represents a diversity of culture and experience from around the Anglican Communion.

A significant focus of the planning on this occasion was the worship, music and Bible study elements of the programme. Additional guests and contributors joined the planning process, including the conference's music Director Felix Yeung, the Chaplaincy Team led by Bishop Nigel Stock and Professor Jenn Strawbridge who chairs the theology group designing the Bible Studies on 1 Peter.

Alongside this, special consideration was given to how the conference programme can elevate and address a range of significant world issues, including climate change, peace and reconciliation, economic justice, mission and youth priorities.

The agenda for the conference is being developed following consultation from regional Primates' Meetings during 2018 and 2019.

[Read the full story](#) on The Lambeth Conference blog.

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