

Presiding Bishop and Primate speaks on actions at Primates Meeting

January 15, 2016

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By Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs press release

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The following is the text of the presiding bishop's statement:

Before I say a word about our gathering here at the Primates Meeting, I just want to say a word of thank you to you for all of your prayers: your prayers for this meeting, your prayers for me personally, both here and in my earlier sickness. We are well, and God is God, and I thank you.

Let me say a word about the meeting.

This is not the outcome we expected, and while we are disappointed, it's important to remember that the Anglican Communion is really not a matter of structure and organization. The Anglican Communion is a network of relationships that have been built on mission partnerships; relationships that are grounded in a common faith; relationships in companion diocese relationships; relationships with parish to parish across the world; relationships that are profoundly committed to serving and following the way of Jesus of Nazareth by helping the poorest of the poor, and helping this world to be a place where no child goes to bed hungry ever. That's what the Anglican Communion is, and that Communion continues and moves forward.

This has been a disappointing time for many, and there will be heartache and pain for many, but it's important to remember that we are still part of the Anglican Communion. We are the Episcopal Church, and we are part of the Jesus Movement, and that Movement goes on, and our work goes on. And the truth is, it may be part of our vocation to help the Communion and to help many others to grow in a direction where we can realize and live the love that God has for all of us, and we can one day be a Church and a Communion where all of God's children are fully welcomed, where this is truly a house of prayer for all people. And maybe it's a part of our vocation to help that

to happen. And so we must claim that high calling; claim the high calling of love and faith; love even for those with whom we disagree, and then continue, and that we will do, and we will do it together.

We are part of the Jesus Movement, and the cause of God's love in this world can never stop and will never be defeated.

God love you. God bless you. And you keep the faith. And we move forward.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

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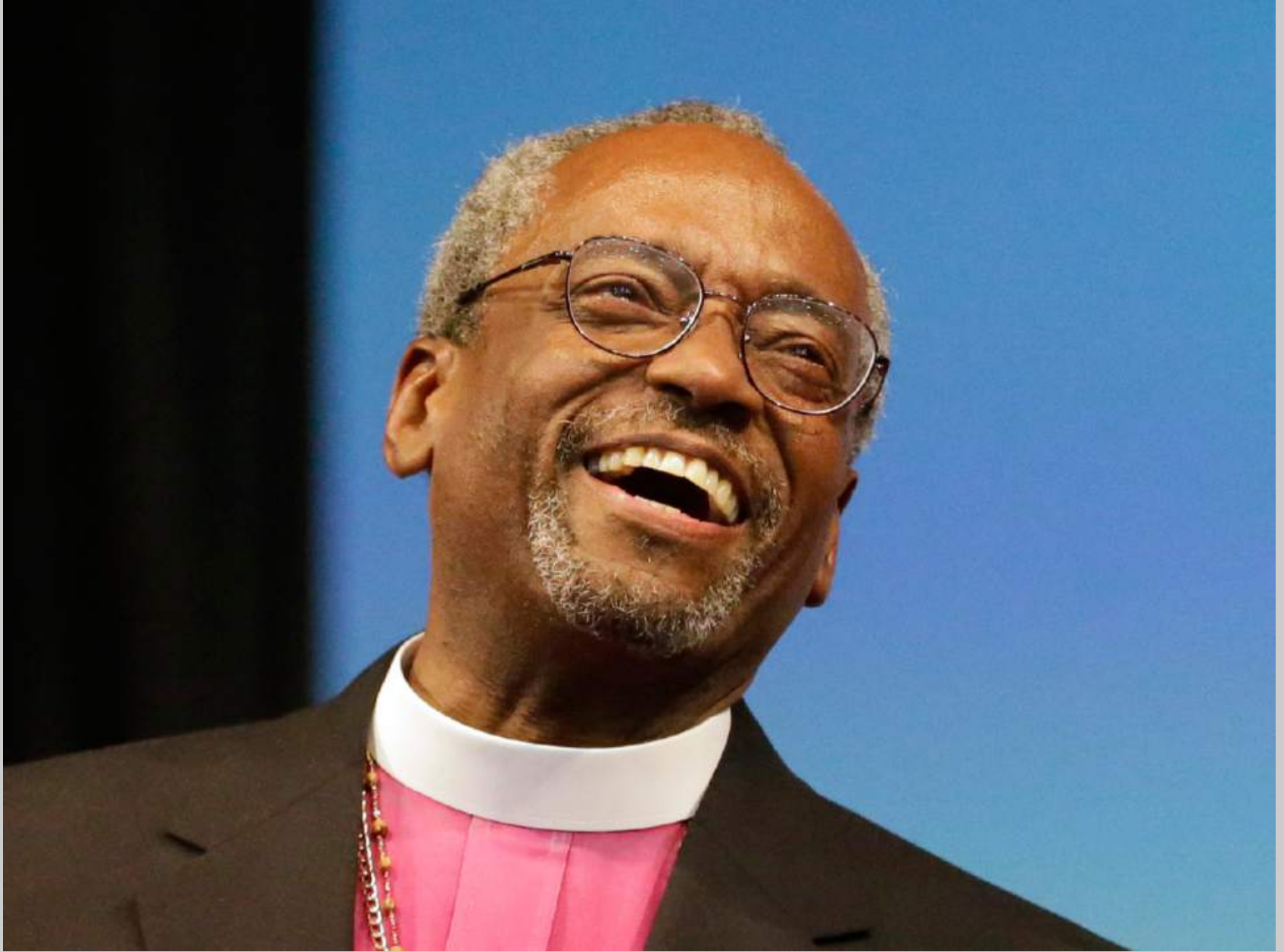
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Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas 2015 message
"As the words were spoken on that night when Jesus was born, peace, good will to all people, God bless you, God keep you."
December 24, 2015

[Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs press release] "As the words were spoken on that night when Jesus was born, peace, good will to all people, God bless you, God keep you," Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry says in his Christmas 2015 message. The video of Presiding Bishop Curry's Christmas message is [here](#) The following is the transcript of the Presiding Bishop's Chris...



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Video - Transformed by service in South Africa: Young Adult Service Corps **(<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/12/16/video-transformed-by-service-in-south-africa-young-adult-service-corps/>)**

December 16, 2015

[Episcopal News Service — Salt Lake City] Steve Smith from the Diocese of California served for two years as a Young Adult Service Corps missionary in Grahamstown, South Africa, where he lived at the Mariya uMama weThemba Monastery and taught at Holy Cross School. Smith talks about the fruits of the YASC program and the importance of providing young Episcopalians with the opportunity to cross cultural boundaries, build...

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Episcopal COP21 delegates emboldened in climate change advocacy

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Negotiators reach historic agreement to limit warming
December 14, 2015



[Episcopal News Service – Le Bourget, France] Negotiators meeting at the 21st annual Conference of the Parties, COP21, reached a historic agreement aimed at reducing carbon emissions and holding global warming to below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit), a move that represents a potential shift in how countries will meet their energy needs. It's the first-ever binding, international treaty in 20 years of...

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Video - Transformed by service in Haiti: Young Adult Service Corps

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December 09, 2015

[Episcopal News Service] Ashley Bingaman, a music teacher from Virginia, served as a missionary in Haiti from 2012-2014 with the Episcopal Church's Young Adult Service Corps program. "We're not called to go be the savior. We're not called to go be the hero," she says. "We are called to share Christ's love and we are called to be in relationship." Young adults (21-30 years old)...

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Presiding Bishop and Primate resting after surgery **(http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/12/08/presiding-bishop-and-primate-resting-after-surgery/)**

December 08, 2015

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry is resting comfortably following surgery in a Virginia hospital on Tuesday, December 8. According to the Presiding Bishop, his family, and his medical team, the surgery went well, as had been expected. Bishop Curry is alert and awake, and a full recovery continues to be anticipated. Presiding Bishop Curry was taken to the hospital Sunday, December 6 after a visitat...

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Prayers for our Presiding Bishop and Primate **(http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/12/07/prayers-for-our-presiding-bishop-and-primate/)**

Prayers for healing are asked for Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry.

December 07, 2015

The Presiding Bishop's Office has announced that Presiding Bishop Curry was taken to a hospital Dec. 6 after a visitation to Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. The Presiding Bishop subsequently was diagnosed with a subdural hematoma, and was transferred to a medical center in Richmond for treatment. A full recovery is expected. Presiding Bishop Curry is currently resting and has created the follo...

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Video: Presiding Bishop, L.A. bishop visit site of San Bernardino shootings **(http://ens.episcopal.me:/dfc/newsdetail_2/3175743)**

December 06, 2015

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry and Bishop J. Jon Bruno of the Diocese of Los Angeles visited the site of the San Bernardino, California, shootings on Dec. 4 and offered this video statement.

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In Los Angeles, Episcopalians partnering with others to help refugees **(http://ens.episcopal.me:/dfc/newsdetail_2/3175534)**

‘Welcoming the Stranger’ more crucial now than ever

November 20, 2015



After three years in a Jordanian refugee camp, the Syrian family of four – soon to be five – arrived Nov. 12 at the Los Angeles International Airport with the few possessions they'd stuffed into suitcases and bags. Awaiting them was a welcome team from All Saints Church in Pasadena, and Raffi Manser, a caseworker for the Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Service. The church is partnering with IRIS, a progr...

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Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry addresses Syrian refugee crisis: 'Be not afraid!' **(<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/11/18/presiding-bishop-michael-b-curry-addresses-syrian-refugee-crisis-be-not-afraid/>)**

Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael B. Curry addresses the current Syrian refugee crisis:

November 18, 2015

"Be not afraid!" Often in the gospels, fear grips the people of God, and time and again, either the angels, or Our Lord himself, respond with the same words of comfort: "Be not afraid." In times like this fear is real. And I share that fear with you. Our instinct tells us

to be afraid. The fight-or-flight mentality takes hold. At the present moment, many across our Church and our world are grasped by...

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Video: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry: 'This is the Jesus Movement' **(http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/11/02/video-presiding-bishop-michael-curry-this-is-the-jesus-movement/)**

November 06, 2015



"This is the Jesus Movement, and we are The Episcopal Church, the Episcopal branch of Jesus' movement in this world," Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry says in his first address as Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church. Filmed at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City, Presiding Bishop Curry continues, "Now is our time to go. To go into the world, let the world kn..."

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Curry installed as 27th Presiding Bishop and Episcopal Church primate **(http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/11/01/curry**

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Evangelism, racial reconciliation rooted in love will anchor work ahead, he says

November 01, 2015



At the start of his All Saints Sunday installation Eucharist in Washington National Cathedral, Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry declared his bona fides to the church. After knocking on the west doors in the traditional manner at noon as the sun broke through the clouds and being admitted to the cathedral by the Very Rev. Gary Hall, the cathedral's dean, and Diocese of Washington Bishop Mariann Budde, Curry was asked ...

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Video: Presiding Bishop urges compassionate response to refugee crisis

(http://ens.episcopal.me:/dfc/newsdetail_2/3175038)

This article is part of an ongoing series exploring the response to the global refugee crisis by The Episcopal Church and its ecumenical and interfaith partners. Other articles in the series are available [here](#).

October 26, 2015

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori speaks about the refugee crisis and encourages a more compassionate response to those fleeing war and persecution throughout the world. Some photos provided by Reuters. Resources for education and response The most recent updates from Episcopal Relief & Development about its response to the refugee crisis, as well as ways to donate, are available here. Presiding Bishop Katharin...

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