

The Kingdom Norms Bishops' Statement 2002

The Kingdom Norm's statement that was agreed upon by the representatives of the various bodies at the first Anglican Leadership Summit held in Atlanta in November 2000. The document below ratifies the year 2000 agreement.

1. We the undersigned Bishops in the Church of God in attendance at the U.S. Anglican Congress, convened at The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, Georgia, December 4-7, 2002, hereby declare our unity in common commitment to the following Kingdom Norms:

The Kingdom Norms (Toward Co-operation and Accountability)

Our common allegiance is to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and to the historic Catholic faith and morals. We are, therefore:

committed to unity among orthodox Anglicans, both within and without the Anglican communion as presently constituted, respecting one another's callings in different judicatories, and respecting our differences regarding the Book of Common Prayer and the ordained ministry of women during this continuing period of reception and discernment. In light of this, we are:

- *committed to honoring one another's ministries in word and deed, even where disagreement exists;*
- *committed to consulting personally where malice is alleged or perceived;*
- *committed to not speaking ill of one another, and committed to working together in mission, by:*
- *proclaiming the Gospel, challenging false teaching, and working collegially in the development of mission strategy.*

Signed:

+Robert Duncan, ECUSA Bishop of Pittsburgh; +Ray R. Sutton, Dallas, REC;
+Leonard W. Riches, Presiding Bishop, REC; +Jack L. Iker, ECUSA Bishop
of Fort Worth; +John H. Rodgers, Jr., AMiA; +Keith L. Ackerman, ECUSA
Bishop of Quincy; +Donald Perschall, American Anglican Church; +Richard
J. Boyce, Seattle, Anglican Province of America; +Daniel R. Morse,
Memphis, REC; +Maurice W. Sinclair, Retired Primate, Anglican Province
of the Southern Cone of South America; +James C. West, Jr., REC; +Peter
Brewer, Anglican Province of America; +Walter H. Grundorf, Presiding
Bishop, Anglican Province in America; +Malcolm Harding, Anglican Church
of Canada; +Alden M. Hathaway, Retired ECUSA Bishop of Pittsburgh;
+Bernard Malango, Primate of the Anglican Province of Central Africa;
+Francis R Lyons, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Bolivia; +Charles H.
Murphy, III, AMiA; +Thaddeus R Barnum, AMiA; +Peter Riola, Communion of
Evangelical Episcopal Churches.