

# Mandate

In response to the Windsor Report published in 2004, the ACC 13 called for 'mutual listening.' Mutual listening formed the basis of the 2008 Lambeth Conference where the Bishops endorsed the Preliminary Observations of the Windsor Continuation Group including the commitments to the listening process. In the Final Report of the Windsor Continuation Group called for a renewed commitment to 'the Listening Process, and a real seeking of a common mind upon the issues which threaten to divide us.'

The 2009 Primates' Meeting endorsed the WCG and further strengthened the call for mutual listening recognising that a key aim was 'to enable a more profound listening to God and to one another.'

In response ACC 14 - Resolution 14:12 established the Continuing Indaba Project. The first phase of the project aimed to develop evaluated resources to enable participation in mutual listening across the Communion. Continuing Indaba described itself as a journey of conversation to strengthen relationships for mission.

Primates' Meeting 2011 lived out mutual listening and made the following commitment:

In our common life in Christ we are passionately committed to journeying together in honest conversation. In faith, hope, and love we seek to build our Communion and further the reign of God.

## ACC 15

ACC 15 gave an ongoing mandate to Continuing Indaba. In doing so it defined Indaba as:

'A process of honest conversation that seeks to build community, energize mission, and provide a context in which conflict can be resolved.'

## Resolution 15.21: Continuing Indaba

1. receives the report *Celebrating a Journey* presented to the Standing Committee in May 2012;
2. encourages all provinces of the Anglican Communion to engage with the theological work underpinning Continuing Indaba and to hear the stories of the Pilot Conversations;
3. requests the further development of Continuing Indaba to enable process resources to be offered to Provinces and dioceses across the Communion, including:
  - a. the effective communication of Continuing Indaba;
  - b. the widening of the theological base, gaining further biblical insights from more provinces of the Communion;
  - c. the development of models for facilitation and of a programme of facilitator training;
  - d. the commitment to evaluation.