

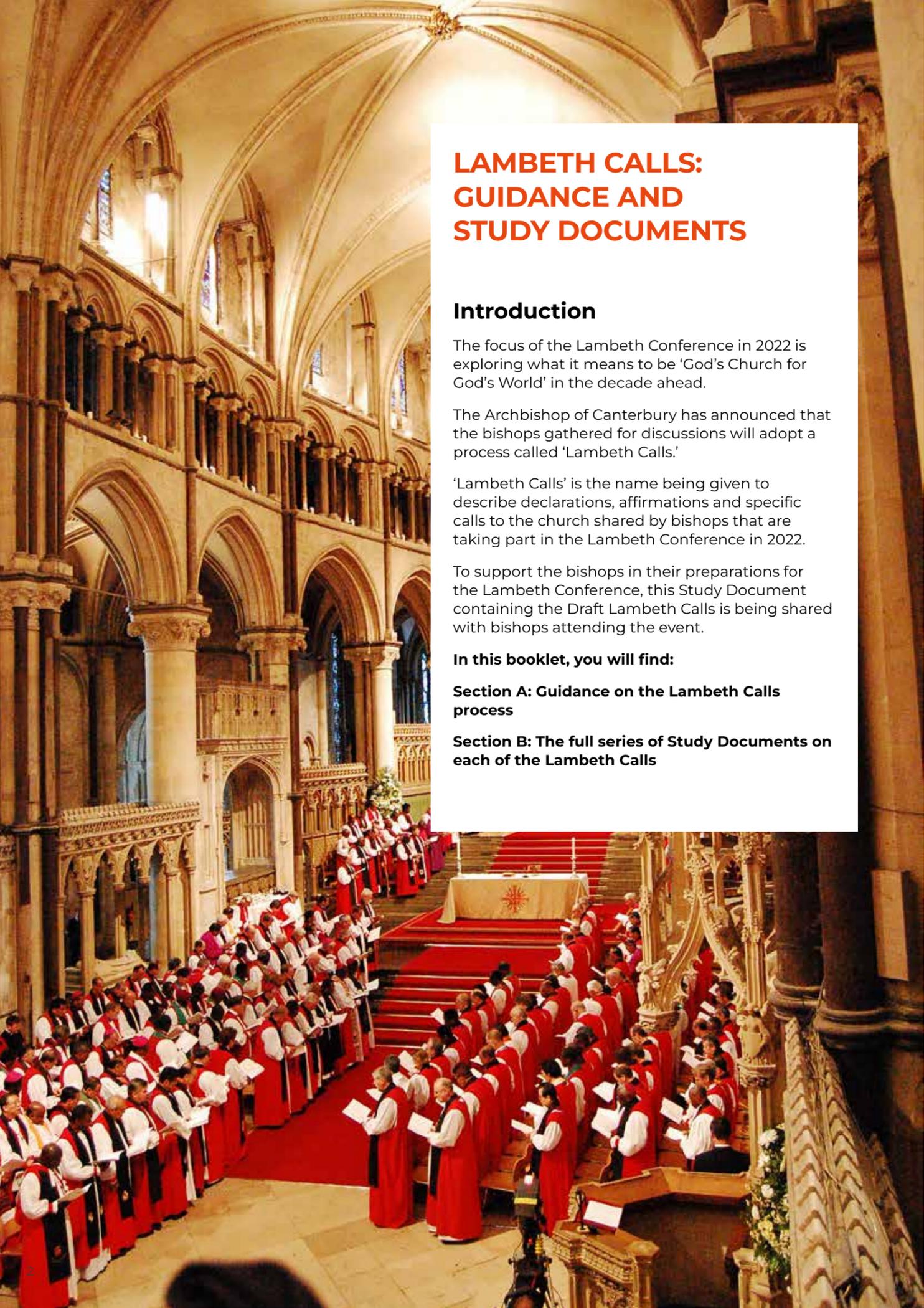
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Introduction

The focus of the Lambeth Conference in 2022 is exploring what it means to be 'God's Church for God's World' in the decade ahead.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has announced that the bishops gathered for discussions will adopt a process called 'Lambeth Calls.'

'Lambeth Calls' is the name being given to describe declarations, affirmations and specific calls to the church shared by bishops that are taking part in the Lambeth Conference in 2022.

To support the bishops in their preparations for the Lambeth Conference, this Study Document containing the Draft Lambeth Calls is being shared with bishops attending the event.

In this booklet, you will find:

Section A: Guidance on the Lambeth Calls process

Section B: The full series of Study Documents on each of the Lambeth Calls

SECTION A: GUIDANCE ON THE LAMBETH CALLS

The aim of the guidance in section A is to outline:

1. the purpose of Lambeth Calls
2. the elements of a Lambeth Call
3. the drafting process and work of the drafting teams for the Lambeth Call papers
4. the list of Lambeth Calls and lead authors on the drafting group
5. the aim of the Lambeth Calls study document
6. the process for how Lambeth Calls will be discussed at conference
7. the process for how bishops share their support for a Lambeth Call
8. how the Lambeth Calls will be taken forwards following the conference.

1. Lambeth Calls: What is their purpose?

At the 2022 Lambeth Conference there will be several 'Lambeth Calls' for Bishops to consider on themes being discussed in the plenary sessions at the Conference. Each Call has specific requests which are intended to ensure Bishops either take some action themselves or call others to reflection and or action.

Each Lambeth Call will be made public following bishops' conversations from the conference. Each Call will be 'offered' to the Anglican Communion. Member churches will be invited to consider the calls in their own synods and other bodies. It is expected that several themes from the 'calls' will be on the agenda for the meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in 2023.

2. What are the elements of Lambeth Calls?

Each Lambeth Call will be structured with the following elements:

- **A link with the First Epistle of Peter** – this may include a quote from the letter and indication how it relates to the topic or issue being discussed.
- **Declaration** – A section which declares what the Church Catholic wider teaches on this matter.
- **Affirmation** – A section which gives a summary of what Anglican churches have taught about it and sets out what the bishops of the Anglican Communion gathered in Canterbury in 2022 want to say about this topic or issue now.
- **Specific Calls or Requests** – A series of calls arising from the previous two sections which call upon bishop or Christians or the wider world to reflect or pray or take some action on this topic or issue.

Many of the specific calls or requests include an indication of who will be responsible to take these matters forward or to report back on any action undertaken and to whom they will report back and which body within the Anglican Communion is responsible.

3. The drafting process for Lambeth Calls

The Archbishop of Canterbury asked a Lambeth Calls Sub-Group to oversee the preparation of Lambeth Calls. The group was made up of Bishop Tim Thornton, Archbishop Melter Tais, Bishop Joseph Galgalo, the Revd Robert Heaney, the Revd Cathrine Ngangira, the Revd Will Adam and the Revd Stephen Spencer.

The Sub-Group established a series of Drafting Groups for each call. Each group has been comprised of primates and senior bishops, representing Anglican churches from around the Anglican Communion. Each Drafting Group was invited to include a youth representative in their discussions.

The Drafting Groups have had a staff member or members working with them either from Lambeth or the Anglican Communion office. Altogether over 50 people have been involved in the drafting and writing of the Calls. The Sub-Group have also provided some editorial support so that calls have a consistent format and likeness.

4. The Lambeth Calls and lead authors in the drafting process:

The Lambeth Call on Mission and Evangelism **Archbishop Melter Tais**

The Lambeth Call on Safe Church **Mr Garth Blake (Chair of the Anglican Safe Church Commission)**

The Lambeth Call on Anglican Identity **Archbishop Philip Richardson**

The Lambeth Call on Reconciliation. **Archbishop Thabo Makgoba**

The Lambeth Call on Human Dignity. **Archbishop Howard Gregory**

The Lambeth Call on The Environment and Sustainable Development. **Archbishop Julio Murray**

The Lambeth Call on Christian Unity. **Bishop Gregory Cameron**

The Lambeth Call on Inter faith Relations. **Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon**

The Lambeth Call on Discipleship. **Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**

The Lambeth Call on Science and Faith. **Bishop Steven Croft**

5. The aim of the Lambeth Call study document

To prepare for bishops' Lambeth Call discussions, a series of Study Documents are being shared to bishops attending the event.

These provide a draft of the Lambeth Call and/or a series of questions that bishops can use to think, reflect and pray.

The drafting groups invite all bishops registered for the Lambeth Conference to consider how each of the Lambeth Calls would be received and applied in their home contexts.

6. How the Lambeth Calls will be discussed at the Lambeth Conference

On most days of the Lambeth Conference, a plenary session will run, to look at a key theme. The plenary sessions include voices from around the Anglican Communion who will share a range of views and information given about the topic or issue.

The Lambeth Call discussions will follow the plenary each day, at which each section of the Lambeth Call paper will be discussed.

Bishops will be seated at round tables, for group discussions (bishops at the Lambeth Conference will take part in Bible Study groups each morning and will meet in the same groups for Lambeth Call discussions).

Bishops online will join virtual group discussions and consideration of the Calls.

The Lambeth Call sessions are for bishops only. In these slots spouses (who attend other parts of the conference with bishops) will go to their own sessions.

Calls sessions will be confidential and only bishops and ecumenical participants will be present.

7. How bishops approve Lambeth Calls

The Lambeth Call session will go through the Call section by section. At each section there will be a chance for each Bishop to indicate their view.

For those in venue at the event, there will be an electronic device for each Bishop. They can use this to express their level of support for a call. A similar process will be available for those online.

In case of any electronic failure there will be cards to use instead.

For each decision there will be two choices for each bishop to make:

- This Call speaks for me. I add my voice to it and commit myself to take the action I can to implement it.
- This Call requires further discernment. I commit my voice to the ongoing process.

During the Calls session there will be time for discussion and clarification of the Call. The lead author and drafting groups will be present to answer questions if needed. The aim in each session will be to consider if the Call can be issued publicly or not.

8. Taking the Lambeth Calls forward from the Lambeth Conference

The 2022 Lambeth Conference has been operating in three phases:

- **Phase 1 (listening together):** a listening and preparation phase, with bishops meeting for online discussions during 2021-22.
- **Phase 2 (walking together):** the in-person conference in Canterbury / online.
- **Phase 3 (witnessing together):** the post-event period, focused on ensuring that decisions are shared and implemented by provinces, churches, groups, commissions, and networks around the Anglican Communion. It is hoped that early reports on this will be shared at the next Anglican Communion Consultative Council meeting (ACC) in Ghana in 2023.