

# Preparing for ACC-19

Update -July 2025

Information about the 2026  
meeting of the Anglican  
Consultative Council



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The 19th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC-19) will be held from June 27- July 5, 2026. To assist ACC members prepare the Anglican Communion Office will be sending out a series of *ACC Updates* and also offering some online meetings. The meetings are optional (as the main business of ACC will happen in 2026), but are intended to help familiarise ACC members the plans for ACC-19 and any papers that need reading in advance. *Meeting joining links will be sent separately.*

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## Dates for your diaries

### Online meeting: ACC Members' Briefing

16 September 2025 / 1000-1100 and 1800-1900 UK / BST (UTC+1)

Hosted by the Secretary-General of the Anglican Communion, the Rt Revd Anthony Poggo and other ACO staff, this meeting will give an overview of the aims of ACC meetings, share plans for 2026, help you meet other ACC members and hear from you on what you would find useful for the meeting in 2026.

### Online meeting: Nairobi-Cairo Proposals

23 October 2025 / 1000-1100 and 1800-1900 UK / BST (UTC+1)

Hosted by the Rt Revd Graham Tomlin and Dr Christopher Wells join this meeting will provide a summary of the "The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals" which will be discussed at ACC-19. Hear about the theology and process that informed the proposals, as well as the diverse contributions to them from theologians around the world. The proposals have been drafted in response to an ACC resolution in 2023, to explore "structure and decision-making to help address our differences in the Anglican Communion."

### Online meeting: ACC Members' Briefing

18 March 2026 / 1000-1100 and 1800-1900 UK/ GMT (UTC+0)

With weeks to go until ACC meets, this will be another opportunity to get an update on event and programme before attending ACC-19.

## Anglican Consultative Council Meeting - Ireland

June 27 - July 5 2026

# About ACC

## What is the Anglican Consultative Council?

The Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) gathers bishops, clergy and lay people from each province of the Anglican Communion. It strengthens bonds of friendship and facilitates the cooperative work of member churches. The ACC advises on the organisation and structures of the communion and seeks to develop common policies concerning the world mission of the Church, including ecumenical matters.

The Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council is Canon Maggie Swinson from the Church of England. The Vice-Chair is Archbishop Hosam Naoum, Primate of Jerusalem & the Middle East (pictured on front cover). The ACC is supported by the ACO, which is led by the Right Reverend Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion.

Read the ACC Constitution [here](#).

## An Instrument of the Anglican Communion

The Anglican Consultative Council is one of the four instruments of the Anglican Communion, which also includes: The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primates' Meeting and the Lambeth Conference. As an "instrument of communion", the ACC works to support unity and serve the life of the Anglican Communion.

## What happens at ACC meetings?

The meetings of the Anglican Consultative Council are important moments for Anglicans from around the world to meet for conversation, fellowship and theological reflection. Meetings are held every three years. The programme devotes time to Bible study, hearing updates from Member Churches, Anglican Networks and Commissions and passing a series of resolutions that help Anglicans work together in mission and ministry.



## Who is attending ACC-19?

Provinces send two or three representatives to the Anglican Consultative Council. There are around 100 members. In preparation for ACC-19, The Anglican Communion Office has written to each province to confirm members for this year. Those appointed usually remain as an ACC member for three successive ACC meetings. If you are an existing or new member of the Anglican Consultative Council, the ACO looks forward to working with you.

## What's on the programme for 2026?

The full programme for ACC-19 will be shaped in the months ahead.

A big focus will be on discussing and considering *The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals*, developed by IASCUFO (the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order).

*The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals* have been written as an “offer” to the whole Anglican Communion family, intended to help Anglican churches navigate differences and divisions, upholding the call of all Christians to sustain the unity of the Church.

They are the outcome following an ACC resolution from ACC-18 in 2023, which commissioned IASCUFO to undertake a renewed exploration of “structure and decision-making to help address our differences in the Anglican Communion.”

The ACC resolution underlined “the importance of seeking to walk together to the highest degree possible and learning from our ecumenical conversations how to accommodate differentiation patiently and respectfully.”

The report states it should be read “not as an end but as the beginning of a new conversation”. It offers “suggestions for next steps to all four Instruments of Communion for their consideration and wise response.”

***The Nairobi-Cairo Proposals* were published on December 6, 2024.**

Read them [here](#).

## Keeping members informed

Between June 2025-2026, the Anglican Communion Office will send regular ACC updates and emails to Provincial Offices and ACC members. The ACO also intend to run some online meetings to assist ACC Members in preparing for ACC 2026. Dates will be communicated in due course. Dates are featured on page 1 of this update.

If you have any questions please email: [ACC19@anglicancommunion.org](mailto:ACC19@anglicancommunion.org)  
Or visit the Anglican Communion website: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org>

## Looking ahead to ACC-19

The Anglican Consultative Council meeting will be facilitated by the Anglican Communion Office, as official Secretariat to the Anglican Communion and hosted by the Church of Ireland.

*"In 2026, the Anglican Communion Office (ACO) will be facilitating the 19th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC). The ACO looks forward to collaborating with the Church of Ireland, as they host this important gathering. The ACO will be in contact with Member Churches as plans take shape. We are excited about welcoming ACC Members in 2026 and I encourage every Province to send representatives to participate in these important discussions."*



### **The Right Reverend Anthony Poggo, The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion**

*"The Anglican Consultative Council plays an important role in the life of the Anglican Communion, gathering representatives from our diverse Anglican family for consultation, prayer and fellowship. The Church of Ireland is looking forward to being the host Province for the meeting of ACC-19 in 2026 and we will continue to pray for all those that will take part. May it be a fruitful opportunity for Anglicans to be together in God's presence as a community within the body of Christ and to discern God's will for His Church in our day, so that we may be equipped by the Spirit to respond to the needs of the world."*



### **The Most Reverend John McDowell, The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland of the Church of Ireland.**