

Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue Consultation in the United States



Anglicans and Roman Catholics are committed formally to the full, visible unity of the Church. In the United States, this ecumenical relationship is between the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and The Episcopal Church, encouraged by the work of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue Consultation in the United States (ARCUSA), meeting at least annually since 1967. The Episcopal Church participated in international Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue from its beginnings until 2003.

In addition to developing resources for pastoral approaches to marriages of Episcopalians and Roman Catholics, ARCUSA has fostered the development of local parish and diocesan relationships between our two churches. As a theological dialogue, ARCUSA both drafts and responds to common statements on doctrine, church structure, and mission.

Full Communion as Goal

In a common declaration signed in 2006 by Rowan Williams, then Archbishop of Canterbury, and Pope Benedict XVI, the two leaders renewed the historic commitment to the goal of “full visible communion in the truth of Christ.”

ARCUSA Website

<http://arcusa.church>

The website of ARCUSA provides a roster, links, and documentation of all common statements of this dialogue since 1999.

Commissioned Bishops

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Pope Francis commissioned 19 pairs of Anglican/Episcopal and Roman Catholic bishops around the world for shared mission in 2016. The bishops serve in the United States, Canada, Belgium, Brazil, Egypt, England, France, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Lebanon, Malawi, Melanesia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Scotland, South Africa, and Sri Lanka.



International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (IARCCUM)

<https://iarccum.org>

This group was established by the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church as an official joint commission in 2000, meeting regularly since 2001.

Anglican Centre in Rome

<https://www.anglicancentreinrome.org>

Episcopalians—and Anglicans around the world—have a major resource of relationship in the Anglican Centre in Rome, the permanent Anglican Communion presence in Rome since 1966. The ACR offers seminars online and in person, opportunities for group and individual study, and a location for shared worship and service. It encourages conversation and dialogue through ministries of education and hospitality.

Roman Catholic Provinces and Episcopal Church Dioceses

<https://iam.ec/rctec>

The chart at this site helps Episcopalians and Roman Catholics to identify their local counterparts.



More Resources

Contact the Rev. Margaret Rose, Deputy for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, at mrose@episcopalchurch.org.

Visit our webpage on the dialogue between The Episcopal Church and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops at <https://iam.ec/tecusccb>.

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