LAMBETH CONFERENCE 2022
A guide to the event for conference delegates
Welcome

I am delighted to welcome all those attending the fifteenth Lambeth Conference.

As an Instrument of unity in the Anglican Communion – the Lambeth Conference provides an opportunity for bishops and their spouses to meet for Bible study, worship and fellowship.

Inspired by the book of 1 Peter, we will explore what it means to be ‘God’s Church for God’s World’, as we walk, listen and witness together.

We will discuss matters of church and world affairs. We will share stories from our different cultures, ministries and Christian traditions. We will reimagine what it means to share the hope of Jesus Christ in a 21st Century world.

The Lambeth Conference is – and has always been – a gathering that wrestles with issues of common concern. In 1920, in the aftermath of the First World War, the Lambeth Conference met at a time of immense human need. The Church had to grapple with what it meant to work for peace and reconciliation in that age.

One century on, and the global issues are no less significant. From the climate crisis, the impact of COVID-19, conflict, discrimination, modern slavery, poverty, or economic injustice – our discussions will touch on important and complex topics – that need the voice of the church and the hope of Jesus Christ.

Together, the task of our conference must be to shape a new vision for how the Anglican Communion engages with the world for the decade ahead. It requires deep listening, bold reimagining, and faithful prayer.

It’s a task that must continue into the life of our churches and communities well beyond the 12 days of this programme – as together, we invite the Anglican Communion to take forward several ‘Lambeth Calls’ developed through the conference.

To those taking part in Canterbury and those joining online – I pray that you will bring your voices and prayers to this journey. May we be inspired to consider what it means to serve the living God and be faithful shepherds of God’s church.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby –
The Archbishop of Canterbury
Welcome from Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon, 
The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

Welcome to the Lambeth Conference. I am full of prayer and anticipation for the fifteenth gathering of Anglican Bishops and their spouses, in Canterbury.

This once-a-decade meeting plays a vital role in the life of the Anglican Communion, providing time and space for bishops to meet, share fellowship and pray.

Over the past couple of years – and during the challenging season of the COVID19 pandemic, the conference design and working groups, supported by the Lambeth Conference Company, have continued to adapt and make ongoing plans to enable this conference to meet.

The Lambeth Conference Design Group and Working Group are teams of bishops and representatives from across the Anglican Communion.

Together they have worked to shape a rich and diverse Lambeth Conference programme, in consultation with the Archbishop of Canterbury. There is much to equip us in considering our call to be God’s Church for God’s World in the 21st Century.

The drumbeat to our conference is ‘walking, listening and witnessing together’. These words reflect perhaps Christ’s greatest challenge to the Church: To be one. To live as a united body, in service to Christ and to one another.

As we gather in 2022, may we commit ourselves to this significant moment as an opportunity to listen to one another, learn from the diversity of our communities and church experiences and seek to serve one another.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire our imagination, dwell in our conversations, and keep our eyes firmly fixed on God’s purposes for the Anglican Communion.

Yours in Christ, 
Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon

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Event purpose and theme

Convened by The Most Reverend Justin Welby, The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Lambeth Conference is an international gathering of Anglican bishops.

The conference provides space for the bishops from all around the globe to meet for prayer, Bible study and community. The bishops also spend time in dialogue on matters of common concern in church and world affairs.

With the theme of ‘God’s church for God’s World’ the conference will explore what it means for the Anglican Communion to respond to the needs of a 21st century world.

Programme overview

The conference will equip bishops from around the world understand one another’s contexts and work together for the common good.

In 2022 the Lambeth Conference is running as a joint conference. For much of the conference bishops and spouses will be together with some time spent in separate sessions during the retreats, Bible Studies and Lambeth Calls.

The Chaplaincy Team will be on hand to support these services and a Pastoral Team made up of members of religious communities from around the Communion will be available to bishops and spouses who would welcome a pastoral conversation.

A prayer space will also be available during the Conference.

Daily Offices and Chapel Spaces

There will be two services at Canterbury Cathedral to open and close the conference.

There will also be daily Eucharists and Evening Prayer services at the University, led by a number of Provinces from around the Communion.

A simple service of Morning and Night Prayer will also be offered in the Chapel space within Kennedy Building.

The conference will include a seminar and evening programme.

Programme themes will include Mission and Evangelism, Safe Church, Communion, Reconciliation, Environment, Christian Unity, Interfaith Relations and Discipleship.

Wider themes will also be considered including ongoing response to a world changed by COVID-19 and the relationship of the Church with the increasing role of science and technology in our lives.

The conference will also include a seminar and evening programme.

The spouses’ programme mirrors much of the bishops’ programme, apart from during the Bishops’ retreat or discussion sessions for Lambeth Calls.
**Programme overview**  
*(some sessions and order of sessions may change)*

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- **MORNING PRAYER**
  - EUCHARIST
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- **Press Briefings**
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- **Evening Events**
- **NIGHT PRAYER**
- **Closing Event**

**Welcome to Canterbury**
Programme Begins

- **BISHOPS’ RETREAT**
  - Canterbury Cathedral
  - University of Kent

- **SPouses’ RETREAT**
  - Canterbury Cathedral
  - University of Kent

- **BIBLE EXPOSITION**
  - Called into hope & holiness in Christ 1 Peter 1:1-25
  - A Holy People following Christ 1 Pet 2:1-12
  - Resistance & Resilience 1 Pet 2:13-3:22

- **OPENING SERVICE**
  - Canterbury Cathedral

- **PLENARY**
  - Mission & Evangelism
  - Communion
  - Reconciliation

- **Lambeth Palace**
  - Symbolic Act Environment and Sustainable Development

- **LAMBETH CALL**
  - Spouse Event
  - Event

- **SEMINARS**
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- **Archbishop of Canterbury & Mrs Welby**
  - Reception

- **CLOSING EVENT**

**Dinner**
Welcoming the Anglican Communion

The Lambeth Conference is convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Lambeth Conference invites all active bishops from the Anglican Communion. Present in 165 countries around the world and serving millions of Christians and communities worldwide, the Anglican Communion is a network of independent and interdependent churches.
As the Lambeth Conference explores the theme of being ‘God’s Church for God’s World’, the Biblical focus for the event will be the book of 1 Peter.

The book of 1 Peter is a stirring text for a global church engaging with diversity of culture and attitudes in the twenty first century. Living as God’s people has consequences for God’s church, for our behaviour towards one another and towards God’s world. No church is obedient to God if it focuses only on itself; the focus must be on mission. The Church must look outward. 1 Peter lifts our vision to a God who calls the church to the business of changing the world.

The book of 1 Peter is a personal favourite of mine. There is so much in it that is pertinent for the Church, for the world, for the times we are living in and for us as we seek direction for the Anglican Communion in the years ahead. It’s a book that raises an utterly compelling and inspiring vision of God’s kingdom. It raises our eyes beyond the immediacy of our struggles and differences. It urges us to hear a far deeper call. Through our faith in Jesus Christ, Peter encourages us to live lives of witness, hope and holiness as God’s chosen people.

The Archbishop of Canterbury

Get the official conference Commentary on 1 Peter

An official conference Commentary on 1 Peter has been developed with contributions from an international group of 35 New Testament scholars from Anglican and other churches around the world, who gathered in Lambeth Palace in November 2018 for the St Augustine Seminar.

The scholars represent a range of Christian traditions and experiences, from Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, India, Ireland, Kenya, Nigeria, the Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, the UK, and the US.

The commentary was edited by Canon Professor Jenn Strawbridge, who convened the Saint Augustine Seminar. Jenn is the Associate Professor in New Testament Studies at Mansfield College in the University of Oxford.

The commentary and translations are available in the online conference resources hub.

The work of the St Augustine Seminar and the resources it has produced have all been funded by St Augustine’s Foundation. This is a charitable grant-making body which is linked to Canterbury Cathedral. It exists to support theological education and development in the Anglican Communion.
Lambeth Calls

The Bishops’ Conversations at the Conference in 2022

Exploring what it means to be ‘God’s Church for God’s World’, bishops attending the Lambeth Conference will be in conversation about church and world affairs.

Bishops taking part in the Lambeth Conference conversation will represent the voices and experiences of churches and communities from around the world.

The vision for the 2022 conference is that the conversation will continue beyond the Lambeth Conference and lead to lasting outcomes.

Bishops will share Lambeth Calls; common commitments discussed by the bishops at the conference. They will be clear statements, outlining ways in which the Anglican Communion might collectively seek to be “God’s Church for God’s World” in the decade ahead.

The Lambeth Calls may also express different declarations and proclamations on behalf of the Anglican Communion on issues impacting the world.

They will invite churches and communities around the world to add their voices to Lambeth Calls.

The idea of Calling is central to the Christian faith

Being ‘called’ is a central part of the Christian faith and what it means to be church. Jesus called the first disciples to come and follow him and he calls us today. Through Lambeth Calls, bishops will ‘call’ upon their fellow Christians and the wider world to join them in taking seriously what we have discussed at the Conference.

What are the themes of the Lambeth Calls?

Lambeth Calls from the Conference align with the major themes we will be discussing at the Conference. These are: Mission and Evangelism, Anglican Identity, Christian Unity, Inter Faith matters, Discipleship, Safe Church, Reconciliation, Human Identity and Environment and Sustainable Development.

Creating lasting outcomes

The fifteenth Lambeth Conference is different to previous conferences in that it is the first conference to operate in 3 phases. Lambeth Calls will be an integral part of the implementation phase.

Phase 1: Before the full conference, bishops have been meeting together for online conversations about themes relevant to the conference.

Phase 2: is the full event in Canterbury in July – August 2022, where delegates will meet for continued conversation, prayer and listening together.

Phase 3: will occur after the conference, as outcomes and commitments are progressed, and further action taken around the Anglican Communion.

The aim is to ensure the ‘Lambeth Calls’ are progressed by the Provinces of the Anglican Communion. The other Instruments of the Communion will be involved in the ongoing work of the Conference, with reports on what progress has been made at the ACC when it meets in 2023.
The Spouses’ Programme

Welcoming the wives and husbands of bishops from across the Anglican Communion, the conference will be a key opportunity for spiritual reflection, growing connections and sharing stories about the vocation and ministry experiences of spouses across the Anglican World.

Like the bishops attending, spouses represent a wide variety of cultural and vocational contexts. Many spouses play a very active and complementary role in the episcopal ministry. Others pursue more distinct and particular vocations, alongside their spouse.

As well as participating in many of the conference sessions with bishops, there will also be some bespoke programme moments for spouses to attend.

The spouses’ programme will include a retreat, worship and liturgy, Bible studies and group discussion.

The spouses’ retreat will take place at the University of Kent exploring the themes of ‘Called by Name’ and ‘Known and loved’.

Spouses will be in separate groups for the Bible Studies. A series of ‘spouses’ strengthening sessions’ has been designed to explore different aspects of the spouse’s role. Intended outcomes for these sessions are:

- Increased confidence in who we are in God
- To strengthen our gifts and discovered new ones
- To identify practical resources and tools that release others, to bring hope and help in our family, church and community.

Spouses’ will also have access to a dedicated space for relaxation and conversation.

The spouses’ programme will draw from a wide range of experiences and ministry settings of spouses from across the Anglican Communion.

The online conference

We look forward to welcoming our conference delegates for the full event in person – hosted in Canterbury from 26th July – 8th August 2022.

For those that may be facing difficulties in travel arrangements, some parts of the conference will also be available online through an online event platform.

Some sessions will be live-streamed so that delegates and wider audiences can view them.

Details will be shared separately about this.
Our Conference Habits

One of the huge blessings of the Lambeth Conference is its diversity of cultures, languages, Christian traditions, ideas and perspectives.

With people invited from 165 countries of the Anglican Communion, our 12-day conference provides an amazing opportunity to learn from one another, share and receive each other’s story.

As we journey through the Lambeth Conference, we invite you to celebrate this diversity and respect one another. You may choose to practice these habits and a shared commitment to walk, listen and witness together.

Walk together
by being present and being prepared to encounter others with authenticity and confidence. Make time for others, dedicate your full attention to them and encounter them as they are. Notice complexity, difference and division – daring to find unexpected points of connection.

Listen together
by being curious, listening to others stories and attempting to see the world through their eyes. Listen with honesty, acknowledging that you don’t have all the answers and with a curiosity about what God is doing.

Witness together
by reimagining a world where healing, restoration and thriving relationships are possible. Be honest when things are not as they should be but remember the story of what God has done and allow God to stretch your understanding of what is possible.

As we embark upon conversations and dialogue we invite you to consider:

We all have different views of the world:
We all come from different cultures and are tempted to think ‘our way is the best way’ or, most damaging, ‘our way is the only way.’ Being attentive to these attitudes is essential in inter-cultural communication. We discover that our way is one way but not the only way.

The value of listening deeply:
The stories that form different cultures are gifts that reveal cultural identity. We listen to them with open hearts and minds and ask what another culture can learn from them.

The challenge to resist making assumptions:
It’s so easy to make quick assumptions without knowing the full story. Resist the temptation to assume or make hasty comparisons about others

Conduct
The Anglican Communion has a long-standing commitment to encourage a lifestyle and pattern of work that respects the dignity and worth of each individual irrespective of social status, ethnicity, colour, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability.

The Bible affirms that women, men and children of all cultures, nations and religions are created equally in the image of God. Each human being has received his or her dignity as a gift of God. God calls us to show care and respect for every human being.

The Lambeth Conference is committed to upholding the safety and dignity of all.
Planning your visit

The Lambeth Conference will use a number of venues during the event – including a brand new event centre at the heart of the campus.

The majority of the event is hosted at the University of Kent.

The opening and closing services of the conference will be held in Canterbury Cathedral.

The conference delegates will also visit Lambeth Palace – the official London residence and offices of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Welby.
The majority of the conference programme will be held at the University of Kent.

The Canterbury campus was founded in 1965 with just 500 students. It now has around 16,500 students from 158 nationalities and a very cosmopolitan feel. Campus life revolves around six colleges, the Templeman Library, the Gulbenkian arts centre and the Mandela Building (home of Kent Union) – all set among green and tranquil open spaces.

Facilities

The event will be supported by the Kent Hospitality Team. Here is some guidance on the facilities, for the duration of your stay.

Reception

The conference reception will be in the Sibson Building during the event. Go to this reception desk for any event/programme related questions.

Accommodation

Conference delegates will be in single or double ensuite bedrooms.

Food and drink

There are a number of cafes, bars and bistros on campus. Catering will be in a number of locations with breakfast venues being located close to where delegates are sleeping. There is more flexibility at lunch and evening meal times.

Other facilities

Two small convenience stores are located on the Jarman Plaza and Park Wood Hub. Laundry facilities are available to guests.

Dates to note:

26th July: Arrivals and registration – this is an earlier arrival date than originally advertised.

This is the main arrival day into London airports with coach transfers to the University. If flights mean that this is not possible, some delegates may arrive on Monday 25 July (email info@lambethconference.org for details).

27-29th July: Registration will be followed by a new hospitality programme, which will incorporate elements of relaxation, gathering informally, and an organised retreat with spiritual preparation at Canterbury Cathedral. Following the retreat, the conference then continues at the University of Kent.

3rd August: The conference delegates travel to Lambeth Palace.

7th August: The closing service is at Canterbury Cathedral, followed by a closing event at the University.

8th August: Departure day. Delegates are asked to leave the campus by 12 midday.
**Airport arrangements**
The Lambeth Conference will be organising airport pick-ups and departures on designated dates.

**Getting around**
The Lambeth Conference will be organising bus transportation at key times in the event.

**Car**
Free parking on the University site is available for conference delegates. Contact the Lambeth Conference team for details.

Car parking within Canterbury can be limited at peak times and is pay and display. We recommend taking the bus into Canterbury for ease.

**Train**
There are two train stations in Canterbury, Canterbury East and Canterbury West. Both stations have direct lines into London. Canterbury West also travels to Thanet, Dover and the Channel Tunnel. See train timetables: [www.southeasternrailway.co.uk](http://www.southeasternrailway.co.uk)

Both train stations are on the ‘UniBus’ route that regularly run through Canterbury.

**Health**
At the current time, UK guidelines for managing the pandemic have eased many of the restrictions for events. The Lambeth Conference team continue to monitor official advice from the government and national health service – and guidance shared by The Church of England on public worship. A health advisory group is in place, to shape health protocols at the event. We have not yet sent out detailed guidance of any potential health protocols at the event as the situation in the UK has been changing over the past few months. We will be publishing further guidance of what can be expected at the event in due course. Questions can be sent to the team on: info@lambethconference.org For more information on Church of England protocols on COVID-19 visit: [www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance](http://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance)
What to wear

The conference will be taking place at the height of summer in the UK. British weather is known for its unpredictability – but it is quite usual for the summer months to be warm. Visitors are advised to bring summer clothes, but also have clothing that is suitable for rain.

Most days will be at the conference centre at the University of Kent. The university is on large grounds, and will use multiple venues around the site. It’s advisable to wear shoes that are comfortable for walking.

Clothing should include:

- Retreat days
  - Informal / clerical shirt.

- Usual day at the conference
  - Clerical shirt / or informal wear.

- For photo
  - Convocation robes, red chimere, white rochette if possible. A black scarf or a red stole. Some provinces don’t have convocation robes in which case usual robes for a non-Eucharistic service.

- Spouses’ photo
  - National dress / smart clothes

- For opening service
  - Convocation robes with option of a white stole. Or usual robes for a Eucharistic service. Robes to be worn on the bus to Canterbury Cathedral.

- Closing service:
  - Cassocks.

- London Day, action on climate change and visit to Lambeth Palace
  - Delegates are invited to wear smart day wear / lounge suits or national dress.

- Other helpful things to pack
  - Rain coat / light jacket.
  - Comfortable shoes for walking in.
  - Summer wear – cool clothing.
  - Warm jumper / sweatshirt.

When packing for the conference, delegates are advised to travel with one suitcase and stay within the luggage allowance for the flights. Transit times through airports are slower at the moment due to COVID checks. Excess baggage takes longer. Bursary recipients should be aware that no funds are available to cover the cost of excess baggage.

Language services

The Lambeth Conference is committed to supporting each person’s full participation in the event.

Translation and interpretation services will be provided throughout the conference.

At the point of event registration, every event attendee has been asked about their language needs. The conference team have worked hard to support language translation and interpretation needs in the following ways:

- Every delegate in our main venues will be given a headset.
- Programme sessions will be delivered in different languages.
- Interpretation is being provided in up to eight languages as far as possible.

- Written materials will be provided in up to four languages.
- The conference website will be provided in up to four languages.
- Significant documents will be provided in wider languages as needed.
- As far as possible new documents during the conference will be provided in translation as needed – with appropriate lead times.
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The Lambeth Conference story can be followed on our website and our social media channels. Stay up-to-date with films, stories, news articles and resources between now and the event.

Visit and follow the social media pages now.
- www.lambethconference.org
- facebook.com/LambethConference
- @LambethConf

Questions?
If you have any questions, contact the Lambeth Conference team by emailing:
info@lambethconference.org