

# MALINES CONVERSATIONS GROUP

*COMMUNIQUÉ*  
**APRIL 24, 2017**

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The fifth international meeting of the Malines Conversations Group took place in Cambridge, UK, between Sunday 19th March and Thursday 23rd March 2017. Under the patronage of Cardinal Godfried Danneels (Archbishop Emeritus of Malines-Brussels) and The Right Reverend and Right Honourable The Lord Williams of Oystermouth (former Archbishop of Canterbury), this informal group comprises Anglican and Roman Catholic theologians from seven different countries and meets with the blessing and support of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity and Lambeth Palace. It includes members of both ARCIC and IARCCUM. Last year's meeting in Rome considered questions of ecclesiology, sacramentality and orders, whilst this year's gathering continued to develop these themes whilst focussing in particular on discerning and developing methodology.

The Group was welcomed to Clare College, Cambridge, for Choral Evensong at which the preacher was The Very Revd Vivienne Faull, Dean of York, and for a dinner at which the Earl of Halifax spoke movingly about his ecumenically-pioneering great-Grandfather. The Group is also grateful for the welcome of King's and Corpus Christi colleges, and for the hospitality extended to them by the Bishop of Ely, the Master of Trinity Hall, and the Master of Magdalene College, Lord Williams. Mgr Mark Langham, Catholic Chaplain to Cambridge University, celebrated the Eucharist with the group at Fisher House before offering them lunch.

During seminars and conversations, the group reflected on methodologies to “under-tunnel” some of the more complex remaining questions between the Anglican Communion and the Catholic Church. The group was guided in its thinking about scripture by The Revd Dr Will Lamb, Vice Principal of Westcott House, and in considering Patristic tradition by The Revd Dr Anders Bergquist. Canonical questions, in particular relating to the 1896 Bull *Apostolicae Curae*, were discussed in detail with two distinguished canonists The Revd Dr James Conn SJ and Professor Norman Doe. The group also continued its discussions on gender and ordination led by The Revd Professor Sarah Coakley (Norris Hulse Professor of Divinity at Cambridge) and Professor Paul Murray (of Durham University).

The meeting took place within the context of daily prayer in Clare College Chapel, as well as in joining the congregation at Ely Cathedral for Choral Evensong.

The Malines Conversation Group is immensely grateful to all its sponsors and supporters, Anglican and Catholic alike. A sixth meeting is planned for next Spring, in New Jersey, USA.

ANGLICAN MEMBERS:

- The Most Revd David Moxon. Representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Holy See and the director of the Anglican Centre in Rome; Co-Chairman of ARCIC III
- The Revd Dr Jennifer Cooper, Lecturer in Theology, College of the Resurrection, Mirfield; Research Fellow, Campion Hall and member of the Faculty of Theology, Oxford
- The Revd Dr James Hawkey, Dean and Director of Studies in Theology of Clare College, Cambridge; member of the International Anglican-Reformed Dialogue; member of the CofE-URC Dialogue
- The Revd Dr Simon Jones, Chaplain and Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, and Consultant to the Church of England Liturgical Commission
- The Revd Dr Jeremy Morris, Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Senior Associate of the Cambridge Theological Federation, Affiliated Lecturer at the Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge University, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society
- The Revd Dr Michael Nai-Chiu Poon, Canon of St Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, research fellow of the Divinity School of Chung Chi College, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and member of ARCIC III
- The Very Revd Canon David Richardson, Former representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Holy See and director of the Anglican Centre in Rome - *not present*
- The Revd Canon Professor Nicholas Sagovsky, Former Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey; member of ARCIC - *not present*

CATHOLIC MEMBERS:

- The Most Reverend Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R, Archbishop of Indianapolis - *not present*
- The Revd Anthony Currer, Secretary to the Anglican and Methodist dialogues at the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, Rome
- Professor Joris Geldhof, Professor of Liturgical Studies and Sacramental Theology at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium; Chair of the Liturgical Institute Leuven; Editor-in-chief of the bilingual journal Questions Liturgiques/Studies in Liturgy
- Dr Maryana Hnyp, Director of Religious and Spiritual Formation Program for International Students, University Chaplaincy, KU Leuven; Research Associate, Research Unit of Practical and Empirical Theology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- The Revd Professor Keith Pecklers, SJ, Professor of Liturgy at the Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome), Professor of Liturgical History at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute of Sant'Anselmo (Rome); founding president of the International Jungmann Society
- The Revd Professor Thomas Pott OSB, Monastery of Chevetogne (Belgium); Professor of Oriental Liturgy and Sacramentology at the Pontifical Atheneum Sant'Anselmo and at the Pontifical Oriental Institute (Rome)
- The Revd Cyrille Vael OSB, Monastery of Chevetogne (Belgium)
- Dr. Clare Watkins, Lecturer of Ministerial Theology, Department of Humanities, University of Roehampton, London, UK