



## Lusophone Network of the Anglican Communion

### Rede Lusófona da Comunhão Anglicana

*Report to ACC 18 - Ghana*

Covid's global pandemic meant a lack of travel between the Churches of the Lusophone Network, but more communication through digital platforms. Several WhatsApp groups were created that allowed greater sharing and communication between specific groups such as: Group of Bishops / Group of Youth Coordinators / Group of Those Responsible for Diaconal Work. The Lusophone Network was attentive to the greater needs of the Churches and several meetings were held through Zoom.

The official creation of the new Anglican Province of Mozambique and Angola is the great development that took place in the last year among the Churches of the Lusophone Network. At the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the coordinator of the Lusophone Network, Bishop Jorge Pina Cabral, was part of the group to monitor the constitution of the new province created by the Anglican Consultative Council. Bishop Jorge Pina Cabral, in his capacity as Coordinator of the Lusophone Network, participated in the consecration of new Mozambican bishops that took place in the city of Maputo on June 19, 2022. During his stay in this country, the Coordinator of the Lusophone Network made several pastoral visits and established contacts with the Church in Mozambique.

During the Lambeth Conference in August 2022, ties between the members of the different Churches of the Lusophone Network were strengthened. The Lusophone Network promoted a meeting that brought together all Lusophone participants at the Lambeth Conference. It was also the responsibility of Lusophone Network to set up a stand with information material from the various Churches.

Before the Lambeth Conference, Zoom meetings were held between the group of Lusophone bishops and other Zoom meetings between the spouses of the bishops of the Lusophone Network.

The day of the Lusophone Network is celebrated on the Sunday of the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical calendar. This year and on this Sunday (November 20th,



2022) a calendar will be launched that will promote prayer among the Churches of the Lusophone Network on each Sunday of the new liturgical year.

A twinning project will also be promoted between the parishes of the different Churches that make up the Lusophone Network. With this project, it is intended a closer collaboration and knowledge between local communities.

The Lusophone Network has translated material into Portuguese when requested by the various bodies of the Anglican Communion. It has also supported the translation of Green Anglicans material and is responsible for the «Sustainable preaching's» of August. At the level of communication, a Newsletter with information from the various Churches is sent monthly.

Theological collaboration has been carried out mainly through the online course «Immersion in Anglicanism». The course is organized by the Church of Brazil (Centre for Anglican Studies) and also has teachers from Portugal. This Course currently has the participation of students from the four Churches of the Lusophone Network.

### Projects and activities planned from 2023 to 2025

- Creation of a Sunday Prayer calendar for the Portuguese-speaking Network;
- Twinning between parishes of the Lusophone Network;
- Exchange between young people and clergy from the different Churches of the Lusophone Network for Mission projects;
- Annual celebration of the Lusophone Network Day (Sunday of the Feast of Christ the King – end of November);
- Conducting digital training in the area of Ecclesiology for the Bishops of the Lusophone Network;
- Continuation of the participation of the clergy and laity of the different Churches in the Course of Immersion in Anglicanism promoted by the Church of Brazil;
- Animation of the presence of the Lusophone Network on the various digital platforms

(Facebook, websites and Youtube) with the sharing of information and existing material;

- Holding in 2025 of the IV Meeting of the Lusophone Network;
- Deepening the understanding of the Canonical principles of the Anglican Communion with a study of the Canons of each Church – creation of a working group;
- Promotion of a training meeting via Zoom once a year on a topic of common interest.

### Coordination of the Lusophone Network

The coordination group is composed by :

- Bishop Jorge Pina Cabral (Portugal)
- Reverend Garcia Kazailawoko (Angola)
- Reverend Antonio Nhaca (Mozambique)
- Bishop Vicente Msosa (Mozambique)
- Elected- Bishop Magda Guedes Pereira (Brazil)

*Vila Nova de Gaia, 16 January 2023, Bishop Jorge Pina Cabral, Network Coordinator*