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Dear friends,

Nominating the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury

Very warm greetings in the name of the Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, through whom all blessings flow, and to whom we give thanks for your part and share in His ministry.

On behalf of the Alliance, we write to you as representatives from the Anglican Communion on the Crown Nominations Commission for Canterbury (CNC), tasked with the solemn responsibility of nominating the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury.

On 7th April 2025, as part of the public consultation process, we wrote a letter (as attached) to the Chair of the CNC, Lord Jonathan Evans. We are mindful that our letter was sent prior to the announcement of your CNC membership, and ahead of your May and July meetings. By writing in this manner, we seek to reiterate key points from our letter and to highlight certain areas for careful and prayerful reflection in the discernment process, bearing in mind your collective decisions have major consequences on future relationships between the Church of England and the Anglican Communion. We also feel it might be helpful to outline the purpose and role of the Alliance as set out below.

Introducing the Alliance

The Alliance came into existence to encourage the flourishing of churches across England in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. As a network of networks within the Church of England, we are committed to our Anglican heritage and Articles of Faith and Catechism, preserving historical biblical teachings, and fulfilling mission as part of the One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Today, regrettably, the Church of England finds itself in a precarious position of impaired relationships within the Anglican Communion. This has largely been due to the ongoing Living in Love and Faith (LLF) proposals being presented to form part of the life of the church. If commended by the House of Bishops and brought to General Synod in February 2026, these proposals could lead to the introduction of “bespoke” stand-alone services for same sex blessing and an attempt to allow clergy to enter same-sex marriage, either formally or by removing canonical discipline. Both proposals are

not only contrary to the received doctrine of the Church of England but are also being tabled using a simple majority vote as opposed to the legal Canon B2 process designed for substantive changes (requiring a two-thirds majority vote). As you may be aware, Canon B2 sets a higher voting threshold for decision-making, to give assurance that the will of the Church (across all Houses of General Synod) is truly reflected whenever actual or perceived changes in doctrine or practice are being debated (thereby achieving as much unity as possible on decision-making with such matters).

The Alliance ultimately looks to the received teaching of the Church of England (including preserving the doctrine of holy matrimony), remaining faithful to the tradition of the church in accordance with the Scriptures, and to observe proper and due process under Canon Law.

Relevance of the Alliance

Within the Church of England, the Alliance currently represents over 2,400 clergy leading approximately 1,500 churches. Our congregations represent 42% of adults and 53% of youth (under the age of 18) that regularly attend Sunday services in parishes across England. Many of our worshipping congregations are highly diverse and have experienced tremendous growth among the younger generation who, by the grace of God, continue to uphold biblical ethics, and orthodox teaching and practice.

As we delight in seeing many young people coming to Christ and seek to raise up more young disciples in future generations, we are deeply concerned that (in a highly secular society) teachings and practice contrary to Church of England doctrine could reverse this trend.

The Alliance's desire for Unity within the Anglican Communion

We have been dismayed by the trajectory set by the House of Bishops in the Church of England and the departure from doctrine that their LLF proposals entail. This significantly undermines mission, as already witnessed in other Provinces across the Anglican Communion that have taken similar steps. Furthermore, the improper process being taken by the House of Bishops to introduce these major changes on sexuality can only serve to erode trust and, sadly, further deepen existing divisions between the Church of England and the Anglican Communion.

As we seek to reverse this challenging situation, we remain committed to showing God's unconditional love to all, welcoming all, and being true to our Anglican heritage in proclaiming Christ faithfully to all. By the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we encourage our brothers and sisters across the parishes in England to continue to walk in both grace and truth.

We recognise that, in a fragmented world, unity within the Anglican Communion is key in strengthening our collective witness and in being a relevant voice on global issues such as social justice, racial discrimination, and poverty.

In conclusion, we continue to lift you and all within the CNC in our prayers as you continue the process of discerning who God is calling to the See of Canterbury. We respectfully urge you to prayerfully consider some of the key qualities for the next Archbishop which we feel would not only enable the church to continue to flourish through confident and compassionate discipleship, but also, importantly, help to rebuild the unique and historic relationship between the Church of England and the Anglican Communion.

We join you in prayer for the nomination of a godly spiritual leader, chief pastor, and "first among equals" who can strengthen the Anglican Communion. We pray for one who will uphold biblical

teachings and practices, act as a focus of unity and hope, and be globally recognised, once again, as one of the designated “Instruments of Communion”. We pray for wisdom and guidance in your decision making. Please be assured of our encouragement and prayers.

With every blessing, and respectfully, in Christ,

Mr Ade Adebajo
The Revd Canon John Dunnett
The Revd Canon Adam Gaunt
The Revd Sarah Jackson (Chair)
The Revd Canon Paul Langham
The Revd Canon Vaughan Roberts
The Revd Jago Wynne

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