

# STATEMENT FROM ANGLICAN BISHOPS AND PRIMATES WHO ARE KEEN TO AFFIRM AND CELEBRATE LGBT+ PEOPLE

August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

*“So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.” - Ephesians 2:19*

*“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” - John 13:34*

God is Love! This love revealed by Jesus, described in the Scriptures and proclaimed by the Church, is Good News for all - without exception. That is why we believe that LGBT+ people are a precious part of God’s creation - for each of us is ‘fearfully and wonderfully made’ (Psalm 139:14), and all are equally loved.

We recognise that many LGBT+ people have historically been wounded by the Church and particularly hurt by the events of the last few weeks. We wish to affirm the holiness of their love wherever it is found in committed relationships.

We therefore commit to working with our siblings across the Communion to listen to their stories and understand their contexts, which vary greatly. However, we will never shy away from tackling discrimination and prejudice against those of differing sexualities and gender identities.

Together, we will speak healing and hope to our broken world and look forward to the day when all may feel truly welcomed, valued and affirmed.

## **Signed by bishops from across the Anglican Communion including:**

*Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church*

*Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States*

*Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes, Archbishop of Brazil*

*Most Revd Linda Nicholls, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Canada*

*Most Revd Andy Johns, Archbishop of Wales*

**and, as of 2330 BST on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022, these additional 130 bishops/archbishops**

The Most Revd Don Tamihere	Bishop of Tairāwhiti / Bishop of Aotearoa / Archbishop and Primate of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia	Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia
The Most Revd Philip Richardson	Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki	Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
The Rt Revd Ross Bay	Auckland	Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy AO	Archbishop of Perth	Australia
The Rt Revd Clarence E Bester	Diocese of Wangaratta, Anglican Church of Australia	Australia
The Rt Revd Dr Peter Stuart	Newcastle (Australia)	Australia

The Rt Revd Jeremy Greaves	Bishop for the Northern Region, diocese of Brisbane	Australia
The Rt Revd John Roundhill	Southern region, diocese of Brisbane	Australia
The Rt Revd Kate Prowd	Assistant Bishop Diocese of Melbourne	Australia
The Rt Revd Charlie Murry	Newcastle — Coastal episcopate	Australia
The Rt Revd Denise Ferguson	Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Adelaide SA	Australia
The Rt Revd Dr Murray Harvey	Grafton	Australia
The Rt Revd Sonia Roulston	Asst Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Newcastle (Australia)	Australia
The Rt Revd Eduardo Coelho Grillo	Diocese of Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
The Rt Revd Francisco Cézar Fernandes Alves	Diocese Anglicana de São Paulo-IEAB	Brazil
The Rt Revd Francisco Silva	Southwest Diocese , Brazil	Brazil
The Rt Revd João Cancio Peixoto Filho	Diocese Anglicana do Recife	Brazil
The Rt Revd Magda Guedes Pereira	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil- Diocese Anglicana do Paraná	Brazil
The Rt Revd Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassotto	Diocese Anglicana da Amazônia	Brazil
The Rt Revd Maurício Andrade	Diocese of Brasília,	Brazil
The Rt Revd Meriglei Borges Silva Simim	Diocese Anglicana de Pelotas	Brazil
The Most Rev. Anne Germond	The Diocese of Algoma ; The Diocese of Moosonee	Canada
The Most Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton	British Columbia Yukon	Canada
The Rt Revd Andrew Asbil	Anglican Diocese of Toronto	Canada
The Rt Revd Anna Greenwood-Lee	British Columbia	Canada
The Rt Revd Bruce Myers	Quebec	Canada
The Rt Revd John Stephens	New Westminster	Canada
The Rt Revd John Watton	The Diocese of Central Newfoundland	Canada
The Rt Revd Kevin Robertson	Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Toronto	Canada
The Rt Revd Lesley Wheeler-Dame	Diocese of Yukon	Canada
The Rt Revd Mary Irwin-Gibson	Montreal	Canada
The Rt Revd Michael Douglas Oulton	Ontario	Canada
The Rt Revd Nigel Shaw	Anglican Military Ordinariate of Canada	Canada
The Rt Revd Riscylla Shaw	Suffragan, Diocese of Toronto	Canada
The Rt Revd Sam Rose	Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador	Canada
The Rt Revd Sandra Fyfe	Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island	Canada
The Rt Revd Shane Parker	Diocese of Ottawa	Canada
The Rt Revd Stephen London	Edmonton	Canada
The Rt Revd Susan J.A. Bell	Diocese of Niagara	Canada
The Rt Revd Todd Townshend	Huron	Canada
The Rt Revd William G. Cliff	Diocese of Brandon	Canada
The Rt Revd David Hamid	Diocese in Europe	England
The Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson	Oxford (Buckingham)	England
The Rt Revd Dr Paul Colton	Cork, Cloyne and Rosd	Ireland

The Rt Revd Michael Burrows	Tuam Limerick and Killaloe	Ireland
The Rt Revd Julio Cesar Martin	Southeast Mexico	Mexico
The Rt Revd Andrew Swift	Brechin	Scotland
The Rt Revd Anne Dyer	Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney	Scotland
The Rt Revd Dr John Armes	Edinburgh	Scotland
The Rt Revd Dr Keith Riglin	Diocese of Argyll and The Isles	Scotland
The Rt Revd Ian Paton	St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane	Scotland
Bishop-Elect Jeffrey W. Mello	Episcopal Church in Connecticut	USA
The Right Revd Terry A White	Diocese of Kentucky	USA
The Rt Rev Michael B Hunn	Rio Grande	USA
The Rt Revd A. Robert Hirschfeld	New Hampshire	USA
The Rt Revd Alan M Gates	Massachusetts	USA
The Rt Revd Anne E. Hodges-Copple	Bishop Suffragan North Carolina	USA
The Rt Revd Audrey C Scanlan	Central Pennsylvania	USA
The Rt Revd Betsey Monnot	Iowa	USA
The Rt Revd Brian L. Cole	East Tennessee	USA
The Rt Revd Brian N Prior	Assisting Bishop in Alabama / Assisting Bishop in Olympi	USA
The Rt Revd Brian Seage	Mississippi	USA
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The Rt Revd C. Andrew Doyle	Diocese of Texas	USA
The Rt Revd Cathleen Bascom	Diocese of Kansas	USA
The Rt Revd Craig Loya	Minnesota	USA
The Rt Revd Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez	Pennsylvania	USA
The Rt Revd Deon K. Johnson	Missouri, USA	USA
The Rt Revd Diana Akiyama, Bishop of Oregon	Oregon, USA	USA
The Rt Revd Douglas Sparks	Northern Indiana	USA
The Rt Revd Dr DeDe Duncan-Probe	Diocese of Central New York	USA
The Rt Revd Dr Shannon MacVean-Brown	Diocese of Vermont	USA
The Rt Revd Dr. Bonnie A. Perry	Diocese of Michigan	USA
The Rt Revd Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe	Central New York	USA
The Rt Revd Dr. Jonathan H. Folts	South Dakota	USA
The Rt Revd Dr. Marc Handley Andrus	Diocese of California	USA
The Rt Revd Eugene Taylor Sutton	Maryland	USA
The Rt Revd Frank Logue	Diocese of Georgia	USA
The Rt Revd Gayle Elizabeth Harris	Massachusetts	USA
The Rt Revd Glenda Curry	Alabama	USA
The Rt Revd Gretchen Rehberg	Spokane	USA
The Rt Revd Ian T. Douglas	Connecticut	USA
The Rt Revd J Michael Garrison	Western New York (res.)	USA
The Rt Revd J Neil Alexander	IX Atlanta, resigned	USA
The Rt Revd J Scott Barker	Nebraska	USA
The Rt Revd J Scott Mayer	Northwest Texas	USA
The Rt Revd Jacob W. Owensby	Western Louisiana	USA
The Rt Revd Jeff W. Fisher	Diocese of Texas	USA
The Rt Revd Jennifer A. Reddall	Arizona	USA

The Rt Revd Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows	Indianapolis	USA
The Rt Revd Jennifer Brooke-Davidson	Virginia	USA
The Rt Revd John Harvey Taylor	Los Angeles	USA
The Rt Revd Jos Tharakan	Idaho	USA
The Rt Revd José McLoughlin	Western North Carolina	USA
The Rt Revd Kathryn M Ryan	Texas	USA
The Rt Revd Kevin D. Nichols	Bethlehem	USA
The Rt Revd Kevin S Brown	Delaware	USA
The Rt Revd Kym Lucas	Colorado	USA
The Rt Revd Larry Benfield	Arkansas	USA
The Rt Revd Laura J Ahrens	The Episcopal Church in CT	USA
The Rt Revd Lucinda Ashby	El Camino Real	USA
The Rt Revd Mariann Edgar Budde	Episcopal Diocese of Washington	USA
The Rt Revd Mark D. W. Edington	The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe	USA
The Rt Revd Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.	Diocese of Ohio	USA
The Rt Revd Marty Stebbins	Montana	USA
The Rt Revd Mary D. Glasspool	New York	USA
The Rt Revd Mary Gray-Reeves	College for Bishops	USA
The Rt Revd Matyhew Gunter	Diocese of Fond du Lac/Diocese of Eau Claire, Provisional	USA
The Rt Revd Megan McClure Traquair	Episcopal Diocese of Northern California	USA
The Rt Revd Patrick Bell	Eastern Oregon	USA
The Rt Revd Paul-Gordon Chandler	Wyoming	USA
The Rt Revd Phoebe Roaf	West Tennessee	USA
The Rt Revd Poulson Reed	Oklahoma	USA
The Rt Revd Prince Grenville Singh Ph.D.	Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan	USA
The Rt Revd Rob Skirving	East Carolina	USA
The Rt Revd Rob Wright	Atlanta	USA
The Rt Revd Ruth Woodliff-Stanley	Diocese of South Carolina	USA
The Rt Revd Samuel Rodman	North Carolina	USA
The Rt Revd Scott B. Hayashi	Utah	USA
The Rt Revd Sean Rowe	Northwestern Pennsylvania & Western New York	USA
The Rt Revd Susan B. Haynes	Southern Virginia	USA
The Rt Revd Susan Brown Snook	San Diego	USA
The Rt Revd Susan E. Goff	Virginia	USA
The Rt Revd Thomas James Brown	Maine	USA
The Rt Revd W. Nicholas Knisely	Rhode Island	USA
The Rt Revd Wendell N Gibbs	Assisting Bishop Diocese of Southern Ohio	USA
The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley	Diocese of South Carolina	USA
The Rtd Revd R. William Franklin	Diocese of Long Island, USA	USA

The Rt Revd Cherry Vann	Monmouth	Wales
The Rt Revd Gregory Cameron	St Asaph	Wales