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Anglican-Lutheran International Coordinating Committee

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Communiqué

The Anglican-Lutheran International Coordinating Committee (ALICC) held its third meeting at the eMseni Christian Centre in Johannesburg, South Africa, 24 to 30 November 2015, under the leadership of Bishop Michael Pryse of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishop Tim Harris of the Anglican Church of Australia (acting co-chair).

The meeting was hosted by The Lutheran World Federation, with local support from Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA NT). The Committee warmly appreciated the generosity and the hospitality received from the eMseni Christian Centre.

During this meeting the Committee continued to develop resources through which Lutherans and Anglicans can commemorate together the year 1517, the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. The material will illustrate the constant need for all churches to live in the present and at the same time to be open to revitalization by the Holy Spirit. The Committee is producing a six-week daily

devotional resource. These daily reflections will be gathered around the themes of God's mission, grace, salvation, human beings, creation and our diaconal ministry. In addition there will be resources for prayer and a Eucharistic liturgy. It is the Committee's hope that this resource will be used by Anglicans and Lutherans in joint groups as well as by individuals. Above all it is an encouragement for us to pray for and with one another.

As part of its task to be a catalyst, the Committee was delighted to note the forthcoming theological conferences in Hong Kong and Australia exploring Reformation themes in the Asian context.

This year, the Committee also continued its work of mapping Anglican and Lutheran relationships around the world. In order to fulfill its role to be a catalyst for such relationships, it drew up a template of the differing patterns of relationships and the contexts in which they are lived out. The Committee hopes this will inspire Anglicans and Lutherans to explore closer cooperation and / or initiate new relationships between our churches.

Moreover, the Committee continued to explore the theological theme of "communion in mission," through learning from recent developments within The Lutheran World Federation and the Anglican Communion. The Committee noted with interest the report *Receiving One Another*, sent by the Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission in Canada, and will monitor developments in the concept of establishing a 'communion of communions'.

The Committee appreciated a fruitful meeting with some of the local Lutheran Bishops, the General Secretary of LUCSA (Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa), a former General Secretary of The Lutheran World Federation, and the Anglican Dean of The Highveld, representing the Bishop of The Highveld, in which we learned about local initiatives. The Committee was encouraged to learn about intentions to cooperate in projects around social responsibility, arising out of this meeting.

The members of ALICC visited in Soweto places associated with the struggle against Apartheid. ALICC also visited the Kliptown Youth Centre, an inspirational institution which supports children and young people through afterschool programs, computer training, breakfast and lunch for school children, as well as various sporting activities.

On Sunday, the members of the Committee were welcomed to the Evangelical Lutheran Church Kempton Park where we were enriched by attending the multilingual worship service and receiving delightful hospitality.

The next meeting of ALICC will be in May 2016, hosted by the Anglican Communion.

Members of ALICC:

Anglicans:

The Most Revd Maurício Andrade, Brazil (Co-Chair) Unable to be present

The Revd Dalcy Dlamini, Swaziland, Southern Africa

The Rt Revd Dr Tim Harris, Australia, (Acting Co-Chair)

The Revd Augusta Leung, Hong Kong

The Revd Canon John Lindsay, Scotland

The Revd Canon Dr John Gibaut, Anglican Communion Office (Co-Secretary)

The Revd Neil Vigers, (Anglican Communion Office staff)

Lutherans:

The Rev. Bishop Dr Michael Pryse, Canada (Co-Chair)

The Rev. Sonia Skupch, Argentina

The Rev. Joyceline Fred Njama, Tanzania

The Ven. Helene Tärneberg Steed, Sweden and Ireland

The Rev. Anne Burghardt, Lutheran World Federation (Co-Secretary)

The Rev. Prof. Dr Nicholas Tai, Hong Kong China