LAMBETH CONFERENCE

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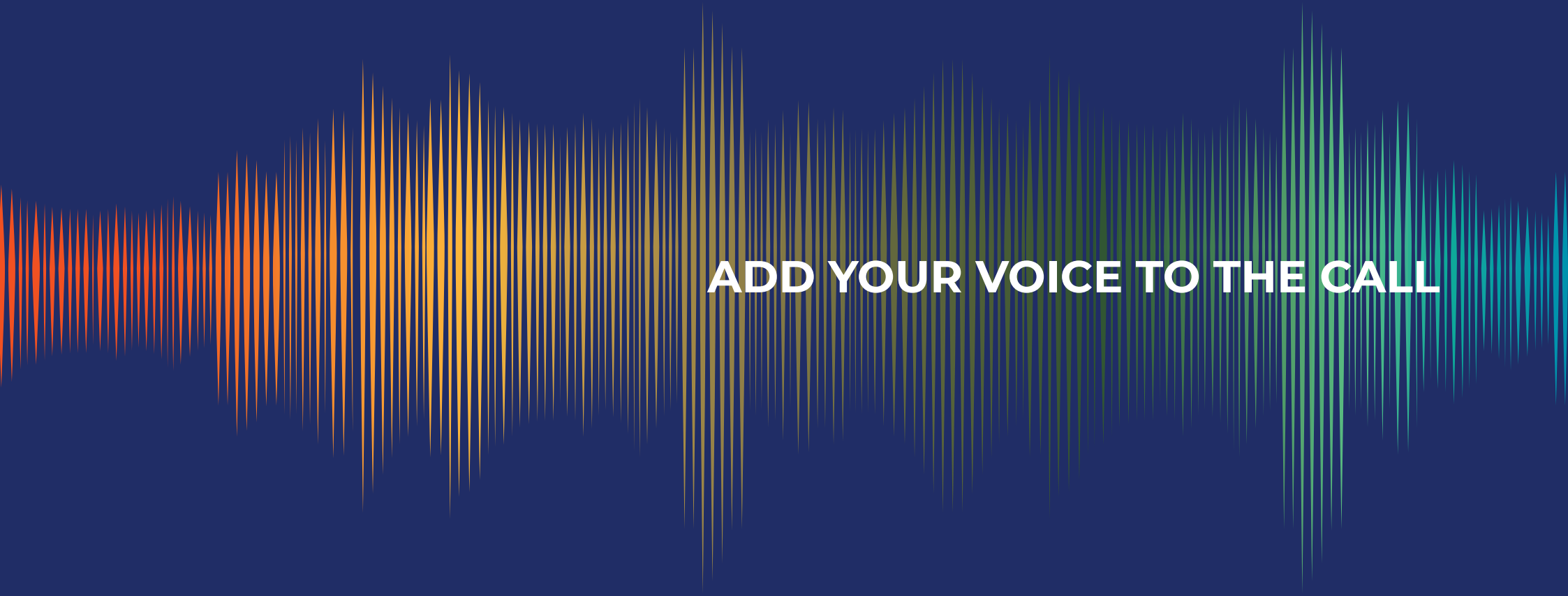


ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE CALL

PHASE 3 OF
THE LAMBETH
CONFERENCE

THE CELEBRANT CALLS:

“Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.”

THE VOICES SING:

“Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.”

Taken from
‘The Sanctus’ in
Eucharistic liturgy

A MESSAGE FROM THE PHASE 3 STEERING GROUP

At the Lambeth Conference in 2022, bishops and spouses from around the Anglican Communion gathered in Canterbury.

Representing churches and communities from around the world, they shared perspectives on issues impacting the world at both a local and global level.

The conference met for ten days. Time was spent in prayer and Bible study. A series of 'Lambeth Calls' were shared on themes relating to church and world affairs.

The conference culminated in a special service at Canterbury Cathedral. One of the defining moments, was the praise and music as the service concluded.

The musicians called the congregation to worship. In response, those gathered joined in singing and celebration. As the music played, the congregation walked together out of the Cathedral and onto the streets, each person adding their voice and expression to the music they heard.

For many, it was a living picture of the diversity of the Anglican Communion and what it means to be part of a global church. We are from different nations, cultures and traditions. We have different experiences and perspectives, but we are united in our response to the call of Christ in our lives. as we seek to be "God's Church for God's World".

The third phase of the Lambeth Conference journey is about developing this musical idea of voices joining together in 'call and response', as the Lambeth Calls are taken forward into the life of the Anglican Communion.

Phase 3 will be about offering the Lambeth Calls to churches around the world, inviting them to hear each call, add their voice, give them expression and bring them to life in their setting.

It is our prayer that the journey will strengthen our life and Christian witness together as an Anglican Communion, as we seek to walk, listen and witness together in the decade ahead.

WELCOME TO PHASE 3 OF THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE JOURNEY

The theme of the fifteenth Lambeth Conference is 'God's Church for God's World – walking, listening and witnessing together.' Its aim is to explore what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world. The conference is running in 3 phases.

Phase 3 of the Lambeth Conference journey is all about continuing the conversation so that the Lambeth Calls and other initiatives from the gathering can be built upon in the years ahead. Those that attended the Lambeth Conference are now invited to share and discuss the Lambeth Calls in their settings – opening up the Calls to their wider church communities.

PHASE 1:

Listening Together

Pre-event online meetings (2021-2022).

PHASE 2:

Walking Together

The in-person event in Canterbury (2022).

PHASE 3:

Witnessing Together

Taking the conference outcomes forward (2023-2026).

The Phase 3 Steering Group

To support the Phase 3 journey, The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed Steering Group chaired by Archbishop Julio Murray Thompson (IARCA).

The Steering Group will design the Phase 3 programme as it progresses, and encourage bishops to continue to meet in the Bible Study Groups they were in at the Lambeth Conference.

The members are:

- **The Rt Rev Julio Murray**
  Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
- **Caroline Bauerschmidt**
  The Episcopal Church
- **The Most Rev Kay Goldsworthy**
  The Anglican Church of Australia
- **The Rt Rev Danald Jute**
  Church of the Province of South East Asia
- **The Rt Rev Dr Vicentia Kgabe**
  The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- **The Rt Rev Jorge Pina-Cabral**
  The Lusitanian Church
- **The Rt Rev Dr Paul Swarup**
  The Church of North India

Resource Consultants:

- **The Rev Canon Dr Justin Holcomb**
  The Episcopal Church
- **The Rev Steve Muneza**
  The Anglican Church of Burundi

Members of the Phase 3 Steering Group with support staff and resource consultants.

PHASE 3: CALL AND RESPONSE

Phase 3 of the Lambeth Conference journey will be shaped by the idea of 'call and response' – a feature we see in scripture, in liturgy and in music.

Theologically, call and response is found in the Psalms where the pattern plays out liturgically in worship and prayer. The call typically begins with a theological affirmation that invites worshippers to respond. For example in Psalm 118; 136 the call says: 'O give thanks to the Lord for He is good', to which there is the response: 'For His steadfast love endures forever'. The repetition builds momentum; grows faith and shared vision. This call and response embraces a sense of a journey; it is expected to evolve; it rarely stands still.

In music, a player offers a short melody or call, which another player hears, interprets and responds. The result is a sense of movement and development, as the music builds.

It's an idea that shapes how the Lambeth Calls can be shared back and forth around the Communion: each province receiving a call and responding to it in a way that applies best in their settings. Through 'call and response' our focus will be on listening to and learning from one another's experiences to enrich our shared life as an Anglican Communion.

WHAT WILL PHASE 3 DISCUSS?

Lambeth Calls

Phase 3 will explore the themes of the Lambeth Calls discussed at the Lambeth Conference. The aim of each call is to deepen faithfulness to God, advance the ministry of the communion and enable wider participation in the calls by churches and communities around the world.

Each call had a drafting group, with diverse representation from around the Anglican Communion. Each call includes declarations, affirmations, and common calls for action or reflection. Lambeth Calls were shared on the following themes:

- Discipleship
- Environment and Sustainable Development
- Anglican Identity
- Safe Church
- Science and Faith
- Human Dignity
- Christian Unity
- Mission and Evangelism
- Inter Faith
- Reconciliation

The Lambeth Calls will be shared in their entirety from Pentecost 2023. The Lambeth Calls shared in 2023 will include feedback and updates that were made by the drafting groups following feedback given by bishops at the Lambeth Conference.

The work of Anglican Networks and Commissions

Anglican Networks and Commissions are invited to explore the Lambeth Calls. Phase 3 of the Lambeth Conference Journey will also signpost to important projects and resources being undertaken by Anglican Networks and Commissions around the world. For example:

The Communion Forest: Launched at the conference, the Communion Forest is a global initiative comprising local activities of forest protection, tree growing and eco-system restoration.

Safe Church: At the Lambeth Conference, the Safe Church Commission (SCC) shared Guidelines to enhance the safety of all persons, and will be progressed across the Anglican Communion.

The Anglican Communion Science Commission (ACSC): Being informed by science, collaborating with the scientific community and bringing the ethical voice of faith to scientific debate will be a major part of the Church's mission in a world increasingly shaped by science and technology. The ACSC will play a key role in equipping churches to collaborate with the world of science in response to human need.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE JOURNEY?

The Phase 3 journey will combine webinars and group discussions, enabling churches around the world to explore each of the Lambeth Call themes and consider how they might be applied in their setting. Launching from Pentecost, in May 2023, a timetable of 'Share The Call' webinars will begin, exploring each of the Lambeth Call themes. Between each webinar, you are invited to run your own 'Respond to the Call' group discussions in your community. (As gifts to the Anglican Communion, there is no expectation that the Lambeth Calls must be explored in a set order. However, the journey and resources are offered as a way of supporting your discussions).

CALL

Webinar
Sets the Call

Join a quarterly 'Share the Call' webinar. Each webinar will explore a Lambeth Call theme. A series of webinars are planned.

Hosted by the Lambeth Conference team, each webinar will feature:

- Teaching reflection on the Call theme
- Contributions from special guests, including members of the Call drafting groups
- The sharing of Bible study and learning materials that groups can use in their settings

RESPONSE

Group Meetings
Responding to the Call

In the days and weeks after the webinar, you are invited to meet in groups to discuss the Call theme and what it means in your setting.

The aim is that the Lambeth Calls can be explored by churches and communities around the world. These might include:

- Bishop Bible Study Groups
- Spouses' Network Groups
- Companion Links
- Anglican Communion Networks
- Anglican Communion Commissions
- Church and Community Groups

CALL

Webinar
Call and Response

Join the next webinar in the series, which will celebrate and share stories from the first set of Lambeth Call discussions.

The webinar will also introduce the next Lambeth Call theme, which will include:

- Stories and insights from Call theme from the previous webinar
- Teaching and reflection on the Call theme
- Contributions from special guests
- Next set of Bible study and learning materials released

SHARE YOUR STORY

At each phase of the Journey, we invite groups from around the world to share what the Lambeth Call looks like for them in their context.
You might choose to share a prayer, a photo, a short testimony or story, information about one of your projects.
Email your story to: info@lambethconference.org / Visit the website: lambethconference.org / Share it on social media.

THE TIMETABLE OF DISCUSSION

Each quarter starts with a webinar and then continues with group discussion in the following order:

Themes in 2023:

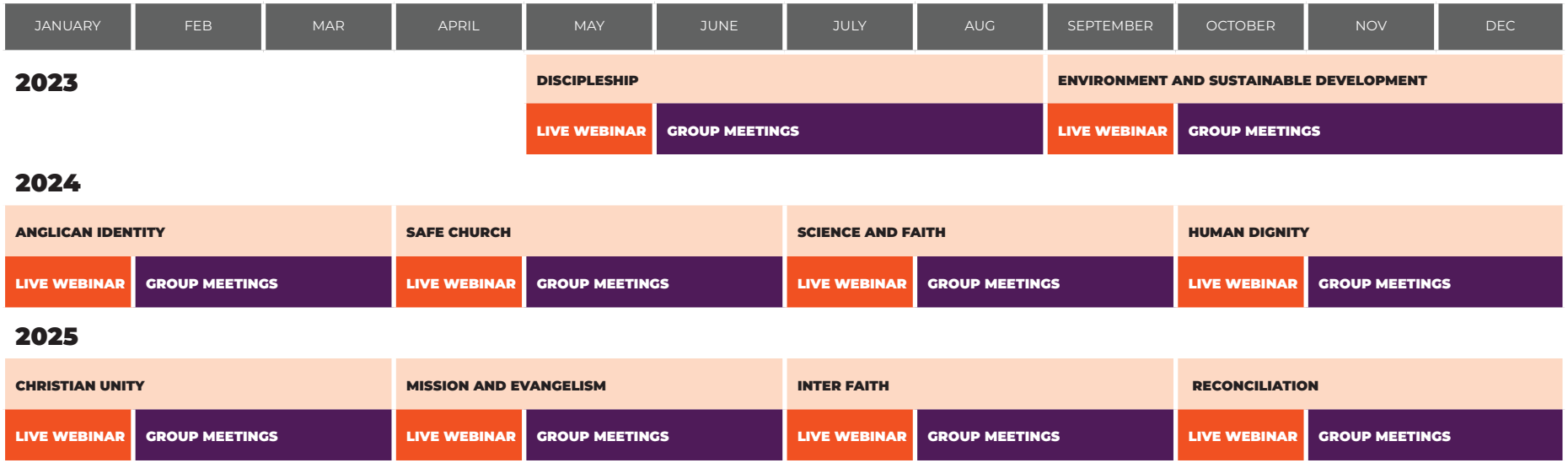
May – September:	Discipleship
September – December:	Environment and Sustainable Development

Themes in 2024:

January – March:	Anglican Identity
April – June:	Safe Church
July – September:	Science and Faith
October – December:	Human Dignity

Themes in 2025:

January – March:	Christian Unity
April – June:	Mission and Evangelism
July – September:	Inter Faith
October – December:	Reconciliation



LAMBETH CONFERENCE PHASE 3 – Q & A

What is Phase 3 of the Lambeth Conference Journey?

Phase 3 will be about offering the Lambeth Calls to churches around the world, inviting them 'to add their voice to the call' and bring them to life in their setting. The aim is to strengthen our life and Christian witness together as an Anglican Communion, as we seek to walk, listen and witness together.

What is a Lambeth Call?

Lambeth Calls is the name being given to describe declarations, affirmations and common calls to the church shared by bishops that took part in the Lambeth Conference in 2022.

What is the aim of a Lambeth Call?

The focus of each Lambeth Call is to deepen faithfulness to God, advance the ministry of the Communion and enable wider participation in the calls by churches and communities around the world.

What does 'Add your Voice to the Call' mean?

Adding your voice to the call isn't a requirement to vote in or pass the Lambeth Call. It's an invitation to explore, discuss and consider what each Call might mean in your setting.

Who is Phase 3 for?

The Lambeth Calls were discussed by the bishops at the Lambeth Conference. But as 'Calls' to the church, they are intended to be offered to churches and communities around the world. In this way, wider church groups are invited to explore each of the calls.

Where can I find the Lambeth Calls?

The full set of Lambeth Calls is available on the Lambeth Conference website. The publish date for the new edition of the Lambeth Calls is May 2023. The new edition will reflect feedback from the bishops' discussion in 2022. A series of Call papers will be shared during each Call webinar.

Who are the webinars for and how can I sign up?

The conference community of bishops and spouses that attended the Lambeth Conference are warmly invited to register for the Lambeth Call webinars, along with wider clergy and church communities. Webinar registration details will be advertised on the Lambeth Conference website, with dates of webinars being released during the year.

Do I have to discuss the Lambeth Calls in order?

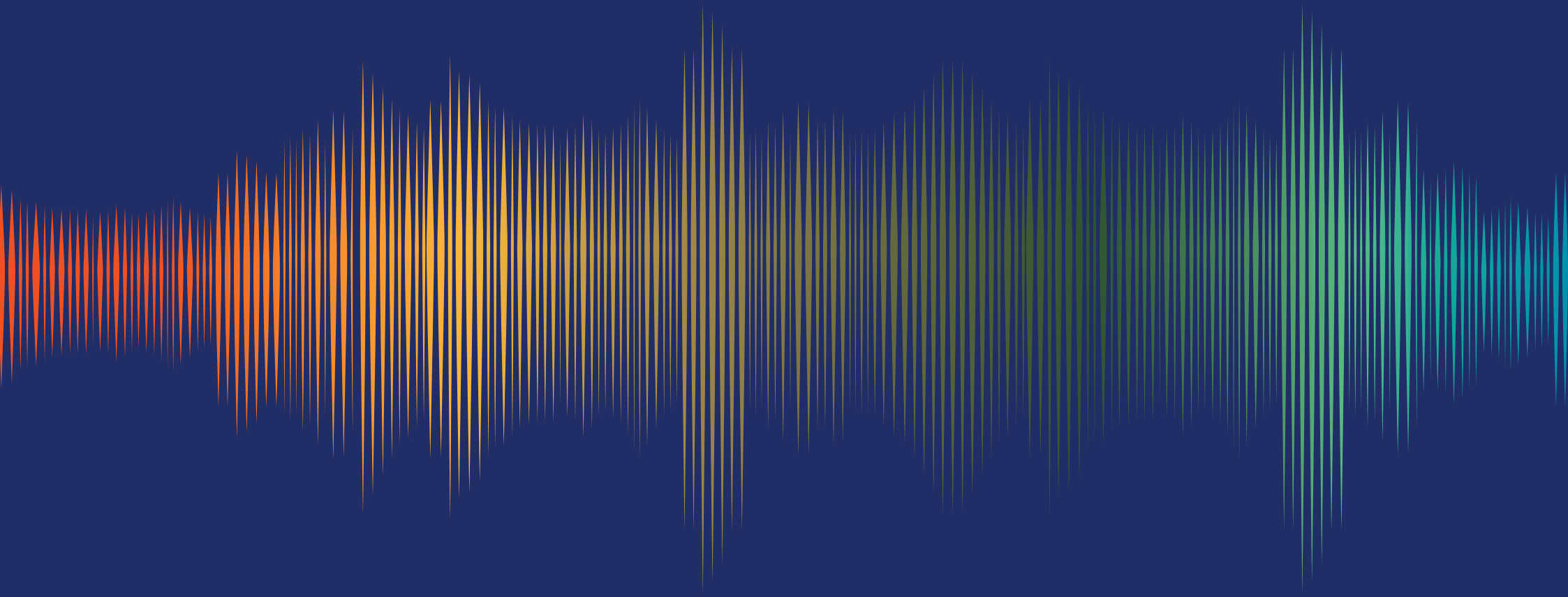
Any province can choose to discuss the Lambeth Calls at any point. As gifts to the Anglican Communion, there is no expectation that the Calls must be explored in a set order. The Phase 3 journey will offer webinar discussions and Bible Study materials, as a way of providing churches with resources that might support/aid their discussions. There is no obligation to use them.

How do I set up a group?

Webinars will be run by the Lambeth Conference team at the Anglican Communion Office. Group discussions are run independently. You might choose to discuss the Lambeth Calls in an existing network, Bible study or other group. Meeting in person or online, you are invited to use the free resources and materials to aid your discussion. Provinces and Dioceses are invited to promote this in a way that best suits their context.

How can I share my story?

Throughout the journey, the Lambeth Conference Steering Group would love to hear your stories about what the Call looks like in your setting. Sharing stories throughout the journey is invited – because stories help to encourage others and share learning. No 'official reporting' is required. You can share your stories by visiting: LambethConference.org or emailing: info@lambethconference.org



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