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The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, met the President of the Republic of Zambia, His Excellency Edgar Lungu, this morning, accompanied by the Archbishop of Central Africa, Albert Chama and the Bishop of Eastern Zambia, William Mchombo.

The President and the Archbishop held wide-ranging discussions for around an hour, discussing issues ranging from the role of the church in health and education; to conflicts in Burundi and elsewhere in Africa; and from the care of refugees to the provision of microfinance to support small business start-ups.

Archbishop Justin praised Zambia's history of peaceful development and said that the country was an example to the rest of the Continent; describing Zambia as "a treasure within Africa".

At the end of the meeting Archbishop Justin prayed for President Lungu and the people of Zambia

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