



**The Anglican-Old Catholic International Co-ordinating Council
Internationaler Anglikanisch/Alt-Katholischer Koordinierender Rat
(AOCICC)
Communiqué**

Amersfoort, The Netherlands, 16 November 2013

The Anglican-Old Catholic International Co-ordinating Council (AOCICC) met in Amersfoort, the Netherlands, from 13 to 16 November 2013.

This was the first meeting of the newly mandated Council. The Council worked on the new mandate from both Communion.

The members received reports of developments in the Anglican Communion and in the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht, and reviewed present ecumenical dialogues in which our churches are engaged. Particular attention was given to the relationship with the Mar Thoma Church. The Revd Prof Peter-Ben Smit of the University of Utrecht presented a paper on that subject.

The Council gave substantial attention to the report *Belonging Together in Europe*, and its consequences. The Council is commending the document to church members everywhere. Over the next two years the Council will be facilitating a process of seeking responses from Anglicans and Old Catholics at all levels. Members of the Council will develop additional study resources to encourage engagement at parish and chaplaincy level.

The full text of *Belonging Together in Europe* may be found at http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/ecumenical/dialogues/oldcatholic/docs/AOCICC_Paper_Belonging_together_in_Europe_final.pdf

The Council has agreed to start a process of mapping existing relationships and co-operation. Thought was given to working together to address social issues in Europe.

The Council worshipped regularly, and celebrated the Eucharist at the Old Catholic church of St Georgius in Amersfoort.

The Council is grateful to the Old Catholic International Bishops Conference, and the Old Catholic Church of the Netherlands for their hospitality.

The Council will meet again in Ireland 27–30 August 2014; and in Zurich in 2015.

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Present at the meeting:

Anglicans

The Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Co-chair
The Rt Revd David Hamid
The Revd Jennifer Adams-Massman
Mrs Jennifer Knudsen
The Revd Tony Litwinski
Canon Dr Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Co-secretary
Mr Neil Vigers, Anglican Communion Office

Old Catholic

The Rt Revd Dr Dirk Jan Schoon, Co-chair
The Revd Professor Dr David R Holeton (not present at the meeting)
The Revd Professor Dr Angela Berlis
The Revd Lars Simpson, Co-Secretary
The Revd Dr Heinz Lederleitner