



Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

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Support Affirmed for Bishop's Public Stand

Diocesan Council, the governing body of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle has affirmed support for Bishop Brian Farran's disassociation from the Global Anglican Futures Conference (GAFCON) or any movement that might damage or lessen the moral authority of the 2008 Lambeth Conference.

Dr Farran released a public statement in January voicing his disappointment at the meeting of conservative Anglican leaders planned to be held in Jordan in June.

The Diocesan Council noted with regret and sadness the decision to hold GAFCON in June 2008 and urged its convenors to reconsider the decision.

The Council also offered its prayer and support for the Archbishop of Canterbury and those assisting in the preparations for the 2008 Lambeth Conference and urged all invited bishops to attend the 2008 Lambeth Conference with openness to the Spirit's leading.

The Lambeth Conference will be held in London in July 2008 where more than 800 of the Anglican Communion's Bishops will meet in England for spiritual reflection and learning.

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