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International Commission of the Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue

## October 10-17, 2019 COMMUNIQUÉ Canterbury, England

The International Commission for Anglican Orthodox Theological Dialogue met in Canterbury, England from 10-17 October to continue consideration of ecology and end-of-life issues.

In a communique, the group stated that its work was undergirded by daily prayer and worship. "Visits were made to holy and historic sites, including a tour of St Augustine's Abbey and the ancient church of St Martin, and to the Cathedral archives and library, and the Eastbridge Hospital," reads the communique. "One of the highlights of the Commission's meeting was a meditative candlelit walk of prayer led by the Dean around the Cathedral, including the site of the martyrdom of St Thomas Becket."

The Commission completed its work on issues surrounding the environment and ecology according to principles established in its agreed statement, "In the Image and Likeness of God: A Hope-Filled Anthropology" (Buffalo 2015). "The text of a statement, entitled 'Stewards of Creation A Hope-Filled Ecology,' was finalized and will be prepared for publication as part of a projected series," states the communique. "Further consideration was then given to the proposed statement on the end of human life, now provisionally entitled 'Good Dying: the Christian Approach to Life and Death.' "

This work will continue at the next meeting in October 2020 hosted by the Church of Greece.

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