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International Commission of the Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue

**September 2014 COMMUNIQUÉ**  
**Jerusalem, Israel**

In the name of the Triune God, and with the blessing and guidance of our Churches, the International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue (ICAOTD) met at St George's Anglican Cathedral, Jerusalem, from 17 to 24 September 2014. The Commission is grateful for the generous hospitality extended by Bishop Suheil Dawani and the Diocese of Jerusalem.

His Beatitude Theophilos III, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, and Bishop Suheil welcomed the Commission and affirmed their prayerful support for the dialogue.

The Commission was presented with resources both Anglican and Orthodox on issues concerning the beginning and end of life, and it was agreed that these matters will be discussed in the next phase of its work.

The Commission discussed at length the draft of an agreed statement on the theological presuppositions of the Christian understanding of the human person, created in the image and likeness of God. At its next meeting it intends to consider the practical implications and the ethical questions, of pressing concern in today's world, that follow from these presuppositions.

As in previous meetings, daily prayer and worship strengthened and grounded the work of the Commission, both in the Anglican Cathedral of St George, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Nativity in Bethlehem and met members of the Christian community, with whom it prayed for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land and in the whole world.

The work of the Commission will continue at its next meeting in September 2015 hosted by the Orthodox Church.

**Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia**  
Orthodox Co-Chairman

**Archbishop Roger Herft**  
Anglican Co-Chairman

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**Commission Members present were:**

**Representatives of the Orthodox Church**

Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia  
Ecumenical Patriarchate, (*Co-Chairman*)  
Metropolitan Serafim of Zimbabwe  
Patriarchate of Alexandria  
The Revd Fr Alexander Haig  
Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East  
The Revd Archimandrite Aristovoulos Kyriazis  
Patriarchate of Jerusalem  
The Revd Fr Valentin Vassechko  
Patriarchate of Moscow  
Professor Dr Bogdan Lubardic  
Patriarchate of Serbia  
Metropolitan Nifon of Târgoviște  
Patriarchate of Romania  
Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Kition  
Church of Cyprus  
The Revd Dr Christos B Christakis (*Co-Secretary*)

**Representatives of the Anglican Communion**

Archbishop Roger Herft  
The Anglican Church of Australia (*Co-Chairman*)  
The Revd Marc Billimoria  
The Church of Ceylon  
The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke of Armagh  
The Church of Ireland  
The Revd Canon Philip Hobson OGS  
The Anglican Church of Canada  
The Rt Revd Michael Lewis of Cyprus & The Gulf  
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East  
The Revd Dr Gloria Mapangdol  
The Episcopal Church in the Philippines  
The Revd Dr Duncan Reid  
The Anglican Church of Australia  
The Revd Canon Professor John Riches  
Scottish Episcopal Church  
The Rt Revd John Stroyan of Warwick  
The Church of England  
The Revd Canon Dr Alyson Barnett-Cowan (*Co-secretary*)

Mr Neil Vigers  
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**MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:**

The Revd Dr Timothy Bradshaw  
The Church of England  
The Revd Deacon Dr Christine Hall  
The Church of England  
Ms Natasha Klukach  
The Anglican Church of Canada  
The Revd Dr Joseph Wandera  
The Anglican Church of Kenya  
Protopresbyter Giorgi Zviadadze  
Patriarchate of Georgia

Professor Dr Miltiadis Konstantinou  
Church of Greece  
The Revd Fr Andrzej Minko  
Church of Poland  
Bishop Ilia of Philomelion  
Church of Albania