



Dear Clergy and People of our beloved IEAB
Grace and peace!

We want to share with you the rich experience that we have been living these days here in Canterbury, at this 15th Conference of Lambeth.

It has been a time to walk together with more than 650 bishops from all over the world. We had a retreat led by the Archbishop of Canterbury and facilitated by Anglican leaders who inspired us to reflect on the great challenges that our Communion faces, always in the light of the First Letter of Peter and in the mission to become the Church of God for a world of God.

Liturgy and prayer have been highlights of this experience so far. In a world that has just emerged from a phase of social distancing, it has been a joy to meet brothers and sisters whom we saw through Zoom windows, during the preparation period for this Conference.

Since last night we have been listening to the messages addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and today by the Archbishop of York regarding our Anglican Communion and the many challenges we are called to face.

Of course, amid all the beauty of our fraternal communion, public manifestations of more conservative sectors of the Anglican Communion have emerged, “touching the permanent question” of human sexuality and making this agenda an instrument of political dispute and division.

With arguments that we have known for a long time, they cause emotional damage to LGBTQIA+ people and again touch wounds that need to be healed.

We want to reassure you that in our Province of Brazil, no LGBTQIA+ individual need to fear for their spiritual integrity. The Provincial Church has already decided, since 2018, that Matrimony is accessible to all people.

Please note that in the Dioceses composing IEAB we count on several LGBTQIA+, Laity and Ordained people, fully serving in the various ministries of the Church.

There is no way to change this decision consciously adopted in the IEAB and which therefore cannot be refuted or revoked by any other body of the Anglican Communion.

In God we put our trust and our care for all of you!

- The Most Rev Naudal Alves Gomes, Primate
- Bishop Maurício Andrade, Anglican Diocese of Brasília
- Bishop Francisco de Assis da Silva, South-Western Diocese
- Bishop Humberto Maiztegui, Southern Diocese
- Bishop João Cândia Peixoto, Anglican Diocese of Recife
- Bishop Eduardo Grillo, Anglican Diocese of Rio de Janeiro
- Bishop Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassotto, Anglican Diocese of the Amazon
- Bishop Meriglei Borges Silva Simim, Anglican Diocese of Pelotas
- Bishop Francisco César Fernandes Alves, Anglican Diocese of São Paulo
- Bishop Magda Guedes Pereira, Anglican Diocese of Paraná