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"God is alive. He holds the universe in hands." ~ The Rt. Rev. John Rodgers, Jr., in his book "Essentials and Truths for Christians", p. 20.

"If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" ~ Anonymous

Important News about the Planned January 2016 Meeting in Canterbury

Our October 6 Newsletter asked the questions: "Will the Anglican Communion heal its divisive existence? Can we look forward to a reunited Communion?" The answers to these questions remain unanswered, but it now appears at least the GAFCON and Global South Primates will attend the meeting at Canterbury Cathedral next January.

Following are a few excerpts from a meeting of the Global South Primates (GSP) in Cairo on October 18th, a meeting at which both the Archbishop of Canterbury and our ACNA Archbishop Foley Beach (see article below) attended:

From paragraph 3. – "We have agreed to attend the meeting, and welcome the invitation for the Primates to suggest the items of the agenda... which gives us a sense of ownership and responsibility to our meeting."

From paragraph 4. – “We grieved one more time at the unilateral decisions of... the Episcopal Church in the USA (TEC) to redefine marriage and to accept same-sex marriage... We see these resolutions as a clear departure from not only the accepted traditional teaching of the Anglican Communion, but also from that of the one Holy, Universal, and Apostolic Church, which upholds the scriptural view of marriage between one man and one woman.”

Assuming that these agreements hold, in the face of anticipated strong opposition from TEC, the meetings in Canterbury should proceed as scheduled. We will watch for and report future events as they develop.

As we said on 6 October, “Is there a way for these church bodies to share one altar and one chalice? That has been the central question, for many decades.” We pray that will be the outcome.

The ACNA becomes a full member of both the GAFCON and the Global South

In a separate statement in the GSP communique announced: “We rejoiced to welcome the Anglican Church in North America as a partner province to the Global South, represented by its Archbishop, the Most Reverend Foley Beach.”

But one more step to place our ACNA on the central stage of Anglicanism. Congratulations to Dr. Beach and Bishop Sutton and to all those who have strived so diligently to bring us to this position.

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