

Anglican-Methodist International Commission for Unity in Mission

Fourth Annual Meeting, Maryland, USA

10–16 February 2012

Communiqué



The fourth meeting of the Anglican-Methodist International Commission for Unity in Mission (AMICUM) has taken place near Baltimore, Maryland, 10-16 February 2012, hosted by the World Methodist Council, at the Bon Secours Spiritual Center.

Considerable benefit was gained from meeting with some of those in the dialogue between the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church. This gave the Commission an opportunity to learn more about the way that dialogue is seeking Full Communion between the two churches. Paying attention to local and national developments continues to enable the AMICUM to reflect further on how it might best resource Anglican-Methodist relationships throughout the world, and to propose ways towards the visible unity of Anglicans and Methodists and associated United and Uniting Churches.

The Commission spent time considering the ministry of oversight in a way that honours the traditions of both world families. It paid careful attention to the how Anglicans and Methodists have expressed the form and understanding of mission, episcopal ministry, and apostolicity.

The Commission continues to take careful note of the bilateral conversations. In listening to reports of Anglican-Methodist relationships in a variety of contexts the Commission was able to further its understanding of the various and diverse challenges posed by ecumenical dialogue.

Members began to draft sections of the final report, which will be finalised in February 2013, when the Commission meets in Jamaica, hosted by the Anglican Communion.

Sunday worship was shared with the congregation of Mt Pisgah Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore. This enabled the Commission to gain an insight in to the breadth of worship styles within the Methodist family.

Members of AMICUM are:

Methodists

The Revd Professor Robert Gribben (Australia) (Co-Chair)

Dr Elizabeth Amoah (Ghana)

Bishop Thomas L Hoyt Jr (USA)

The Revd Dr Wong Tik Wah (Malaysia) *not present*

The Revd Professor Sarah Lancaster (USA)

The Revd Gareth Powell (England) (Co-Secretary)

Anglicans

The Rt Revd Harold Miller (Ireland) (Co-Chair)

The Revd Canon Professor Paul Avis (England)

The Very Revd Flavio Irala (Brazil) *not present*

The Revd Garth Minott (Jamaica)

The Revd Canon Lulama Mtanjiswa Ntshingwa (Southern Africa)

The Rt Revd Dr P Surya Prakash (India)

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The Rt Revd Walter Jagucki (England)

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