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1. **March 18th, 2003 – ECUSA House of Bishops Theology Committee asked that “the Episcopal Church refrain from any attempt to settle the matter legislatively... Sensitive restraint and mutual forbearance is needed rather than a vote”**

<http://dfms.org/presiding-bishop/pdf/theologycomreport.pdf>

[8.1] For these reasons, it is imperative that the Episcopal Church refrain from any attempt to settle the matter legislatively... Sensitive restraint and mutual forbearance is needed rather than a vote that might “win” the argument for some and leave others seemingly rejected.

2. **May 27th, 2003 – Primates meeting in Brazil state “there is no theological consensus about same sex unions. Therefore, we cannot support the authorization of such rites.”**

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/articles/34/50/acns3450.html>

The question of public rites for the blessing of same sex unions is still a cause of potentially divisive controversy. The Archbishop of Canterbury ... said that it is through liturgy that we express what we believe, and that there is no theological consensus about same sex unions. Therefore, we as a body cannot support the authorisation of such rites.

3. **July 15th, 2003 - Twenty-Four Episcopal Bishops commit to "Common Responses" with Worldwide Anglican Leaders to Address Crisis in ECUSA**

<http://www.americananglican.org/News/News.cfm?ID=655&c=21>

"The election in New Hampshire of a man who openly confesses an active homosexual relationship to be Bishop Coadjutor, and the inclusion of a measure affirming the blessing of same-sex unions on the agenda of the upcoming General Convention, both serve as symbols of a desperately confused, errant and disintegrating Anglican province," said the Bishops.

4. **July 23rd, 2003 – ABC warns Primates that “certain decisions” on human sexuality could have “the effect of deepening the divide between Provinces”**

<http://www.cfdiocese.org/gencon/Rowan%207-23-03.htm>

We have ways of being accountable to each other, so that decisions in any one local Church are not taken without consultation and awareness of the consequences a decision may have for other Churches,” he wrote. He argued that “certain decisions” on human sexuality could have “the effect of deepening the divide between Provinces” especially on shared understanding of discipline and on the authority of Scripture.

5. **July 23rd, 2003 – Primates, Bishops and other leaders state that actions by GC2003 to confirm a non-celibate homosexual as a bishop or to approve the creation of liturgies for the blessing of relationships outside of marriage would shatter the church.**

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/articles/35/00/acns3522.html>

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6. **July 30th, 2003 – ECUSA General Convention rejects Resolution B001.**

http://submitresolution.dfms.org/view_leg_detail.aspx?id=B001&type=ORIGINAL

That this 74th General Convention (GC) affirms that "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation," and that this GC re-affirms that "it is not lawful for the Church to ordain [that is, establish or enact] any thing that is contrary to God's Word written, neither may it so expound one place of Scripture, that it be repugnant to another," and that this GC affirms that every member of this Church is conscience-bound first of all to obey the teaching and direction of Our Lord Jesus Christ as set forth in Holy Scripture in any matter where a decision or action of this Church, or this General Convention, may depart from that teaching; and that this GC re-affirms that the statements known as the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral of 1886, 1888, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 continue to be true and accurate statements of the faith and policy of this Church, and the Anglican Communion; and that this GC affirms that councils of the Church have, and sometimes will, err but that Our Lord Jesus Christ, present through the person of the Holy Spirit, can and will correct such error.

7. **Aug 5th, 2003 – GC2003 confirms V. Gene Robinson's appointment to bishop.**

http://gc2003.episcopalchurch.org/ens/3577_17965_ENG_HTM.htm

http://gc2003.episcopalchurch.org/ens/3577_18269_ENG_HTM.htm

In a vote by orders on resolution C045, lay deputations voted 63 yes, 32 no, and 13 divided. Clergy deputations voted 65 yes, 31 no, and 12 divided. Diocesan bishops only were permitted to cast ballots; 62 voted in favor, 43 were opposed. Two bishops did not vote.

8. **Aug 5th, 2003 – Primates, Bishops and other leaders "greatly regret today's vote"**

<http://www.anglican-mainstream.net/news15.htm>

Sadly this decision ignores the mind of the Anglican Communion as set out by the Lambeth Conference in 1998 in its Resolution 1.10 and the Primates' Meeting in Brazil in May 2003.

The Convention's vote is contrary to the clear teaching of Holy Scripture and the Anglican formularies about marriage. If the consecration of Canon Robinson proceeds, the Convention will be taking ECUSA outside the scriptural and currently agreed boundaries of the Anglican Communion.

9. **Aug 6th, 2003 – GC2003 approves Resolution C051 "Local Options"**

http://submitresolution.dfms.org/view_leg_detail.aspx?id=C051&type=FINAL

1. That our life together as a community of faith is grounded in the saving work of Jesus Christ and expressed in the principles of the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral: Holy Scripture, the historic Creeds of the Church, the two dominical sacraments, and the historic episcopate.
2. That we reaffirm Resolution A069 of the 65th General Convention (1976) that "*homosexual persons are children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the Church*".
3. That, in our understanding of homosexual persons, differences exist among us about how best to care pastorally for those who intend to live in monogamous, non-celibate unions; and what is, or

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should be, required, permitted, or prohibited by the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church concerning the blessing of the same.

4. That we reaffirm Resolution D039 of the 73rd General Convention (2000), that "*We expect such relationships will be characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication, and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God*", and that such relationships exist throughout the church.
5. That, we recognize that local faith communities are operating within the bounds of our common life as they explore and experience liturgies celebrating and blessing same-sex unions.
6. That we commit ourselves, and call our church, in the spirit of Resolution A104 of the 70th General Convention (1991), to continued prayer, study, and discernment on the pastoral care of gay and lesbian persons, to include, the compilation and development, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, of resources to facilitate as wide a conversation of discernment as possible throughout the church.
7. That our baptism into Jesus Christ is inseparable from our communion with one another, and we commit ourselves to that communion despite our diversity of opinion and, among dioceses, a diversity of pastoral practice with the gay men and lesbians among us.
8. That it is a matter of faith that our Lord longs for our unity as his disciples, and for us this entails living within the boundaries of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church. We believe this discipline expresses faithfulness to our polity and that it will facilitate the conversation we seek not only in the Episcopal Church, but also in the wider Anglican Communion and beyond.

10. Oct 7-9, 2003 – “Plano” AAC meeting in Dallas of 2700 concerned Episcopalians

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/articles/36/00/acns3617.html>

2. We repudiate the 74th General Convention's confirmation of a non-celibate homosexual to be a bishop of the Church, and its acceptance of same-sex blessings as part of our common life.
4. We call the leadership of the Episcopal Church to repent of and reverse the unbiblical and schismatic actions of the General Convention.
5. We declare our commitment to the Lord's life-giving teaching about sexuality and marriage embraced by Christians throughout all ages, and as affirmed by the 1998 Lambeth Conference. We celebrate God's unconditional love for all people, and we proclaim God's transforming power for everyone seeking sexual purity and wholeness.

11. Oct 8th, 2003 – Vatican sends letter of support to the meeting in Dallas

<http://www.ratzingerfanclub.com/>

“I hasten to assure you of my heartfelt prayers for all those taking part in this convocation... The lives of these saints show us how in the Church of Christ there is a unity in truth and a communion of grace which transcend the borders of any nation. With this in mind, I pray in particular that God's will may be done by all those who seek that unity in the truth, the gift of Christ himself.”

12. Oct 15-16, 2003 – Primates meeting reaffirms Lambeth resolution I.10

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<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/articles/36/25/acns3633.html>

These actions threaten the unity of our own Communion as well as our relationships with other parts of Christ's Church, our mission and witness, and our relations with other faiths, in a world already confused in areas of sexuality, morality and theology, and polarised Christian opinion.

We also re-affirm the resolutions made by the bishops of the Anglican Communion gathered at the Lambeth Conference in 1998 on issues of human sexuality as having moral force and commanding the respect of the Communion as its present position on these issues.

Therefore, as a body we deeply regret the actions of the ... Episcopal Church (USA) which appear to a number of provinces to have short-circuited that process, and could be perceived to alter unilaterally the teaching of the Anglican Communion on this issue. They do not.

If his consecration proceeds, we recognise that we have reached a crucial and critical point in the life of the Anglican Communion and we have had to conclude that the future of the Communion itself will be put in jeopardy. In this case, the ministry of this one bishop will not be recognised by most of the Anglican world, and many provinces are likely to consider themselves to be out of Communion with the Episcopal Church (USA). This will tear the fabric of our Communion at its deepest level, and may lead to further division on this and further issues as provinces have to decide in consequence whether they can remain in communion with provinces that choose not to break communion with the Episcopal Church (USA).

Resolution I.10

- (a) commends to the Church the subsection report on human sexuality;
- (b) in view of the teaching of Scripture, upholds faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman in lifelong union, and believes that abstinence is right for those who are not called to marriage;
- (c) recognises that there are among us persons who experience themselves as having a homosexual orientation. Many of these are members of the Church and are seeking the pastoral care, moral direction of the Church, and God's transforming power for the living of their lives and the ordering of relationships. We commit ourselves to listen to the experience of homosexual persons and we wish to assure them that they are loved by God and that all baptised, believing and faithful persons, regardless of sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of Christ;
- (d) while rejecting homosexual practice as incompatible with Scripture, calls on all our people to minister pastorally and sensitively to all irrespective of sexual orientation and to condemn irrational fear of homosexuals, violence within marriage and any trivialisation and commercialisation of sex;
- (e) cannot advise the legitimising or blessing of same sex unions nor ordaining those involved in same gender unions;
- (f) requests the Primates and the ACC to establish a means of monitoring the work done on the subject of human sexuality in the Communion and to share statements and resources among us;
- (g) notes the significance of the Kuala Lumpur Statement on Human Sexuality and the concerns expressed in resolutions IV.26, V.1, V.10, V.23 and V.35 on the authority of Scripture in matters of marriage and sexuality and asks the Primates and the ACC to include them in their monitoring process.

13. Nov 2nd, 2003 – VG Robinson's consecration takes place, PB Griswold presides

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http://gc2003.episcopalchurch.org/ens/3577_21297_ENG_HTM.htm

14. Nov 3rd, 2003 – Global South Primates issue repudiation

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/special/humansexuality/hs30.html>

“We are appalled that the authorities within ECUSA have ignored the heartfelt plea of the Communion not to proceed with the scheduled consecration of Canon Gene Robinson. They have ignored the clear and strong warning of its detrimental consequences for the unity of the Communion which was contained in the Statement from the Primates' Meeting of October 15th and 16th which was unanimously assented to by the thirty-seven Primates present including the presiding bishop of ECUSA.

The overwhelming majority of the Primates of the Global South cannot and will not recognize the office or ministry of Canon Gene Robinson as a bishop.

We deplore the act of those bishops who have taken part in the consecration which has now divided the Church in violation of their obligation to guard the faith and unity of the church. A state of impaired communion now exists both within a significant part of ECUSA and between ECUSA and most of the provinces within the Communion. By its actions, ECUSA is held solely responsible for this division. In addition to violating the clear and consistent teaching of the Bible, the consecration directly challenges the common teaching, common practice and common witness within the one Anglican Communion.

As ECUSA has willfully disregarded the strong warnings given at Lambeth that such an action would "tear the fabric of the communion at its deepest level", we can now have no basis whatsoever for any further confidence that ECUSA will pay any regard to the findings of the recently announced Commission set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

As Primates who represent over fifty million Anglicans, we ... affirm the ministry of the bishops, clergy and laity in ECUSA who have, as a matter of principle, and in fidelity to the historic teaching of the Church, opposed the actions taken at General Convention and objected to the consecration.”

15. Nov 12th, 2003 – Primate of Central Africa sends letter to PB indicating his feelings “of grief and of betrayal”

<http://www.cwnews.com/offtherecord/offtherecord.cfm?task=singledisplay&recnum=1323>

I cannot begin to tell you the depth of grief and of betrayal your actions have caused. What seemed an impossible situation suddenly became filled with hope as all of us-including you-agreed on the Pastoral Letter.

It was unbelievable to me to receive reports that you walked out of the meeting and told people that you did not agree with the statement. It was dishonest, false, and a great betrayal. How can there be any hope for a shared future when communications and commitments mean nothing?

In fact, you leave me mystified. What could possibly be considered sin?

What needs redemption? Where is judgment, atonement, and where is the cross of Christ?

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Now, not only have you signaled your disapproval of what all the primates agreed to at Lambeth Palace, you proceeded to be the chief consecrator at the act which has devastated the Anglican Communion and disrupted centuries of common witness and ministry.

To sit with you and meet with you would be a lie. We are not one. We do not share the same faith or Gospel. You should resign and let someone else lead; someone who shares the faith of the Communion-the faith of the church catholic.

Despite this pain, the Bible is clear that there is welcome for the repentant. There is forgiveness for those who turn to the Lord. Nothing would give me greater joy than to see you restored.

16. Nov 13th, 2003- Kenya declares Impaired Communion with ECUSA

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/special/humansexuality/hs33.html>

The Anglican Church of Kenya deeply regrets the move by the Episcopal Church of USA to consecrate the Canon Gene Robinson as an openly Gay Bishop.

We give the assurance of our solidarity and Episcopal support to those Bishops, Clergy and laity in various dioceses in ECUSA who continue to uphold the historic faith and order of the Church.

All those Churches of our great Communion that have so far deviated from the norms and the historic faith of the Church have, by their own action, impaired communion.

17. Nov 17th, 2003 – Russian Orthodox Church breaks ties with ECUSA

http://gc2003.episcopalchurch.org/ens/3577_21991_ENG_HTM.htm

However, the 'consecration' of a gay priest has made any communications with him and with those who consecrated him impossible.

We shall not be able to cooperate with these people not only in the theological dialogue, but also in the humanitarian and religious and public spheres. We have no right to allow even a particle of agreement with their position, which we consider to be profoundly anti-Christian and blasphemous.

Because of this situation the Russian Orthodox Church is forced to suspend the work of the Joint Coordinating Committee and to freeze her contacts with the Episcopalian Church in the USA.

We want to maintain contacts and cooperation with those members of the Episcopal Church in the USA who clearly declared their loyalty to the moral teaching of the Holy Gospel and the Ancient Undivided Church.

18. Nov 20th, 2003 – Uganda “cuts her relationship and communion with” ECUSA

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,103844,00.html>

The Church of Province of Uganda House of Bishops resolves as follows:

i) We deplore, abhor and condemn in the strongest possible terms the resolution of ECUSA to consecrate Gene Robinson and all other resolutions related to the ordination of homosexuals and blessings of same sex unions.

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ii) We re-affirm the resolution of the Lambeth Conference 1998 1:10 on human sexuality

iii-a) The Church of the Province of Uganda (Anglican) cuts her relationship and Communion with the Episcopal Church of the United States of America (ECUSA) on their resolution and consequent action of consecrating and enthroning an openly confessed homosexual Gene Robinson as the Bishop of New Hampshire.

iii-b) Mindful of the fact that there are a number of Dioceses, Parishes and Congregations in the ECUSA, which are opposed to the resolution and action taken by their Convention and are determined to remain faithful to the teaching of Scripture on human sexuality, to those dear brothers and sisters, we extend our solidarity with them and assure them of our continued prayers.

19. Nov 20th, 2003 – Anglican Fellowship in Dayton begins (Hudson Fellowship in Northern Ohio starts soon after, as well as many others)

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/localnews/content/localnews/daily/1121episcopal.html>

Almost three dozen Episcopalians are leaving their Fairborn congregation because of the national conference's decision to ordain a gay man as the New Hampshire bishop.

The Rev. Wayne McNamara, who leads Christ the King Reformed Episcopal Church, said he feels sorrow for Episcopalians who feel disenfranchised. But he's pleased his church, which has about 110 members from 30 households, can be a place they can sojourn as the conflict continues.

20. Nov 21st, 2003 – Nigeria declares Impaired Communion with ECUSA

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/articles/36/75/acns3679.html>

"We bishops of the Church of Nigeria, on behalf of ourselves and over 17 million Anglicans in Nigeria, warned the Episcopal Church of the United States of America (ECUSA) that we shall never support its intention to ordain and consecrate an openly gay priest into the episcopate.

"Regrettably, our call and those of the over 80 per cent of the global Anglican Church were disrespectfully ignored and the Anglican Church in America went ahead to consecrate the said Gene Robinson on November 2, 2003. By this unfortunate action, they have departed from the faith, order and unity of the Anglican Church. They have impaired Communion.

"We, bishops of the Anglican Church of Nigeria, meeting at St. Cyprian's Church, Port Harcourt, on November 15, 2003 condemn in its totality this consecration. We and our people will not recognize Gene Robinson and his ministry as bishop.

"We pledge our support and common commitment to the churches or dioceses in ECUSA and other areas of the world that stand firm with the truth of the Bible and maintain the Biblical faith, practice and order of the Anglican Communion as handed over to us by the saints."

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21. **Nov 24th, 2003 - Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes formed with Bishop Duncan as Moderator**

<http://www.anglicancommuniondioceses.org/>

We therefore applaud the action of those Bishops in North America

- Who are forming a Network of Confessing Dioceses and Congregations as suggested by the Archbishop of Canterbury, within ECUSA and in good faith with its Constitution.
- Who have designated Bishop Robert Duncan as Convening Bishop (Moderator)
- Who will no longer be at the Lord's Table with those who have consecrated Gene Robinson

22. **Nov 24th, 2003 – SE Asia breaks ties with ECUSA**

<http://news.morningstar.com/news/DJ/M12/D04/1070599263935.html>

In view of ECUSA's action in proceeding with the consecration despite the warnings and pleas of a large majority of Anglican churches worldwide, the Province regrets that communion with the ECUSA as well as those who voted for the consecration and those who participated in the consecration service is now broken. At the same time, the Province remains in fellowship with the faithful believers within ECUSA who rightly oppose and reject the erroneous actions of their house.

23. **Nov 29th, 2003 – PB Griswold resigns from ARCIC**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2003/12/01/nchur01.xml>

Top level unity talks between the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches have collapsed after the consecration of Anglicanism's first openly homosexual bishop. In a bitter blow to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, the Vatican is preparing to suspend the talks following a final meeting in the New Year.

That meeting was only rescued from a Vatican boycott by the dramatic resignation at the weekend of the senior Anglican participant, Bishop Frank Griswold. Bishop Griswold announced his resignation in a letter to Dr Williams, in which he acknowledged the strain that the consecration had "caused in the relationship between the Holy See and the Anglican Communion".

24. **Dec 4th, 2003 – West Indies declares Impaired Communion with ECUSA**

<http://www.anglican-mainstream.net/news69.htm>

As a consequence a state of impaired communion now exists both within the Episcopal Church (USA) itself and between the Episcopal Church (USA) and the overwhelming majority of the Provinces within the Communion, including the Province of the West Indies.

Recognising the Anglican Communion's teaching in these matters, we pledge our support of the ministry of bishops, clergy and laity in the Episcopal Church (USA) who have as a matter of principle, and in fidelity to that historic teaching of the church, opposed the consecration of Canon Gene Robinson.

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Until that time and dependent upon the findings and recommendations of the Commission we, as a Province, will maintain a formal relationship with the Episcopal Church (USA), as part of the Anglican Communion, while keeping the matter under critical review. However, we cannot accept the ministry of Canon Gene Robinson as a Bishop.

25. Dec 17th, 2003 – Parishes from 37 dioceses have applied for new bishop

<http://washingtontimes.com/national/20031211-114752-8912r.htm>

Parishes from 37 Episcopal dioceses — more than one-third of all the church's domestic dioceses — have applied for a new bishop, an unusual move for a denomination whose name, "episcopal," signifies governance by bishops.

These are parishes under liberal bishops who voted Aug. 5 to approve V. Gene Robinson as the first openly homosexual Episcopal bishop and who may have attended his Nov. 2 consecration in New Hampshire.

26. Dec 19th, 2003 – Uganda states ECUSA delegation is not welcome at enthronement for new Archbishop, but would accept representatives from new network.

<http://www.anglican.tk/docs/uganda.pdf>

As a result of those decisions, the Church of Uganda has recognized your departure from the faith and declared:

"a) The Church of the Province of Uganda (Anglican) cuts her relationship and Communion with the Episcopal Church of the United States of America (ECUSA) on their resolution and consequent action of consecrating and enthroning an openly confessed homosexual, Gene Robinson, as the Bishop of New Hampshire Diocese in the Anglican Communion; and with any other Province that shall follow suit."

Considering those things, we were shocked to receive a letter from you informing us of your decision to send a delegation to the enthronement of our new Archbishop in January, and your intention for the delegation to bring aid and assistance for the people who live in desperate conditions in the camps in Gulu that you have ignored for years.

Recent comments by your staff suggesting that your proposed visit demonstrates that normal relations with the Church of Uganda continue, have made your message clear: If we fall silent about what you have done promoting unbiblical sexual immorality and we overturn or ignore the decision to declare a severing of relationship with ECUSA, poor displaced persons will receive Aid. Here is our response: The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not for sale, even among the poorest of us who have no money. Eternal life, obedience to Jesus Christ, and conforming to His Word are more important.

The House of Bishops also declared:

"(b) Mindful of the fact that there are a number of Dioceses, Parishes and Congregations in the ECUSA, which are opposed to the resolution and action taken by their Convention and are determined to remain faithful to the teaching of Scripture on human sexuality, to those dear brothers and sisters, we extend our solidarity with them and assure them of our continued prayers."

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As a result, we would be pleased to receive an official delegation from The Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses, and Parishes who remain Committed to Biblical faith and with whom our relationship steadfastly continues.

27. Dec 22nd, 2003 – Robinson accepts award from PlanetOut soft core porn website

<http://www.planetout.com/pno/news/roundups/package.html?sernum=768>

The Rt. Rev. Vicki Gene Robinson, the newly installed Bishop of New Hampshire has been named "Person of the Year for 2003" from PlanetOut a soft core porn website, for his "unprecedented achievement and its impact on the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community."

According to the Integrity Virginia website, Robinson is PlanetOut's "Person of the Year" and PlanetOut interviewed Robinson where he happily accepted the award.

The Advocate the nation's leading gay and lesbian newsmagazine, also named him "person of the year", giving him a front cover picture in full bishop's regalia.

28. Dec 2003 – Dr Peter Moore references talk given by Canon Gene Robinson

<http://www.tesm.edu/publications/>

A few years ago, when Canon Gene Robinson was right-hand man to the bishop of New Hampshire, he spoke to 500 co-ed teenagers at St. Paul's School in Concord. In his talk, he spoke about how sex is a gift of God, and that God wants us to use this gift whether with friends of the same sex or friends of the opposite sex, as long as we do it safely. He closed his address with the words: "Share your love with your friends. Use a condom." Was one of your children or grandchildren among those 500 impressionable teenagers?

29. Jan 19-20th, 2004 – Charter meeting for Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes

<http://www.americananglican.org/News/News.cfm?ID=915&c=2>

The American Anglican Council (AAC) has declared that an historic January Charter meeting of the Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes in the Episcopal Church will take place in Plano, Texas, on January 19-20. The Charter meeting will serve as the formal launch of the Network.

"The formation of the Network is an historic step forward. The network will provide a way for orthodox Episcopalians to stand together in a new unity to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to begin to build a new future for Anglicanism in North America," said Bishop Duncan.