

Saint Columban's Newsletter



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The Instruments of Unity

From the Archbishop of Cape Town's Speech at Bishop's Forum - in Cape Town – about Communion and the Anglican Communion:

The Archbishop of Canterbury

The longest-standing of the Instruments of Unity is of course the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose historic See goes back to the year 601. Until recently (with the conclusion of various regional agreements) it was the case that it was sufficient to be in communion with the See of Canterbury to be in communion with the whole of the Anglican Communion.

The Archbishop of Canterbury occupies what has been called 'the primacy of honour' among all the Primates, and is described as a 'focus of unity'. He convenes the Lambeth Conference and Primates' Meetings (and so decisions on whom to invite are ultimately his – though the extent of his discretion is unclear). He also chairs the Anglican Consultative Council. Historically, Archbishops of Canterbury have often played a leading role in the teaching and the mission of the Communion as a whole. Yet all of this has evolved organically, without legal basis – it is a position of influence and moral weight only.

The Lambeth Conference

The second Instrument to emerge was the Lambeth Conference, which has met approximately every ten years since 1867 ...

It is worth remembering that our own Province [of Southern Africa] was born in conflict, and it was these problems that led to the very first Lambeth Conference in 1867.

Arriving in the Cape in 1848, Bishop Robert Gray soon found himself in conflict with Bishop John Colenso of Natal. Some of his views would still be controversial today, others we recognise as the necessary pursuit of an appropriately encultured gospel.

In 1863 Bishop Gray deposed Bishop Colenso on the charge of heresy. In 1865, Bishop Colenso appealed to the Privy Council in London, who ruled his deposition was improper and illegal. In 1866 Bishop Gray excommunicated him.

Meanwhile, Bishops in Canada had asked the Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop Longley, to call together Anglican Bishops round the world, so that they could talk about this and other issues.

They were concerned that as Provinces developed their own life, they should not inadvertently move apart. They also wanted to avoid giving different answers to controversial questions - concerns that are familiar to us today!

So Archbishop Longley called the conference in 1867. Several senior bishops refused at first to have anything to do with it.

Not only was there concern about the complexities of the Colenso case, there was also fear that all large meetings are bad – bishops are only human, and fall into partisan camps, and large meetings can lead to unifying behaviour!

Another concern was any attempt to take decisions would threaten Bishops' autonomy within their dioceses.

Others were concerned about the legality, and ecclesiology, of calling bishops together.

So the meeting went ahead, not as a Synod, or a Council, but as a Conference. Bishops were not 'summoned to decide', but 'invited to confer'. It was also made entirely clear that none of the resolutions would have any binding force.

In other words, the Lambeth Conference arose as a response to a messy situation. It was established with a less than satisfactory basis, to meet the particular agendas of particular participants at a particular time - and today we are left with the legacy of that fudge.

Nonetheless, these flexible, and at times usefully ambiguous, understandings of the Communion have helped guide our worldwide relationship through over a century.

The Anglican Consultative Council

One touchstone of Anglicanism has been the involvement of laity in the governing of the Church. We are not ruled from above by a Pope and a Curia of Bishops. Rather, we believe that God's Spirit is at work in all God's people to build up the whole Body of Christ. Paul tells the Corinthian church 'to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good' (1 Cor12:7), for this reason, we describe ourselves as 'both episcopally led and synodically governed'. In our synods, all God's people are represented – Bishops, clergy and laity.

The role of laity grew through the nineteenth century. Recognising this, the 1897 Lambeth Conference established a permanent consultative body, which gradually developed as an advisory body, through to the establishment of the Anglican Consultative Council at the 1968 Lambeth Conference, after consultations within each Province. The ACC meets approximately every three years, with episcopal, clerical and lay representatives from every Province.

It alone of the Instruments of Unity has a formal constitution, which includes among its objectives 'to advise on inter-Anglican, provincial and diocesan relationships ...'

So both by reason of its constitution, and by reason of the theological and ecclesial understandings of what it means to be church which underpin the constitution, my conviction is that this is the Instrument of Unity which should primarily be the place for handling the current difficulties and the inter-Anglican, provincial and relationships that are affected by them.

The Primates' Meeting

Yet it seems that centre stage is increasingly being given to the Primates – and I very much regret this.

The 1978 Lambeth Conference invited the Archbishop of Canterbury to work with his fellow Primates 'to initiate consideration of the way to relate together the international conferences, councils and meetings within the Anglican Communion, so that the Anglican Communion may best serve God within the context of one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.'

Archbishop Coggan called the first meeting. He advocated 'meetings of the Primates of the Communion reasonably often, for leisurely thought, prayer and deep consultation ... perhaps as frequently as once in two years.' Again, there was the underlying acknowledgement that they never had more than a consultative and advisory authority.

Archbishop Coggan's emphasis was certainly that the meeting should be rather more a place where the pastors of pastors could pastor one another, than a business meeting.

New Church's Teaching Series

'The books in the new teaching series for the Episcopal Church attempt to encourage and respond to the times—and to the challenges that will usher out the old century and bring in the new. ... It has no official status, claims no special authority, speaks in a personal voice, and comes not out of committees but from scholars and pastors meeting and talking informally together.' Its assumed readership are 'adults who are not "cradle Anglicans," but who come from other religious traditions or from no tradition at all, and want to know what Anglicanism has to offer.' (from the Series Preface of the editor) But that does not mean (at least according to my experience, HE+) that people who have been Anglicans for many years cannot learn a lot from them also. The Mission has bought a number of volumes of the series, dealing with

- Anglicanism,
- the Bible,
- prayer, worship, and the Prayer Book,
- faith and ethics.

They are very useful for study groups, but also for private reading. All members and friends of the Mission are invited to make use of these opportunities. It would be great if we could form a group meeting regularly, and working their way through one of these books. Perhaps, we will be so fascinated that we decide to continue with another one. But this decision can of course be made only when we have finished the first book. The members of

the group will decide which book to take first. If you are interested to be part of this, contact the Priest in Charge.

Meanwhile, we have obtained two more books, viz.

- Welcome to the Episcopal Church: An Introduction to Its History, Faith, and Worship, by Christopher L. Webber, 1999;
- Dictionary for Episcopalians, by John N. Wall, 2000.

Members and friends of the Mission are invited to make use of these resources.

“The Eagle and the Dove”

Anyone who would like to know more about our Patron Saint might look into “The Eagle and the Dove – The Spirituality of the Celtic Saint Columbanus”, by Katherine Lack, Triangle SPCK, 2000, £6.99 + shipping. Ask the Priest in Charge how to get this most valuable little book.

Our Services

Our regular services in Karlsruhe are held, if not indicated as otherwise, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. in the chapel of *Luisenheim*; in the 3rd quarter of 2007 i. e.:

- July 1 — Pentecost 5: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- July 15 — Pentecost 7: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- August 5 — Pentecost 10: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- August 19 — Pentecost 12: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- September 2 — Pentecost 14: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
- September 16 — Pentecost 16: Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

You reach *Luisenheim* by public transport using trams to *Schillerstraße* (nearest) or *Mühlburger Tor* (from *Hauptbahnhof*, the direct line is 6). From *Schillerstraße* walk on the north side of *Kaiserallee* in the direction of *Mühlburger Tor* and turn into *Kochstraße*. Enter the gate of No. 2-4 and turn to the building to your right, showing the inscription “Luisenheim” on the wall facing the street. You find the chapel on the ground floor at the end of the long corridor, last door on the left side. From *Mühlburger Tor* cross *Kaiserallee* in northward direction (to the side of the red *Christuskirche*) at *Rathaus West*, and walk into *Südl. Hildapromenade*. After some steps, you reach the Old-Catholic *Church of the Resurrection*. The gate to *Luisenheim* (Kochstr. 2-4) is just opposite to the end of *Helmholtzstraße*, the street passing on the south side of the Old-Catholic church,

There has been in the past a **children’s group** at the time of our Sunday service which was arranged by a group of parents of young children. This allowed families with small children to attend the service while the children were cared for. Unfortunately the number of families with children attending the service has dwindled, so we have not held the children’s group for quite some time. Nevertheless, if we know in advance of parents who would like to attend and are interested in this group, something could be arranged. Please approach the Priest in Charge or Todd Phillips: (0721) 75 65 80.

For weekday services see “Old-Catholic Church” (below p. 7).

Readings and Psalms of Forthcoming Services

Day	Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel
July 1	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
July 15	Amos 7:7-17	82	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
August 5	Hosea 11:1-11	107:1-9, 43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
August 19	Isaiah 5:1-7	80:1-2, 8-18	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
September 2	Ecclesiasticus 10:(7-11) 12-18	112	Hebrews 13:1-8	Luke 14:1,7-14
September 16	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10

Known Birthdays in July, August and September

<u>July</u> 11. Henry Jameson Phillips	18. Peter Kerby
<u>August</u> 10. Arlyn Caldwell-Nichols	19. Nana Amma Opoku-Boadu
<u>September</u> 14. Kristina Zülicke	20. James Hunt
15. Mietek Hunt	22. Edith Bradley
	26. Steven Miller
	30. Todd Phillips

To all of these, blessings and most sincere congratulations! Remember them in your prayers!

We know very well that we do not know the birthdays of all our members and friends. So, if you miss your birthday let us know. Likewise if you know the birthday of any other member or friend not listed, who would not object to being included. If you should prefer your birthday not to be mentioned, do let us know also.

“If anyone is ill enough to call the doctor...”

“...call the parson too”. The Church is always available to those who desire her ministrations in time of sickness. But we often do not know who does. So if you know of someone who is sick or otherwise housebound, and would like a priest to visit her or him in order to talk to him or to receive communion, the laying on of hands and/or anointing (cf. Letter of James 5:14), do let the Priest in Charge know as soon as possible.

Old-Catholic Church

The Old-Catholic Churches, which gained independence from papal jurisdiction in the course of time, and especially in the 19th century, are in full communion with the Anglican Churches. For a time we were their guests with our services, and we are most sincerely invited to their (German language) services (Holy Eucharist: Sunday at 10 a.m., Tuesday at 7.10 a.m., Thursday at 7 p.m.) in the *Auferstehungskirche* (see above p. 6) in summer, or in the parish house beside the church, in winter.

Clubs

English speaking Clubs and groups in our region where our members and friends are always welcome:

Anglo-German Club Pforzheim: 1st Thursday of the month from 19.45, Ratskeller, Pforzheim

British Baden Club: 1st Friday of the month from 8 pm, Restaurant “Prinz Eugen” Malsch (Information: Tel 07246-5992)

Deutsch-Englischer Freundeskreis Karlsruhe, Conversation Circle: 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7.30 pm, Jugendheim Anne Frank, Moltkestr. 2a (Engländerplatz)

English Speaking “Stammtisch”: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8 pm, Flynn’s Inn, Hirschstr. 70, Karlsruhe (Tel 8303641)

KONTAKT Karlsruhe (German-American; opportunity for Germans and Americans to practise the other language): Information regarding time and place from Mr Steven Miller, Tel. 0721-503139.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 001: Tue–Fri 4–11 pm, Sat 2–12 pm, Sun 10 am–12 pm, Kirchstr. 9, Rheinmünster-Söllingen (Tel. 07227-991753, Fax: 07227-990979, E-Mail: RCL.Branch001@T-Online.de)

Mission Statement

Saint Columban's Mission is a self-supporting congregation in the Anglican Communion under the jurisdiction of the Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe (Episcopal Church in the United States of America). It

- offers a spiritual home to all English-speaking residents of, and visitors to, Karlsruhe and the surrounding region,
- makes the Anglican tradition visible in the local Ecumenical environment,
- contributes—together with other Churches—to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people in the city and the surrounding region.

Firmly rooted in the Anglican tradition, St Columban's Mission is open to all Christians, regardless of their denominational affiliation. They are most welcome at our Services. The Mission is a member of the Council of Anglican Episcopal Churches in Germany, which organizes the co-operation of Anglican and Episcopal chaplaincies, and congregations in this country. It is also a member of the *Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen* (Council of Christian Churches) in Karlsruhe.

The Priest in Charge may be contacted in case of pastoral emergency at any hour of the day or night. If he is absent or cannot be reached the following persons will be pleased to give all relevant information:

Dr. James Hunt, mobile 0172 726 5094

Todd Phillips, Tel. (0721) 75 65 80

The Blessed Sacrament is reserved permanently and always available for the purposes of Holy Communion for those who are sick or housebound.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession and Absolution) and of the Sick (Anointing with laying on of hands) are also available for those who wish to avail themselves of them, by arrangement with the Priest in Charge.

Information about preparing for Baptism, Confirmation or Marriage can also be obtained by telephoning the Priest in Charge.