



the alliance



Introducing the Alliance

The Alliance is an informal partnership of leaders from networks within the Church of England including the Church of England Evangelical Council, Church Society, the HTB Network, Living Out, Myriad, New Wine, ReNew and The Society; who are represented on the Church of England's General Synod by groups including the Evangelical Group on General Synod, Global Majority members, the Catholic Group on General Synod, and by members of the House of Bishops.

The Alliance is part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church and is committed to our Anglican heritage with a faith revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness.

We hold to the received teaching of the Church of England, aligning ourselves with the majority of the Anglican Communion and other Christians across the world and through history. We affirm the [1998 Lambeth Resolution 1.10](#) in its entirety which includes a clear repudiation of all homophobia. We stand with ["A Theological Vision"](#) as set out by a number of Bishops in February 2024.

Purpose of the Alliance

The Alliance has come together with three main aims:

1. To support those in the House of Bishops and General Synod who are urging the House to follow the proper legal structures of the Church and to ensure that nothing is authorised which is contrary to or indicative of a departure from the doctrine of the Church of England.
2. To offer a place of unity for the thousands of clergy, ordinands and churches who hold to the received doctrine and teachings of the Church of England.
3. To provide a united negotiating platform for those who hold to this received teaching and who would otherwise be without a voice on the national stage regarding the various proposals for change that are being put forwards as part of the implementation of the *Living in Love and Faith* process.

Supporting the Alliance

Over the last year, the Alliance has written a number of letters to the House and College of Bishops, challenging the introduction of *Prayers of Love and Faith* without due process or due and proper regard for the Church's constitution. [The Alliance letter from December 2023](#) was made public.

Specifically, we have challenged the House of Bishops' refusal to make public their own legal and theological advice; their failure to fulfil their commitment to offer a complete package of Prayers, Guidance and Reassurance to Synod concurrently; and their resistance to the appropriate use of Canon B2 before implementation of the Prayers.

We want to play a constructive role in the renewal of our Church that is currently divided right down the middle. Too much division has been caused which all have found debilitating and a drain on mission. We are eager to work together with all parts of the Church of England to agree a lasting, peaceful, proportionate way forward within one Church of England, where so many on both sides in General Synod cannot in good conscience just “agree to disagree”.

In the coming months, we stand ready to play our part in the next stage led by the Bishop of Leicester in looking to discern how we might move forward together as the Church of England amid our divisions. We will be part of this intensive diplomacy as, together with the other stakeholders, we prayerfully look to bring concrete proposals for moving forwards. We long for the Church of England to be able to focus on proclaiming the gospel of Christ afresh to this generation and for all generations to come.

Although the Alliance is a network of networks and not a membership organisation in its own right, if you are a member of the clergy, an ordinand or a licensed lay minister and wish to express your support for the ongoing work of the Alliance in these vital discussions, we invite you to indicate your support by completing this short form.

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