

[From the Anglican Communion News Service] The Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) has committed itself to "walk together" with the Primates of the Anglican Communion in response to Archbishop Justin Welby's report on January's Primates' Gathering and Meeting in Canterbury, which called for "consequences" for the US-based Episcopal Church following its decision to change its regulations to allow same-sex marriage.

The Archbishop briefed members of the ACC last week about the Primates' meeting; and this week they unanimously agreed a resolution backing the Primates' decisions.

Speaking to ACNS last night, as he prepared to fly out of Lusaka at the end of the ACC-16 meeting, Archbishop Justin welcomed the resolution. "The actions of the ACC demonstrate that it is working in close collaboration with the Primates, as has been the aim since both started and is set out especially in Resolution 52 of the Lambeth Conference 1988," he said.

"Given that my report, referred to in the resolution, incorporated the Communiqué and was very explicit on consequences; the resolution clearly supports and accepts all the Primates' Meeting conclusions.

"No member of the Episcopal Church stood for office in the ACC or Standing Committee. The consequences of the Primates meeting have been fully implemented."

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