



WHAT ARE LAMBETH CALLS?

Understanding the intention and process of Lambeth Calls: A CALL is the mechanism that Lambeth uses to focus the areas of discussion that will occur at each Conference. The number and topics of the CALLS vary with each Conference depending on the focus of that conference (which occurs every 10 years). The easiest comparison is that a CALL is analogous to the Resolutions presented at Diocesan Conventions.

For instance, this year's Conference selected 10 areas in which to focus their discussions under the theme 'God's Church for God's World - walking, listening and witnessing together.' The liturgical reference taken as a guiding point, is the First Gospel of Peter (1Peter). Each Call has a specific liturgical passage within the First Gospel of Peter.

In July 2022, the Archbishop of Canterbury stated that "this year's Lambeth Conference would be focused on the major global crises of our time, their impact on the most vulnerable, and our Gospel imperative to serve a world in need. This is a historic opportunity to hear from each other about the opportunities and challenges we face in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in our diverse contexts around the world – and to pray for and affirm each other in those ministries."

The 10 CALLS issued were: Mission and Evangelism; Safe Church; Anglican Identity; Reconciliation; Human Dignity; Environment and Sustainable Development; Christian Unity; Inter Faith Relations; Discipleship; and Science and Faith.

In July 2022, the Archbishop of Canterbury also stated that he knew that many were reading and praying about the draft Lambeth Calls that were published in the third week of July – and that they were naturally the subject of debate ahead of the conference. "Indeed, these Calls have grown out of a process of discussion and encounter with one another. They are informed by the insights and themes of the online video conversations between bishops across the world over the past year. They have been drafted by a diverse group of Anglicans – male and female, lay and ordained, from different generations and from every part of the Communion. They are one part of a process that began before this part of the Conference, and will continue long after it formally finishes, as every Province discerns its own response to the Calls in their own contexts."

The Call causing the most pre-conference anguish was the Call on Human Dignity.