

– CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS –

1998 Lambeth Conference – Resolution 1.10: (a) “upholds faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman in lifelong union, and believes that abstinence is right for those who are not called to marriage”; (b) “commit ourselves to listen to the experience of homosexual persons and we wish to assure them that they are loved by God and that all baptized, believing and faithful persons, regardless of sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of Christ”; (c) “while rejecting homosexual practice as incompatible with Scripture, calls on all our people to minister pastorally and sensitively to all irrespective of sexual orientation.”

July 23, 2002 – Letter to the primates from Archbishop Williams: “...the Lambeth resolution of 1998 declares clearly what is the mind of the overwhelming majority in the Communion, and what the Communion will and will not approve or authorize. I accept that any individual diocese or even province that officially overturns or repudiates this resolution poses a substantial problem for the sacramental unity of the Communion.”

September 15-26, 2002 – The Anglican Consultative Council called upon “dioceses and individual bishops not to undertake unilateral actions or adopt policies which would strain our communion with one another without reference to their provincial authorities; and provincial authorities to have in mind the impact of their decisions within the wider Communion.”

March 18, 2003 – Report of the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church (“The Gift of Sexuality: A Theological Perspective”): “...we believe it is imperative that the Episcopal Church refrain from any attempt to ‘settle’ the matter legislatively.”

July 30 – August 7, 2003 – 74th General Convention, Minneapolis, MN: (1) House of Bishops Rejection of Resolution B001 calling for re-affirmation of the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral of 1886, 1888 “to be true and accurate statements of the faith,” (2) confirmation of the election of a non-celibate homosexual person as bishop, and (3) passage of resolution CO51 declaring that celebrating and blessing of same-sex partnerships was within the bounds of our common life. This occurred against the recommendations of The Lambeth Conference, The Anglican Consultative Council, The Archbishop of Canterbury, and The Primates Meeting.

October 15-16, 2003 – Primates Meeting at Lambeth voted to “re-affirm our common understanding of the centrality and authority of Scripture”; “re-affirm the resolutions made...at the Lambeth Conference in 1998 on issues of human sexuality as having moral force and commanding the respect of the Communion”; and speaking of the provinces state that “none has authority unilaterally to substitute an alternative teaching.”

October 17, 2003 – Archbishop of Canterbury meets with Episcopal Bishops of Pittsburgh, Albany, Central Florida and Ft. Worth as well as the Rev. Canon Martyn Minns and the Rev. Canon David Anderson.

October 18, 2003 – John Humphrys (JH), a BBC radio broadcaster, interviewed the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams (RW), on October 18, 2003, about the outcome of the Primates' Meeting and its implications....

JH: What about your own personal position here. Do you believe that Canon Robinson should become a bishop?

RW: No I don't because I believe that on a major issue of this kind the Church has to make a decision together and one of the things that has emerged most painfully and with such difficulty in the last couple of days in our conversations is the large number - the very, very large number - of Anglican provinces who feel that, quite simply, a decision has been made which commits them or involves them in some way and yet in which they have had no part at all. And many of these are people who come from rather small and struggling churches to whom it matters quite a lot that they have a voice in a decision which, like it or not, affects them quite directly.

November 2, 2003 – Consecration of V. Gene Robinson as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of New Hampshire.

January 20, 2004 – The charter of the Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes was unanimously adopted at Plano, Texas.

March 5, 2004 – Resolution R-1: “Resolved, that this 214th Annual Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina does hereby formally join the Network of Anglican Communion Diocese and Parishes.” Accepted by an overwhelming majority.

June 6, 2004 – The Common Cause Partnership is begun. In a [letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury](#), leaders of six U.S. based entities, the Anglican Communion Network (ACN), the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC), the Anglican Mission in America (AMIA), Forward in Faith North American (FiFNA), the Anglican Province in America (APA) and the American Anglican Council (AAC), pledged “to make common cause for the gospel of Jesus Christ and common cause for a united, missionary and orthodox Anglicanism in North America.”

October 18, 2004 – The Lambeth Commission report (The Windsor Report): ECUSA actions against the letter and spirit of Lambeth reiterated by the Primates, breach bonds of affection of the Communion, and cause deep offense; scripture is the supreme authority; ECUSA invited to “regret,” effect a moratorium on such actions, and provide an explanation of sources of authority; intervening bishops invited to “regret” and work within DEPO; structural suggestions; proposed covenant; call for reconciliation.

October 26-31, 2004 – The Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA) meeting of all Anglican Bishops in Africa, Lagos, Nigeria: calls on ECUSA to repent and observe the moratoria; commits to the Communion and faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

January 12-13, 2005 – One Hundred Forty-Three (143) Bishops of the Episcopal Church USA (ECUSA), attended a day and a half meeting of the House of Bishops convened in Salt Lake City, Utah. The assembled Bishops issued “[A Word to the Church](#)” regarding the Windsor Report 2004. While the Bishops stated regret for the “pain, the hurt, and the

damage” caused to the Anglican Communion by the ordination of a gay bishop, they neither disavowed the action nor addressed the [Windsor Report’s](#) call for moratoria on the election/ordination of non-celibate homosexuals and on the blessing of same sex unions, choosing instead to delay consideration until their next meeting in March, 2005.

Remarking on the House of Bishops’ action and explaining the actions of he and twenty (20) other Bishops in issuing “[A Statement of Acceptance of and Submission to the Windsor Report 2004](#),” Bishop Edward Salmon of the Diocese of South Carolina stated, “I don’t think we are going to get anywhere if we don’t take the Windsor Report seriously. The response of the House of Bishops did not rise to the level expected by the Communion. We heard a call for submission, and we who are unequivocally prepared to submit have responded accordingly.”

February 9-11, 2005 – Common Cause Partners meet in Atlanta , Georgia. The Partnership issued a [Statement of Agreement](#) among the coalition partners to stand united in their commitment to Biblical faithfulness within a missionary movement during this “defining moment in Anglicanism,” requiring best efforts in facing an uncertain future.

February 20-26, 2005 – Thirty-five (35) of the thirty-eight (38) Primates of the Anglican Communion, including the Archbishop of Canterbury meet at the Dromantine Conference Center near Newry, Ireland to consider the crisis and the recommendations contained in the [Windsor Report](#). The Primates issued a statement (now referred to as the [Dromantine Communiqué](#)) calling on the North American Churches to voluntarily withdraw their members from the Anglican Consultative Council for the period leading up to the next Lambeth Conference. In addition, the Primates requested that both Churches respond through their relevant constitutional bodies to the questions specifically addressed to them in the Windsor Report as they “consider their place within the Anglican Communion.”

March 5, 2005 – Delegates to the 2005 Diocese of South Carolina Convention passed resolutions affirming the intention of the Diocese to remain a constituent member of the world-wide Anglican Communion, calling upon the ECUSA House of Bishops to comply with the mandates of the Windsor Report, and confessing the role of the Diocese in allowing the crisis to occur . The text of resolutions (R-1 through R-5) can be found in the [SC-ACN library](#) or by [clicking here](#).

March 9-11, 2005 – Common Cause Partners met to discuss the future of orthodox Anglicanism in North America. In a [March 21, 2005 Press Release](#), the Common Cause Partners reaffirmed their commitment to making common cause for the Gospel of Christ as well as for a united missionary-driven Anglicanism in the United States and Canada. Moreover, they revealed that Common Cause seeks to unite the entire Anglican orthodox *diaspora* in North America, as well as hundreds of thousands of new believers, into an umbrella organization in full relationship with the worldwide Anglican Communion.

March 11-16, 2005 – The ECUSA House of Bishops meet in Camp Allen, Texas to consider the [Windsor Report's](#) call for a moratorium on further consecrations of individuals practicing active homosexual life styles, and for purposes of responding to the requests of the [Dromantine Communiqué](#). The House of Bishops issued "[A Covenant Statement](#)" calling for a moratorium on consecrations of any Bishops prior to the 2006 General Convention, and also "[A Word to the Church](#)."

June 18-29, 2005 – The Anglican Consultative Council is to meet in Nottingham, England.